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Cincinnati Community Collection

Repository

Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Physical Description:

102 linear feet, including:

- Documents
- Photographs
- Objects
- Publications

Dates:

1858-2008

Restrictions:

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

Provenance:

The Cincinnati Community Collection was transferred from the former Cincinnati Regional Community to Mercy Heritage Center in 2011. The collection was held separately from the Cincinnati Regional Community Collection also held in the same location.

History:

The Cincinnati community of the Sisters of Mercy was founded when Archbishop Purcell, through the advocacy of Mrs. Sarah Peter, invited the Kinsale, Ireland foundation to send members to tend to the burgeoning Irish population in the city. The Kinsale sisters sent eleven members, led by Mother Mary Teresa Maher. They arrived in the city in August 1858.

The community quickly established ministries in both healthcare and education, in Cincinnati and surrounding areas. In 1918, the Cincinnati community sent sisters to care for victims of the influenza epidemic in rural Kentucky.

In 1929, the Cincinnati community joined with the Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; Michigan; Iowa; and Indiana communities to create the Province of Cincinnati of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union. Michigan, Iowa, and Indiana would later split and become part of the



Detroit Province. Then later communities in Fremont, Ohio and Jamaica joined the Province of Cincinnati.

In 1991, the Province of Cincinnati joined the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy as the Cincinnati Regional Community. In 2008, the Cincinnati Regional Community became part of the South Central Community of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains records of local community life and ministry, as well as community history prior to the Amalgamation in 1929. Administrative records after 1929 were created and retained by the Province of Cincinnati (later called the Regional Community of Cincinnati), and are located in the Cincinnati Regional Community Collection.

The collection is organized into four series. Series 100 contains historic publications, artifacts, early correspondence, and community materials. The series is organized into subseries based on format, general category, and subject. Series 200 and 300 contain information on the community's ministries: education and healthcare. These series are organized by individual ministry. Series 400 contains information on miscellaneous organizations and topics related to the Cincinnati community.

Schema:

100 Cincinnati Community

- 101 Centenaries
- 102 Handwritten Books
- 103 Printed Books
- 104 Correspondence
- 105 Early Materials
- 106 Various Items
- 107 Certificates and Diplomas
- 108 Articles Made by the Sisters
- 109 Pious Practices of the Sisters
- 110-112 Artifacts
- 113 Cincinnati Community
- 114 Wars/Epidemics
- 115 Various Items



116 Historical

117 Convent of Divine Will

118 Mother of Mercy Convent, Westwood

200 Education

201 Parishes Served

202 Institutions

203 Scrapbooks and Photos

204 Various School Materials

300 Health Care

301 Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Mariemont, OH

302 Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Coldwater, OH

303 Mercy Hospital Convent, Hamilton OH

304 Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH

305 Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH School of Nursing

306 Siena Home (Mercy Siena Retirement Community), Dayton, OH

307 Mercy Hospital/Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, OH

308 Mercycrest, Springfield, OH

309 Other hospitals

400 Others

401 Mercy League

402 Mercy League, Nativity Chapter

403 Various