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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

In London, the health care complex now known as St. Joseph's Health Centre (originally St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and Marian Villa), was administered by the Sisters until 1993. St. Stephen's House, a transition home for alcoholics, was run by the Sisters until 2004. In Chatham, St. Joseph's Hospital was administered by the Sisters until 1993, and since 1998 has been part of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

In January 1995, the Sisters donated their residence at 430 London Road to St. Joseph's Health Centre in Sarnia to be used as a hospice. St. Joseph's Hospice in London came under the direction of the St. Joseph's Health Care Society whose expertise in operating the ten-bed hospice in Sarnia was integral to their involvement. A residential facility was opened in 2014.

This shift in hospital control came about in 1987, following the election of a completely new General Council of the Sisters of Joseph, when hospital ownership and sponsorship were raised as key issues. The Society was formed in 1993 in response to a decision made by the Sisters to cease direct administration of the health care institutions founded by them by establishing each of their hospitals as separate corporations and having lay people take over the administration. Therefore, they formed the St. Joseph's Health Care Society to take up the particular role of Sponsor to ensure the ongoing stewardship of the treasure of Catholic health care into the future. The Society is the overall governing body. It connects the hospitals back to the Church to maintain Catholic identity. It has both canonical and civil law obligations. It governs the hospitals and hospices formerly administered by the Sisters in London as well as hospices in Sarnia, and London. The Society also addresses social and health needs and serves as a catalyst to implement solutions.

St. Joseph's Health Care Society now administers St. Joseph's Health Care (London, Ont.), St. Joseph's Hospice of Sarnia and Lambton, and St. Joseph's Hospice of London.

Some important dates in the history of the transfer of hospital administration:

July 6, 1993: St. Joseph's Health Care Society formed in London.

1985: Bluewater Health Foundation formed.

January 29, 1998: Signing of Strategic Alliance Agreement between St. Joseph's Health Care Society on behalf of St. Joseph's Hospital Sarnia and Sarnia General Hospital. Ownership of hospital later transferred to Lambton Hospitals Group.

February 1, 2018: Chatham Kent Health Alliance formed, amalgamating Sydenham District Hospital, the Public General Hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham.

The St. Joseph's Health Care Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The Society approves the appointment of institutional board members, upper management, and auditors and annual audited financial statements.

The Society is responsible to:

- approve the appointment of board trustees who are committed to the mission and values of St. Joseph's Health Care Society;
- ensure the provision by board members, staff, and administrators of health and pastoral care services to reflect Roman Catholic values; and
- foster the Catholic Church's philosophy of health care through sponsorship of a health leadership program.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of records primarily related to the history and administration of the St. Joseph Health Care Society in London. There are some additional materials related to its responsibilities to facilities in Chatham and Sarnia. The fonds contains correspondence, legal documents, minutes and reports.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - London site by the Congregational Leadership.

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.

Conditions governing use

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

Series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

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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.)
- Textual record (documentary form)
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- Women and girls (subject)
- Health care (subject)
- Religion and religious people (subject)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
- Health and social services (subject)
- Legal (subject)
- London (place)
- Chatham (place)
- Sarnia (place)

Collection holdings

Series: F09-S001 - Legal Documents

Title: Legal Documents

Reference code: F09-S001

Date: 1989-1997, 2013 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of legal records related to the establishment and administration of the St. Joseph's Health Care Society. Records include newspaper clippings, a historical timeline, correspondence between Rome and the Diocese of London and a copy of the statutes of St. Joseph's Health Care Society. The series also contains legal documents related to the establishment of the St. Joseph's Health Care Society as a public juridic person under canon law, letters patent of incorporation, and documents related to the transfer of sponsorship of health care facilities from the Sisters of St. Joseph to the Society. Other records include Society by-laws and equity agreements pertaining to the transfer of ownership.

Physical description: 1.3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F09-S001-01 - Correspondence with Rome and Diocese London

Title: Correspondence with Rome and Diocese London

Reference code: F09-S001-01

Publication status:

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File: F09-S001-02 - Equity Agreements

Title: Equity Agreements

Reference code: F09-S001-02

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published

File: F09-S001-03 - Letters Patent

Title: Letters Patent

Reference code: F09-S001-03

Publication status:

published

Series: F09-S002 - Meetings

Title: Meetings

Reference code: F09-S002

Date: 1993-1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of records from meetings of the St. Joseph's Health Care Society board. Records include the agenda and minutes from the first meeting of the directors, a public notification of the first annual meeting of the directors and members, and the transcribed remarks of Sr. Therese Marie Caillouette delivered at a meeting of the Society in April 1995.

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F09-S002-01 - Meetings, Agenda, Minutes

Title: Meetings, Agenda, Minutes

Reference code: F09-S002-01

Publication status:

published

Series: F09-S003 - Reports

Title: Reports

Reference code: F09-S003

Date: 1995-2002, 2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of several bound reports made by and to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society. The series includes annual reports produced by the St. Joseph's Health Care Society, as well as reports made to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society by the St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Chatham, St. Joseph's Health Centre Sarnia, and St. Joseph's Health Centre London. The series also contains a report to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society dated June 30, 1997, regarding the Catholicity of St. Joseph's Health Centre London. The report was presented by John G. Harding, chair of St. Joseph's Health Centre. The series further contains a report produced by the Society in 1996 for the Health Services Restructuring Commission in response to the Lambton County Report. This

report instructed the St. Joseph's Health Centre board to implement a series of actions. However, the Society understood that three of these actions were outside the board's authority. These specifically were to appoint a single Chief Executive Officer; to review the authority of the Joint Operational Planning Committee; and to transfer the ownership of the acute care buildings and adjacent land.

Physical description: 7.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F09-S003-01 - Annual Reports to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society 1995-1999

Title: Annual Reports to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society 1995-1999

Reference code: F09-S003-01

Date: 1995-1999 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File: F09-S003-02 - Annual Reports of St. Joseph's Health Care Society 2000-2009

Title: Annual Reports of St. Joseph's Health Care Society 2000-2009

Reference code: F09-S003-02

Date: 2000-2009 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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File: F09-S003-03 - Reports to St. Joseph's Health Care Society 1997-1999

Title: Reports to St. Joseph's Health Care Society 1997-1999

Reference code: F09-S003-03

Date: 1997-1999 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File: F09-S003-04 - Annual Reports to St. Joseph's Health Care Society 2001-2002

Title: Annual Reports to St. Joseph's Health Care Society 2001-2002

Reference code: F09-S003-04

Date: 2001-2002 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File: F09-S003-05 - Submission to Health Services Restructuring Commission 1996

Title: Submission to Health Services Restructuring Commission 1996

Reference code: F09-S003-05

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

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