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Brooklyn Regional Community Collection

Repository

Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Preferred Citation:

Brooklyn Regional Community Collection, Mercy Archives, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

Creator:

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Brooklyn Regional Community.

Physical Description:

112 linear feet, including

Documents

Books

Ledgers

Photographs

Audio Cassettes

DVDs

VHS tapes

Dates:

1846-2008

Access:

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

Because of the nature of certain archival formats, including digital and audio-visual materials, access will require additional advanced notice.

A box and folder list is available upon request.



Custodial History:

This collection was created and retained by the Brooklyn Regional Community until its transfer to Mercy Heritage Center in 2012.

History:

In 1855, at the request of Bishop John Loughlin, a group of sisters led by Mother Mary Vincent Haire left New York City to establish a foundation in Brooklyn. The sisters began to educate, visit the sick and imprisoned and care for children in need. In 1862 the Convent of Mercy opened to serve as both the convent for the sisters and the orphanage called Mercy Home. In 1894, the community established St. Mary's Home and in 1899, Angel Guardian Home. The sisters also made education a priority, establishing the Industrial School for girls in 1862, Our Lady of Mercy Academy in 1928, Catherine McAuley High School in 1942, Mercy High School in 1957 and teaching in numerous parochial schools throughout the diocese. In 1959, Sisters of Mercy from Brooklyn traveled to Panama and established a presence that continues to the present as part of the Caribbean, Central America and South America (CCASA) community of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Sisters of Mercy, Brooklyn remained an independent Mercy community from their founding to 1991 when they joined the newly formed Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. In 2007, the Brooklyn Regional Community merged with other communities to form the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

Scope and Content:

This collection documents the activities of the Brooklyn Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy including the activities of leadership, administration and ministries. This includes board minutes, administrative materials and correspondence. The collection also contains material relating to the individual lives of members, including biographical, genealogical and professional items. Creative works and oral histories of individual sisters are located in Series 1000: Works by Sisters.

Other related materials can be found in Mercy Archives vertical files, library collection, and artifact collection. The collection contains a small number of orphan registers related to Mercy Home for Children but does not contain any orphan registers for Angel Guardian Home.

Series:

100 History

200 Annals, Property

300 Government

400 Personnel (Members)



500 Chapters

600 Ministry

601 Ministry, General

602 Angel Guardian Home

603 St. Mary's Children and Family Services

605-606 Mercy Home for Children

609-622 Schools

623 Other Ministries

624 Lumen Christi High School, Alaska

700 Formation

800 Union/Federation

900 Other: Clergy, Dioceses, Organizations

1000 Works by Sisters

1001 Manuscripts

1002 Sister Camille D'Arienzo Papers

1003 Journals

1004 Art and Poetry, College Papers, Oral Histories

1100 Audio-Visual