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## **Cincinnati Regional Community Collection**

### **Repository**

Mercy Heritage Center  
720 Heritage Center Place  
Belmont NC 28012

### **Physical Description:**

163 linear feet, including

- Minutes
- Reports
- Bound items
- Documents
- Photographs
- Audio-Visual Material
- Objects

### **Dates:**

1932-2008

### **Restrictions:**

Some files may be subject to restrictions. Consult Mercy Heritage Center archivists for more information.

### **Provenance:**

The Cincinnati Regional Community Collection was transferred to Mercy Heritage Center in 2011 from The Sisters of Mercy archives in Cincinnati.

### **History:**

The Cincinnati Province of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union was formed in 1929 as one of the original provinces of the Union—the Sisters of Mercy effort to join independent Mercy groups in the United States under one governance structure. The province was originally comprised of the communities of Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; and Grand Rapids and Jackson, Michigan. In 1930, Dubuque, Iowa was added and in 1936, Fremont, Ohio was assigned to the Province of Cincinnati. In 1940, however, the Detroit and Dubuque areas were

split off to form the Province of Detroit. In 1953, the Sisters of Mercy, Jamaica petitioned to join the Union and was made part of the Cincinnati Province.

The Cincinnati Province functioned as a governance and administrative unit of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union, assigning sisters to ministries, conducting business transactions and relating to the larger governance structure of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union.

In 1991, the province transitioned to the Cincinnati Regional Community, part of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy. In 2008, the Cincinnati Regional Community merged with the St. Louis, Baltimore and North Carolina Regional Communities to form the South Central Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains records documenting the function of the Province/Regional Community of Cincinnati. This includes governance documents, committee and task force minutes, reports and communications. Membership material, including deceased and former member records, theses, dissertations, speeches, creative works and publications can also be found in this collection.

Historical records that pre-date the formation of the province as well as more detailed ministry information on each of regions are located in the following collections: Cincinnati Community (2011.07), Fremont Community (2011.08), Nashville/Knoxville Community (2011.09), and Louisville Community (2011.10).

Material relating to healthcare services and Mercy Health System were sent to Mercy Health Partners in July, 2009. Materials related to the church and the diocese, the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy and some published materials were not sent to Mercy Heritage.

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