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Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ Research Collection

Repository

Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Description:

1 thumbdrive, 7.28 GB
Document scans
Photo files
Video files
Audio files

Dates:

2017-2019

Restrictions:

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

Provenance:

Donated by Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ to Mercy Heritage Center.

History:

Sister Christine Schenk, a Sister of St. Joseph, has worked as a nurse midwife to low-income families, a community organizer, and the founding director of an international church reform organization, FutureChurch. She has been published on the subject of women in the Church. This collection is composed of some of her research that she did in order to conduct interviews to support her writing of the book *To Speak the Truth in Love: A Biography of Theresa Kane, RSM* published in 2019.

Sister Theresa Kane, RSM served as Administrator General of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union from 1977 to 1984. She served as president of the Leadership Conference for Women Religious from 1979 to 1980. Some of her other ministerial roles included; Provincial Administrator for the New York Community, working in formation at Our Lady of Victory Academy in Dobbs Ferry, NY and a professorship at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Sister Theresa is recognized for her 1979 address to Pope John Paul II where she called for all ministries of the Roman Catholic Church to be open to women. She has spent several decades fighting for the elimination of gender inequality.

Scope and Content:

1 external thumb drive. 7.29 GB of digital records, composed of audio files, video files (MP4), scanned documents, and photo files. Donated by Sister Christine Schenk. Records created and gathered by Sister Christine Schenk to support her research for, and completing, interviews and transcripts. Interviews were conducted to support the writing her book: *To Speak the Truth in Love: A Biography of Theresa Kane, RSM*.

The digital records follow original order. Interviews and corresponding transcripts of family of Sister Theresa Kane are grouped together. Interviews and corresponding transcripts of friends and colleagues of Sister Theresa Kane are grouped together. Interviews and corresponding transcripts of Sister Theresa Kane are grouped together. Related information to support Sister Christine's conducting of interviews are also included in the drive: photographs of Sister Theresa's family, articles from FutureChurch (an organization that advocates for change within the Roman Catholic Church), and research document scans from Origins, a documentary journal from the Catholic News Service. Various folders and files were renamed for clarity. Recordings and documents were transcoded into archival file formats as needed. These archival copies are located in the folders where the original records reside. A document clarifying the individuals interviewed and dates for photographs was added to the collection by Sister Chris Schenk after donation.

Schema:

100 Audio Interviews and Transcripts

200 Zoom Interviews

300 Photos

400 Theresa Kane Personal Scans

500 FutureChurch Video Files

600 Origins Documentation