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## **Federation of the Sisters of Mercy Collection**

### **Repository**

Mercy Heritage Center  
720 Heritage Center Place  
Belmont NC 28012

### **Physical Description:**

40 linear feet, including:

- Documents
- Publications
- Bound material
- Photographs
- Slides
- Audio-Visual Material

### **Dates:**

1965-1991

### **Restrictions:**

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

### **Provenance:**

This collection was transferred to Mercy Heritage Center from the offices of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy, Silver Spring, Maryland, in 2011.

### **History:**

The Federation of the Sisters of Mercy was created in 1965 as a forum for leadership of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union and independent Sisters of Mercy congregations in the United States. Growing out of the Mother McAuley Conference begun in 1955, the Federation served to facilitate discussion on topics of common interest. The Federation also facilitated projects and activities as well, including a shared formation program for novices, social justice initiatives, the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium, and community building activities such as the Grand Right and Left, an intercommunity arts exhibition.

In addition to such projects and activities, the Federation also developed the Sisters of Mercy's Core Constitutions, which ultimately led to the creation of the current governance structure, the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, founded in 1991.

### **Scope and Content:**

The collection is divided into ten series, based on topic and format. Subseries are based on topic, function and format.

The collection includes minutes, correspondence and audio-visual material that document meetings, governance and activities of the Federation and proceedings of the Mother McAuley Conference. Other materials include commission and task force minutes, and information on projects and events. Additional materials include reference materials on historical topics, prayer books and other books related to the Sisters of Mercy.

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