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Louisville Community Collection

Repository

Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Physical Description:

51 linear feet, including:
Documents
Photographs
Publications

Dates:

1869-2008

Restrictions:

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

Provenance:

The Louisville Community Collection was transferred to Mercy Heritage Center from Louisville, Kentucky in 2011. Additional records related to the Louisville Community were transferred to or created by the Cincinnati Province/Regional Community and transferred to Mercy Heritage Center in 2011 as part of the Cincinnati Regional Community Collection.

History:

At request of the Bishop McCloskey of Louisville, group led by Ignatius Walker came to Louisville, Kentucky, from St. Louis to staff the city's Marine Hospital in 1869. The community took charge of two schools several years later and moved their convent from the hospital to St. Catherine's Convent in 1872. The community began staffing schools, including the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, and opened Sacred Heart Home for the Aging. In the twentieth century, ministries expanded as the community continued to serve in education ministries, including

Louisville's Cerebral Palsy School, Mercy Montessori, and Assumption High School. The community also opened hospitals in Morganfield and Owensboro.

In 1929, the Louisville Community voted to join the Sisters of Mercy of the Union and became part of the Province of Cincinnati. 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:

The collection is divided into eight series based on subject and format. General research and original material on specific individuals or topics can be found in Series 100 History. Member files and administrative material from 1929-2008 can be found in the Cincinnati Province Collection. Ministry photographs are interfiled with printed material. Photographs of individual sisters are located in Series 700 Photographs.

Series/Subseries:

100 History

101 Chronicles

102 Corporation

103 Correspondence

200 Assemblies/Meetings/Conferences

300 Schools/Homes/Hospitals Owned

300 – St. Catherine Convent

301 - Academy of Our Lady of Mercy

302 - Assumption High School

303 - Mercy Montessori School

304 - Visitation Home/The McAuley

305 - Sacred Heart Home/Village

306 – Mount Mercy

400 Parochial Schools/Ministries

401 – Early Schools

Cathedral School

St. Patrick School

St. Agnes Day School

St. Francis of Assisi School

St. Charles Borromeo School

St. Mary Magdalen School

St. William School

St. Paul School (Jackson Street)

402 – St. Paul School (Pleasure Ridge Park)

403 – Sacred Heart School (Hickman, KY)

404 – St. Basil School

405 – St. Polycarp School

406 – St. Athanasius/Our Lady of Consolation/St. Martha Schools

407 – Our Lady School

408 – Cerebral Palsy School

409 – St. Aloysius School (Payne Street)

410 – Holy Cross School

411 – Holy Family School (Columbus, Ohio)

412 – St. John the Evangelist (Paducah, KY)

413 – Missions

414 – Our Lady of Mercy Hospital – Morganfield, KY

415 – Our Lady of Mercy Hospital – Owensboro, KY

500 Anniversaries

600 Music Publications

700 Photographs

800 Oversized Materials