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Fremont Community Collection

Physical Description:

25 linear feet, including

Documents

Photographs and negatives

Bound volumes

Published reports, directories, yearbooks

Dates:

1912 – 2011

Restrictions:

None

Provenance:

This collection was transferred to the Mercy Heritage Center, Belmont, North Carolina, in October, 2011.

History:

The Sisters of Mercy came to the Diocese of Toledo from Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1912, at the request of Bishop Joseph Schrembs, who saw a need for healthcare in the Diocese. Sisters Mother Bernardine McMullen and Mother Anthony McMullen arrived in Tiffin, Ohio in 1912 and were later joined by Sister de Chantal and 14 novices. Mercy Hospital, Tiffin opened in 1913. The Sisters immediately began to expand their mission in the Diocese of Toledo, running various schools, a home for working girls and opening Mercy Hospital, Toledo and St. Rita's Hospital, Lima in 1918. Our Lady of the Pines, Fremont, was designated as the Motherhouse for the community in 1926. In 1929 the Sisters voted against joining the Sisters of Mercy of the Union. In 1936, a majority of the Sisters voted to join the Union. The Sisters built or assumed responsibility for other hospitals throughout the region and taught in parish schools at various churches.

Scope and Content:

This collection covers the various ministries of the Sisters of Mercy in the Toledo area, as well the history of the community's membership. The collection is organized by location; series are divided into individual hospitals, convents/residences and parishes/schools throughout northwest Ohio. An additional series, "Membership," contains materials relating to the Sisters of Mercy throughout the Fremont community. Within each series, records are grouped into subseries, such as *Photographs*, *Membership*, *History*, *Financials* and *Newsletters*. These subseries are listed in italics in the Box and Folder List section of this finding aid. Materials located in the Oversize Box are cross-referenced in the appropriate series.

Series Description:

1. Mercy Hospital, Tiffin:

2.9 Linear feet

1912-2010

This series includes membership materials (minutes and chronicles), histories of the hospital, biographical information, correspondence, photographs (building additions, events and people), news clippings, newsletters, financials, annual reports, directories and handbooks, dedications, anniversaries and ephemera.

2. Mercy Hospital, Toledo:

1.25 linear feet

1917-2003

This series contains membership materials, histories of the hospital, photographs, administrative materials (hospital council minutes), ephemera, news clippings, newsletters, annual reports and promotional materials.

3. St. Rita's Hospital, Lima:

1.25 Linear feet

1918-2010

This series contains membership materials, histories, photographs, ephemera, published materials, news clippings and School of Nursing materials. Additional material is located at St. Rita's Health Partners in Lima, Ohio.

4. St. Charles Hospital, Oregon:

1.25 Linear feet

1954-2003

This series includes membership materials, histories, photographs, news clippings, published materials, annual reports and ephemera.

5. Mercy Hospital, Willard:

0.4 linear feet

1988-2011

This series includes miscellaneous documents, ephemera and news clippings.

6. Our Lady of the Pines, Fremont

2.9 linear feet

1922-2010

This series includes membership materials, correspondence, histories and documents, news clippings, photographs and information on the Aspirant School and Pines Retreat Center.

7. St. Bernardine Home, Fremont

1 linear foot

1966-2006

This series includes membership materials, history (including planning and funding) and photographs.

8. Regina Maria Convent, Toledo

0.2 linear feet

1941-1959

This series includes membership materials.

9. Experimental Communities

0.41 linear feet

1965-1990

This series includes proposals, recollections and chronicles regarding small group living experiments in houses and apartments.

10. St. Ann, Fremont

0.63 linear feet

1956-1991

This series includes membership materials, histories, yearbooks and directories from parish and school.

11. Ascension, Cleveland

0.83 linear feet

1949-1992

This series includes membership materials, school history, faculty meeting minutes, yearbooks, news clippings and photographs relating to parish and school.

12. Assumption, Geneva

0.41 linear feet

1991-2003

This series contains a chronicle, school yearbook and parish directory.

13. St. Catherine, Toledo

0.63 linear feet

1951-2007

This series contains membership materials, news clippings, yearbooks and information on anniversaries and reunions.

14. St. Clement, Toledo

0.41 linear feet

1952-1978

This series contains membership materials, photographs, histories, parish directories and school yearbooks.

15. Holy Angels, Sandusky

0.41 linear feet

1920-1989

This series contains membership materials, photographs, news clippings, miscellaneous documents and parish directories.

16. St. Mary, Mansfield

0.83 linear feet

1949-1999

This series contains membership materials, convent and parish histories, photographs, news clippings and ephemera.

17. St. Mary, Kirby

0.2 linear feet

1957-1986

This series contains membership materials, histories and parish directories.

18. St. Peter, Upper Sandusky

.41 linear feet

1946-1995

This series contains membership materials, histories, news clippings, parish directories and yearbooks.

19. St. Vincent de Paul, Toledo

.41 linear feet

1951-1988

This series contains parish directories, school yearbooks and photographs.

20. McAuley Convent, Toledo

0.83 linear feet

1959-1985

This series contains membership materials and information on McAuley High School.

21. St. Mary, Vermillion

0.2 linear feet

1949-1981

This series contains membership materials and histories.

22. St. Peter, Archbold

Two folders

1906-192

This series contains miscellaneous documents and news clippings.

23. St. Thomas Aquinas, Toledo

One folder

No dates

This series contains miscellaneous documents and photographs.

24. Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, Toledo

0.41 linear feet

1994-2011

This series contains the college's accreditation study, ephemera, brochures and newsletters.

25. Membership

5.25 linear feet

1912-2011

This series contains theses and dissertations written by Sisters, as well as meeting minutes and the personal diary/chronicle of Sister Dorothy Louise Fisher (St. Mary, Millersville, St. James, Kansas, OH, St. Bernard, New Washington, OH, Mother of Sorrows, North Auburn, OH)