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Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band sous-fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band sous-fonds
Reference code:	F01-SF01
Date:	1955-2001 (creation)
Physical description:	6 audio discs 10 cm of textual records 4 audio cassettes 3 scrapbooks 54 photographs : b&w 3 photographs : col.
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	July 2, 2020May 22, 2023

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, in Ontario was first incorporated on February 15, 1891 under chapter 92 of the Statutes of Ontario, 1870-1.

On December 11, 1868, at the request of Bishop John Walsh, five Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto arrived in London, Ontario. Mother Teresa Brennan, Sister Ignatia Campbell, Sister Ursula McGuire, Sister Francis O'Malley and Sister Appolonia Nolan were accompanied by Reverend Mother Antoinette McDonald and were welcomed by Bishop Walsh, Rev. J.M. Bruyere, V.G., and Rev. P. Egan, pastor of St. Peter's Church. Awaiting the Sisters were sleighs that transported them from the train station to a temporary home at 170 Kent Street.

In accordance with their mission in London, three Sisters began teaching at St. Peter's School in January, 1869. After classes, they visited the sick, the poor and the imprisoned. They were also mandated to open an orphanage in the future. In order to accomplish these tasks, more Sisters and larger facilities were necessary.

On October 2, 1869, the Barker House at the corner of Richmond and College Street in North London was purchased and the Sisters moved there from Kent Street. The building was named Mount Hope, and it became the first Motherhouse of the Sisters, eventually housing the elderly, orphans, Sisters and novices.

On December 18, 1870, the Sisters of St. Joseph became an autonomous congregation in the London diocese, independent of the Toronto congregation. Sister Ignatia Campbell was appointed Superior General, an office she held until 1902. On February 15, 1871, the congregation became legally incorporated.

On October 7, 1877, an addition was made to Mount Hope. This building stood until it was demolished on August 3, 1980, surrounded by the growing healthcare institutions founded by the Sisters, beginning with St. Joseph's Hospital which opened at 268 Grosvenor Street on October 15, 1888, and followed by the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1895, and the construction of a new nursing school building in 1927, which saw its last graduation in 1977. On May 1, 1951, St. Mary's Hospital was opened, followed by Marian Villa on January 12, 1966. In 1985, the hospital complex was renamed St. Joseph's Health Centre, and ownership was transferred in 1993 to St. Joseph's Health Care Society.

But it was not only in London that Sisters saw the need for healthcare and nursing education. On October 15, 1890, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital on Centre Street in Chatham, Ontario, which remained under their control until 1993. In 1895, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, which saw its last graduation in 1970. On October 18, 1946, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital at 290 North Russell Street in Sarnia which remained under their control until 1993. In Alberta, they administered St. Joseph's Hospital in Stettler (1926), St. Joseph's Hospital in Galahad (1927), the General Hospital in Killam (1930), and St. Paul's Hospital in Rimbey (1932).

On April 10, 1899, the Sisters opened Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse, Novitiate and Orphanage at the former Hellmuth College at 1486 Richmond Street North in London. The orphans were moved to this new location from Mount Hope, which remained a home for the elderly and was renamed House of Providence on June 3, 1899. The orphanage remained at Mount St. Joseph until it was moved to Fontbonne Hall in 1953 (to 1967). The original Hellmuth College building was demolished in 1976.

Later, on September 14, 1914, the Motherhouse and Novitiate moved to Sacred Heart Convent at Colborne and Dundas Streets in London, with the orphans remaining at Mount St. Joseph. The Sisters lived at Sacred Heart Convent until 1953, when they moved back to the newly built Mount St. Joseph, on the original location of the former Hellmuth College. The new Motherhouse and Novitiate was officially opened on June 29, 1954. It was here that they continued a private girls' school which had begun in 1950 at Sacred Heart Convent, and was now known as Mount St. Joseph Academy (to 1985). It was here too that they continued a music school which had also begun at Sacred Heart Convent and was now called St. Joseph's School of Music (to 1982). The Médaille Retreat Centre began here in 1992, and the Sisters also administered a Guest Wing for relatives of hospitalized patients (to 2005). The Sisters departed Mount St. Joseph for their new residence, a green building at 485 Windermere Road in London, in 2007.

On September 4, 1873, St. Joseph's Convent opened at 131 North Street in Goderich, Ontario, followed by other convents in Ontario, including Ingersoll (1879), St. Thomas (1879), Belle River (1889), Windsor (1894), Sarnia (1906), Kingsbridge (1911), Seaforth (1913), St. Mary's (1913), Woodstock (1913), Kinkora (1916), Paincourt (1923), Maidstone (1930), Leamington (1932), Delhi (1938), Tillsonburg (1938), Simcoe (1938), Langton (1939), West Lorne (1957), and Zurich (1963)

The Sisters also opened missions in other parts of Canada, including in Alberta: Edmonton (1922), Wetaskiwin (1929), St. Bride's (1934); and in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories Yellowknife (1953), and in British Columbia in Haney, now Maple Ridge (1956), and Rutland (1970). Branching even further afield, Convento San Jose was opened in Chiclayo, Peru in 1962.

Over the years, as well as their service as teachers in the separate school system, as music teachers, as healthcare workers, as nursing educators, in providing care to orphans, and in providing parish ministry, pastoral care, and administering spiritual retreats, the Sisters were also involved in social service ministry. In Windsor, they opened the Roy J. Bondy Centre on September 13, 1970 which was a receiving home for the Children's Aid Society, withdrawing in 1982 but continuing to provide residential care for disabled children afterward. In London, they opened Internos, a residence for teenage girls attending school and later for troubled teens (to 1979). This was followed by the opening of St. Joseph's Detoxification Centre on September 13, 1973 (to 2005) and St. Stephen's House, an alcoholic recovery centre on February 1, 1982 (to 2000). Loughlin House in London opened as a residence for ex-psychiatric female patients in

1986 (to 1989), followed by the Home for Women in Need at 534 Queens Avenue in 1979 (to 2004). Later, St. Joseph's House for Refugees was opened in 1987 (to 2005), followed by St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, a food security program, on February 2, 1983. On November 22, 2012, the congregation amalgamated with those in Hamilton, Peterborough, and Pembroke into one charitable corporation under the name Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Act, a Private Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario which received Royal Assent on June 13, 2013.

Scope and content

The sous-fonds consists of a variety of materials related to the Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band, including photographs, various textual records, scrapbooks, audio cassettes, and compact discs.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the contents of the sous-fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred from the Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - London site.

Location of originals

The records are located at The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.

Restrictions on access

The Archives reserves the right to restrict access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

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Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

Finding aids

There is a series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

The Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band began as part of the Centennial Program for the London based Sisters, which lasted from December 1968 until December 1969. However, the Concert Band lasted well beyond the Centennial year, and was quite successful, playing at ecumenical concerts, music festivals, and performance venues from Quebec City to Edmonton and many places in between. From March 1968 to June 1970, the Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band performed in 15 cities, at 35 public concerts, traveled 8,000 miles and performed for over 23,000 people. Its conductor was the well-known and respected Mr. Martin Boundy, until 1971 when Mr. Donald H. Jones became the Band's conductor.

The instruments first arrived on March 17, 1967, and the Sisters began practicing. Their first concert was on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) in the Mount St. Joseph Academy Auditorium in London, Ontario.

The Concert Band first officially performed at Catholic Central High School on March 15, 1968. On October 1 of the same year, they played at the Kiwanis Convention on the ground floor of Centennial Hall in London. Another significant performance included the 1968 Waterloo Instrumental Clinic on April 27, 1968, when they laid down their instruments and performed as a choir and received a standing ovation from their audience.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Revised

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Audio (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)
- Events and celebrations (subject)
- Music (subject)
- Women and girls (subject)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
- Religion and religious people (subject)
- London (place)

Collection holdings

Series: F01-SF01-S001 - Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band Tour Performances

Title: Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band Tour Performances

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001

Date: 1969-1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains compact disc recordings from performances in Windsor [Feb. 9, 1969], Edmonton and Windsor [1969] and Quebec City [1971]. It also contains an audio cassette recording from a performance in Windsor 1969.

Physical description: 4 audio discs
1 audio cassette

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)
 - Windsor (place)
 - Quebec (place)
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Item: F01-SF01-S001-01-001 - [CD-13] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Windsor-Feb. 9, 1969

Title: [CD-13] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Windsor-Feb. 9, 1969

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001-01-001

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S001-01-002 - [CD-14] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Edmonton/Windsor-March,1969

Title: [CD-14] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Edmonton/Windsor-March,1969

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001-01-002

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S001-01-003 - [CD-15] Sisters' Concert Band - Quebec City-1971

Title: [CD-15] Sisters' Concert Band - Quebec City-1971

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001-01-003

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S001-01-004 - [CD-16] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Quebec City-1971

Title: [CD-16] [2009-10] Sisters' Concert Band-Quebec City-1971

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001-01-004

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S001-01-005 - [H25B] [Audio Cassette] Concert at Cleary Auditorium, London

Title: [H25B] [Audio Cassette] Concert at Cleary Auditorium, London

Reference code: F01-SF01-S001-01-005

Publication status:

published

Series: F01-SF01-S002 - Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band and the Salvation Army London Citadel Band

Title: Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band and the Salvation Army London Citadel Band

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002

Date: 1969, 1972, 1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains audio cassettes; one of which was donated to the archives by Mr. & Mrs. Beaudette of Essex, and two which are good quality recordings of a 1979 performance. The series also contains compact discs which comprise a two-part recording of a 1972 performance.

Physical description: 3 audio cassettes
2 audio discs

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)
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Item: F01-SF01-S002-01-001 - [M24] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band and London Citadel Band [Audio Cassette]

Title: [M24] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band and London Citadel Band [Audio Cassette]

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002-01-001

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S002-01-002 - [CD 17] Sisters Concert Band and Salvation Army London, 1972

Title: [CD 17] Sisters Concert Band and Salvation Army London, 1972

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002-01-002

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S002-01-003 - [CD 18] Sisters Concert Banad and Salvation Army London, 1972

Title: [CD 18] Sisters Concert Banad and Salvation Army London, 1972

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002-01-003

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S002-01-004 - [H24] [Audio Cassette] Mount St. Joseph and Salvation Army Bands 1979

Title: [H24] [Audio Cassette] Mount St. Joseph and Salvation Army Bands 1979

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002-01-004

Publication status:

published

Item: F01-SF01-S002-01-005 - [H25A] [Audio Cassette] Mt. St. Joseph and Salvation Army Bands 1979

Title: [H25A] [Audio Cassette] Mt. St. Joseph and Salvation Army Bands 1979

Reference code: F01-SF01-S002-01-005

Publication status:

published

Series: F01-SF01-S003 - General Correspondence

Title: General Correspondence

Reference code: F01-SF01-S003

Date: 1955, 1968-1973, 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains Mount St. Joseph Concert Band correspondence. It also includes magazine articles, band member lists, formal typed letters, and a broadcasting agreement. Additionally, there is information about Martin Boundy - Director of Sisters' Concert Band.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Boundy, Martin (subject)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-SF01-S003-01 - Mount St. Joseph Concert Band Correspondence

Title: Mount St. Joseph Concert Band Correspondence

Reference code: F01-SF01-S003-01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S003-02 - Martin Boundy Director of Sisters' Concert Band

Title: Martin Boundy Director of Sisters' Concert Band

Reference code: F01-SF01-S003-02

Publication status:

published

Series: F01-SF01-S004 - Centennial year

Title: Centennial year

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004

Date: 1967-1970, 2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains textual records including items such as conference materials, event programmes, newspaper and magazine records, letters, committee meeting minutes, and reports. It also contains photographs depicting the Concert band's activities in 1968 and 1969.

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records

53 photographs : b&w

3 photographs : col.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-SF01-S004-01 - Centennial Year 1968-1969 Sisters of St. Joseph London

Title: Centennial Year 1968-1969 Sisters of St. Joseph London

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S004-02 - Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band - Centennial Year 1969

Title: Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band - Centennial Year 1969

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S004-03 - Centennial Year Correspondence

Title: Centennial Year Correspondence

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-03

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S004-04 - Sisters Concert Band 1969 & Centennial Year 1968-1969

Title: Sisters Concert Band 1969 & Centennial Year 1968-1969

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-04

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S004-05 - Concert Band 1969 [2012-90-1]

Title: Concert Band 1969 [2012-90-1]

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-05

Publication status:

published

File: F01-SF01-S004-06 - Concert Band - Magazine and program

Title: Concert Band - Magazine and program

Reference code: F01-SF01-S004-06

Publication status:

published

Series: F01-SF01-S005 - Newspaper clippings

Title: Newspaper clippings

Reference code: F01-SF01-S005

Date: 1968-1978, 1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains newspaper clippings and advertisements.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access: Open.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-SF01-S005-01 - Newspaper Clippings

Title: Newspaper Clippings

Reference code: F01-SF01-S005-01

Publication status:

published

Series: F01-SF01-S006 - Scrapbooks

Title: Scrapbooks

Reference code: F01-SF01-S006

Date: 1966-1972, 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series comprises scrapbooks and these contain items such as photographs, newspaper clippings, programmes from events, thank-you notes, and caption cards with short, typed history notes.

Physical description: 3 scrapbooks

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-SF01-S006-01 - [V-1] Scrapbook

Title: [V-1] Scrapbook

Reference code: F01-SF01-S006-01

Publication status:

published

**File: F01-SF01-S006-02 - [V-1.2] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band, London
Canada**

Title: [V-1.2] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band, London Canada

Reference code: F01-SF01-S006-02

Publication status:

published

**File: F01-SF01-S006-03 - [V-1.1] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band, London
Canada**

Title: [V-1.1] Sisters of St. Joseph Concert Band, London Canada

Reference code: F01-SF01-S006-03

Publication status:

published
