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New Jersey Regional Community Collection

Repository

Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Physical Description:

224 linear feet, including
Documents
Photographs
Audio-Visual Material

Dates:

1911-2008

Restrictions:

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

Provenance:

This collection was transferred to the Mercy Heritage Center, Belmont, North Carolina, in October 2012 from Watchung, New Jersey.

History:

In 1871 Mother Frances Warde sent seven sisters from Manchester, NH, to Jersey City to establish a foundation. Since the Sisters of Charity already had a motherhouse in the area, Bishop Corrigan suggested that the Sisters of Mercy find a site for their foundation in the southern part of the state. In 1873 Mother Warde opened a second branch house in Bordentown, NJ. Jersey City remained a branch house of Manchester, NH, until its closing in 1877. Upon its closing, the five remaining sisters returned to Manchester. Because the 1871 mission to Jersey City was unsuccessful, the foundation date for the New Jersey Sisters of Mercy is considered to be September 24, 1873, the date of the second mission to New Jersey – Bordentown.

In 1882 the sisters from Princeton and Bordentown became an independent community with its motherhouse in Bordentown. In 1908 the New Jersey Sisters of Mercy moved from their motherhouse in Bordentown to a new building in the greater Plainfield area. Over the years this property has had North Plainfield, Plainfield, and Watchung addresses. In 1911, a fire at Mt. St. Mary's caused extensive damage and destroyed the archives. Mt. St. Mary's reopened in 1912.

On July 20, 1991, the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey joined communities of Mercy throughout the country to form the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. In 2007, New Jersey joined with the New York, Dallas, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Brooklyn regional communities to form the Mid-Atlantic Community.

Scope and Content

The Archives Schema organizes these records into ADMINISTRATIVE and HISTORICAL categories. Administrative materials include legal, financial, governance and membership records. The Historical record group contains ministry information, communications and audio-visual materials. Photographs are filed with records and also separate into a unique subseries.

Early records were destroyed by a fire at Mt. St. Mary's in 1911. Records range from this time period until approximately 2012.

Schema

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD GROUPS

A100 LEGAL RECORDS

- A101 Legacies and Bequests
- A102 Legal Counsel
- A103 Certificates of Incorporation

A200 FINANCIAL RECORDS

- A201 Historical Financial Records, 1906-1976
- A202 Corporate Financial Records
- A203 Mount Saint Mary Academy Audits 1970-1995
- A204 McAuley School for Exceptional Children Financial Statements

A300 PROPERTY

- A301 Building Agreements and Contracts
- A302 Specifications
- A303 Renovations
- A304 Inventories
- A305 Immaculate Conception Chapel
- A306 Mount Saint Mary Heritage Room

A307 Alpha

A308 Atlantic City: Rita Mercy Hall

A309 Bradley Beach

A310 Florida: New Port Richey

A311 Lakewood: Georgian Court College

A312 Lakewood: Saint Mary Academy

A313 Long Branch: Mercy by the Lake

A314 Neptune

A315 North Plainfield: St. Gabriel Academy (43 Jackson Avenue)

A316 North Plainfield: St. Joseph Home for Working Girls (43 Manning)

A317 North Plainfield: St. Joseph Villa (105 Westervelt Avenue)

A318 Phillipsburg: St. Catherine Academy

A319 Sea Bright

A320 Ventnor: Mercy by the Sea

A321 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary

A322 Bordentown: St. Joseph Motherhouse and Academy

A400 MEMBERSHIP

A401 Member Records

A402 Registers

A403 Demographic Compilations

A404 Auxiliary Associations

A404.01 Mercy Associates

A404.02 Mercy Corps / Mercy Volunteer Corps

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A405 Education of the Sisters

A406 Supervisors' Reports

A500 GOVERNANCE

- A501 The Amalgamation: Correspondence and Chapter 1929
- A502 Mother McAuley Conference 1954-1965
- A503 The Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas 1966-1989
- A504 The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- A505 Mid-Atlantic Community
- A506 New Jersey Chapters and Assemblies
- A507 Office of the Major Superior / President
- A508 Administrative Departments
- A509 Task Forces and Committees
- A510 Research and Planning
- A511 Local Government

A600 CHURCH GOVERNANCE

- A601 The Vatican
- A602 Papal Encyclicals
- A603 Bishops/Archbishops of Newark
- A604 Bishops of Paterson
- A605 Bishops of Trenton
- A606 Bishops of Metuchen
- A607 Bishops of Camden
- A608 Chaplains at Mount Saint Mary

HISTORICAL RECORD GROUPS

H100 RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

- H101 Early History of the Sisters of Mercy
- H102 Mercy International Association

H103 Mercy International Center

H104 Mercy Spirituality

H105 Research Material for Mercy History

H200 HISTORY OF THE NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION

H201 History As Seen Through Chapters

H202 Chronological Histories and Outlines

H203 Chronological Historical Scrapbooks/Annals

H204 Motherhouse Collection 1948-1986

H205 Anniversaries

H300 RELIGIOUS LIFE

H301 Prayer Books and Books of Customs

H302 Evolution of the Habit

H303 Vocation Material

H304 Initial Incorporation

H305 Renewal Programs and Renovation Programs

H306 Jubilees

H307 Constitutions

H308 Unpublished Authors

H309 Unpublished Works

H310 Music and Art Compositions

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H312 Published Dissertations

H313 Sister Mary George Mochen Papers

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H400 COMMUNICATIONS

H401 Sisters of Mercy Dublin

H402 Union / Federation Newsletters

H403 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

H404 Mid-Atlantic Community

H405 Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey

H500 MINISTRY

H501 Summer Vacation Schools 1951-1968

H502 CCD and Catechetical Reports / Holy Innocents Society

H503 RSM Summer Reading Clinics 1973-1982

H504 School Enrollment Statistics 1933 - 1979

H505 Elementary Education Guidelines Committee 1984-1990

H506 Education Administration: Elementary and Secondary Schools

H507 Ministry Contracts – Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey

H508 Parent Teacher Association, Diocese of Trenton 1921-1966

H509 High School Yearbooks and Newspapers

H509.01 Red Bank Catholic High School

H509.02 Saint Mary High School, South Amboy

H509.03 Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains

H509.04 Saint Mary High School, Perth Amboy

H509.05 Phillipsburg Catholic High School

H509.06 Trenton Cathedral High School

H509.07 Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung

H509.08 Georgian Court College, Lakewood

H509.09 St. Nicholas Commercial High School, Atlantic City

H509.10 Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City/Absecon

H509.11 Camden Catholic High School

H509.12 Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville

- H509.13 Father Lopez High School, Daytona Beach, FL
- H509.14 Saint Pius X Regional High School, Piscataway
- H509.15 St. John's College High School, Washington, DC
- H509.16 Atlantic City/Absecon: Holy Spirit High School Paper
- H509.17 Camden/Cherry Hill: Camden Catholic High School Paper
- H509.18 Lawrenceville: Notre Dame High School Paper
- H509.19 Perth Amboy: St. Mary High School Paper
- H509.20 Phillipsburg: Phillipsburg Catholic High School Paper
- H509.21 Red Bank: Red Bank Catholic High School Paper
- H509.22 Red Bank: Miscellaneous Publications
- H509.23 South Amboy: St. Mary High School Paper
- H509.24 Trenton: Cathedral High School paper

H510 Places of Ministry

- H510.01 Absecon: Holy Spirit High School
- H510.02 Alpha: St. Mary Parish and School
- H510.03 Asbury Park: Mercy Center
- H510.04 Asbury Park: Epiphany House
- H510.05 Asbury Park: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School
- H510.06 Atlantic City: Holy Spirit Elementary and High School
- H510.07 Atlantic City: Rita Mercy Hall
- H510.08 Atlantic City: St. Nicholas School
- H510.09 Atlantic City: Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School
- H510.10 Bernardsville: St. Elizabeth Elementary School
- H510.11 Bordentown: St. Mary School; St. Joseph Academy
- H510.12 Bound Brook: St. Joseph Elementary School
- H510.13 Bound Brook: Holy Family Academy
- H510.14 Brick: St. Dominic Elementary School

- H510.15 Bridgeton: Catholic Social Service and House of Mercy
- H510.16 Burlington: St. Paul School; Sancta Maria Academy
- H510.17 Camden: St. Mary Elementary School/Cathedral Parish
- 510.18 Camden/Cherry Hill: Camden Catholic High School
- H510.19 Cape May: Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School
- H510.20 Cinnaminson: St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School
- H510.21 Collingswood: St. John Elementary School
- H510.22 Costa Rica
- H510.23 Daytona Beach, FL: Fr. Lopez HS; St. Brendan School
- H510.24 East Keansburg (Middletown): St. Catherine School
- H510.25 East Trenton (Trenton): St. Joseph Elementary School
- H510.26 Eatontown: Spring House
- H510.27 Edison: St. Matthew Elementary School
- H510.28 Elberon (Ocean Grove): Emmaus House
- H510.29 Fair Haven: Nativity Parish
- H510.30 Flemington: St. Magdalen Parish
- H510.31 Freehold: Monmouth County Office on Aging
- H510.32 Freehold: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
- H510.33 Hazlet: Holy Family Elementary School
- H510.34 Hightstown: St Anthony of Padua Parish; Mercy Convent
- H510.35 Hoboken: St. Francis Home
- H510.36 Jersey City: St. Patrick Parish
- H510.37 Jersey City: York Street Project / Kenmare High School
- H510.38 Keansburg: St. Ann Elementary School
- H510.39 Keansburg: Bayshore Senior Day Center
- H510.40 Keansburg: Various Ministries
- H510.41 Keyport: St. Joseph Elementary School
- H510.42 Lakewood: St. Mary of the Lake Parish

- H510.43 Lakewood: St. Mary Academy
- H510.44 Lakewood: Georgian Court College
- H510.45 Lambertville: St. John Elementary School
- H510.46 Lawrenceville: Notre Dame High School
- H510.47 Long Branch: Mercy-by-the-Lake
- H510.48 Metuchen: St. Francis Elementary School
- H510.49 Middletown: The Gathering Place
- H510.50 Milltown: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School
- H510.51 Mount Holly: Francis House of Prayer
- H510.52 Neptune: The Upper Room Spiritual Center
- H510.53 North Caldwell: Notre Dame Parish
- H510.54 North Carolina: Frances Warde Health Service
- H510.55 North Plainfield: St. Joseph Elementary School
- H510.56 N. Plainfield: St Joseph Home/Villa; St. Gabriel Academy
- H510.57 Ocean City: St. Augustine Elementary School
- H510.58 Paulsboro: St. John Elementary School
- H510.59 Perth Amboy: St. Mary Elementary School
- H510.60 Perth Amboy: St. Mary High School
- H510.61 Perth Amboy: Holy Spirit Elementary School
- H510.62 Perth Amboy: Holy Trinity Parish
- H510.63 Phillipsburg: St. Philip and St. James School
- H510.64 Piscataway: St. Pius X Regional High School
- H510.65 Piscataway: St. Frances Cabrini Elementary School
- H510.66 Princeton: St. Paul Elementary School
- H510.67 Raritan: St. Bernard Elementary School
- H510.68 Red Bank: St. James Elementary School
- H510.69 Red Bank: Red Bank Catholic High School
- H510.70 Rumson: Holy Cross Elementary School

- H510.71 Salisbury, MD: St. Francis de Sales Elementary School
- H510.72 Sayreville: Our Lady of Victories Elementary School
- H510.73 Scotch Plains: Union Catholic Regional High School
- H510.74 Somerset: St. Matthias Elementary School
- H510.75 South Amboy: St. Mary Parish and Schools
- H510.76 South Plainfield: Sacred Heart Elementary School
- H510.77 Spring Lake: St. Catharine Elementary School
- H510.78 Trenton: Center for Religious
- H510.79 Trenton: Mount Carmel Guild; Laurel House
- H510.80 Trenton: St. Mary Cathedral Schools
- H510.81 Vailsburg (Newark): Sacred Heart School
- H510.82 Ventnor: Mercy-by-the-Sea
- H510.83 Watchung: McAuley School for Exceptional Children
- H510.84 Watchung: Houses of Prayer Various Sites 1970s
- H510.85 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
- H510.86 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary Academy
- H510.87 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary College 1908-1924
- H510.88 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary College 1965-1970
- H510.89 Woodbridge: St. James Parish and Elementary School

H511 Individual / Small Group Reports

H512 Annual Reports: Residences and Ministries 1932 to the Present

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H700 AUDIO VISUAL RECORDS

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- H702 CDs and DVDs
- H703 Film Reels – 8 mm (1954 – 1964)
- H704 Slides – 35 mm
- H705 Audio Cassettes
- H706 Phonograph Records

H800 MISCELLANEOUS

- H801 Oversize Documents
- H802 Diplomas / Oversize Photographs
- H803 Persons Associated with the Sisters of Mercy

H804 Mercy-Related Documents

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