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## Annals Alberta series

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## Summary information

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

### Note

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, Ontario was first incorporated on February 15, 1891 under chapter 92 of the Statutes of Ontario, 1870-1. London, Ontario is on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, L#naapéewak, and Attawandaron Peoples.

On December 11, 1868, at the request of Bishop John Walsh, five Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto arrived in London, Ontario. Mother Teresa Brennan, Sister Ignatia Campbell, Sister Ursula McGuire, Sister Francis O'Malley and Sister Appolonia Nolan were accompanied by Reverend Mother Antoinette McDonald and were welcomed by Bishop Walsh, Rev. J.M. Bruyere, V.G., and Rev. P. Egan, pastor of St. Peter's Church. Awaiting the Sisters were sleighs that transported them from the train station to a temporary home at 170 Kent Street.

In accordance with their mission in London, three Sisters began teaching at St. Peter's School in January, 1869. After classes, they visited the sick, the poor and the imprisoned. They were also mandated to open an orphanage in the future. In order to accomplish these tasks, more Sisters and larger facilities were necessary.

On October 2, 1869, the Barker House at the corner of Richmond and College Street in North London was purchased and the Sisters moved there from Kent Street. The building was named Mount Hope, and it became the first Motherhouse of the Sisters, eventually housing the elderly, orphans, Sisters and novices.

On December 18, 1870, the Sisters of St. Joseph became an autonomous congregation in the London diocese, independent of the Toronto congregation. Sister Ignatia Campbell was appointed Superior General, an office she held until 1902. On February 15, 1871, the congregation became legally incorporated.

On October 7, 1877, an addition was made to Mount Hope. This building stood until it was demolished on August 3, 1980, surrounded by the growing healthcare institutions founded by the Sisters, beginning with St. Joseph's Hospital which opened at 268 Grosvenor Street on October 15, 1888, and followed by the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1895, and the construction of a new nursing school

building in 1927, which saw its last graduation in 1977. On May 1, 1951, St. Mary's Hospital was opened, followed by Marian Villa on January 12, 1966. In 1985, the hospital complex was renamed St. Joseph's Health Centre, and ownership was transferred in 1993 to St. Joseph's Health Care Society.

But it was not only in London that Sisters saw the need for healthcare and nursing education. On October 15, 1890, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital on Centre Street in Chatham, Ontario, which remained under their control until 1993. In 1895, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, which saw its last graduation in 1970. On October 18, 1946, they opened St. Joseph's Hospital at 290 North Russell Street in Sarnia which remained under their control until 1993. In Alberta, they administered St. Joseph's Hospital in Stettler (1926), St. Joseph's Hospital in Galahad (1927), the General Hospital in Killam (1930), and St. Paul's Hospital in Rimbey (1932).

On April 10, 1899, the Sisters opened Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse, Novitiate and Orphanage at the former Hellmuth College at 1486 Richmond Street North in London. The orphans were moved to this new location from Mount Hope, which remained a home for the elderly and was renamed House of Providence on June 3, 1899. The orphanage remained at Mount St. Joseph until it was moved to Fontbonne Hall in 1953 (to 1967). The original Hellmuth College building was demolished in 1976.

Later, on September 14, 1914, the Motherhouse and Novitiate moved to Sacred Heart Convent at Colborne and Dundas Streets in London, with the orphans remaining at Mount St. Joseph. The Sisters lived at Sacred Heart Convent until 1953, when they moved back to the newly built Mount St. Joseph, on the original location of the former Hellmuth College. The new Motherhouse and Novitiate was officially opened on June 29, 1954. It was here that they continued a private girls' school which had begun in 1950 at Sacred Heart Convent, and was now known as Mount St. Joseph Academy (to 1985). It was here too that they continued a music school which had also begun at Sacred Heart Convent and was now called St. Joseph's School of Music (to 1982). The Médaille Retreat Centre began here in 1992, and the Sisters also administered a Guest Wing for relatives of hospitalized patients (to 2005). The Sisters departed Mount St. Joseph for their new residence, a green building at 485 Windermere Road in London, in 2007.

On September 4, 1873, St. Joseph's Convent opened at 131 North Street in Goderich, Ontario, followed by other convents in Ontario, including Ingersoll (1879), St. Thomas (1879), Belle River (1889), Windsor (1894), Sarnia (1906), Kingsbridge (1911), Seaforth (1913), St. Mary's (1913), Woodstock (1913), Kinkora (1916), Paincourt (1923), Maidstone (1930), Leamington (1932), Delhi (1938), Tillsonburg (1938), Simcoe (1938), Langton (1939), West Lorne (1957), and Zurich (1963).

The Sisters also opened missions in other parts of Canada, including in Alberta: Edmonton (1922), Wetaskiwin (1929), St. Bride's (1934); and in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories Yellowknife (1953), and in British Columbia in Haney, now Maple Ridge (1956), and Rutland (1970). Branching even further afield, Convento San Jose was opened in Chiclayo, Peru in 1962.

Over the years, as well as their service as teachers in the separate school system, as music teachers, as healthcare workers, as nursing educators, in providing care to orphans, and in providing parish ministry, pastoral care, and administering spiritual retreats, the Sisters were also involved in social service ministry. In Windsor, they opened the Roy J. Bondy Centre on September 13, 1970 which was a receiving home for the Children's Aid Society, withdrawing in 1982 but continuing to provide residential care for disabled children afterward. In London, they opened Internos, a residence for teenage girls attending school and later for troubled teens (to 1979). This was followed by the opening of St. Joseph's Detoxification Centre on September 13, 1973 (to 2005) and St. Stephen's House, an alcoholic recovery centre on February 1, 1982 (to 2000). Loughlin House in London opened as a residence for ex-psychiatric female patients in 1986 (to 1989), followed by the Home for Women in Need at 534 Queens Avenue in 1979 (to 2004).

Later, St. Josephs' House for Refugees was opened in 1987 (to 2005), followed by St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, a food security program, on February 2, 1983.

On November 22, 2012, the congregation amalgamated with those in Hamilton, Peterborough, and Pembroke into one charitable corporation under the name Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Act, a Private Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario which received Royal Assent on June 13, 2013.

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## Scope and content

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This series documents the activities of the Alberta mission of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario. There are annals and historical summaries, reports, promotional materials, pamphlets, event programs, newspaper articles, correspondence, lists of Sisters on missions in western Canada, a photograph, and a digital video disc. These items showcase a legacy of mission work undertaken by the Sisters in pastoral care, education, and healthcare in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. There is a historical summary of mission activities from 1972 to 1983, authored by Sister Catherine Cunningham. Topics in this summary include teaching in the Edmonton catholic school district, social and cultural events in the region, celebrations, trips, retreats at Sylvan Lake, and the placement of new Sisters in the west. In addition, there is a compilation by Sister Cunningham titled, \*50 Golden Years in Canada's Golden West\*, with topics on the convents in the parishes of St. Bride's and Sacred Heart in Alberta, Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, and Maple Ridge in British Columbia, as well as in Alberta hospitals at Rimbey, Killam, and Galahad. The compilation also contains newspaper articles on the Sisters' professions at the Sacred Heart Convent in Edmonton with photographs of the Sisters and clergy. There are lists of names of the London Sisters who were stationed in the west and a 1926 photograph of the first group of Sisters to go west. The series also contains records on the Catholic Sisters' Legacy Recognition Project conducted by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. This includes the unveiling of the statue \*Service Through Christ\*, a 2011 Annual Report by Covenant Health, and the film \*A Legacy of Service – A Film in Honour of the Countless Women Religious Who have Served in the Province of Alberta for over 150 Years\*, directed by Eric Spoeth.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on content of series.

### Immediate source of acquisition

These records were accumulated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario.

### Arrangement

Original order was maintained.

### Location of originals

The records are located at The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.

### Restrictions on access

Content within file F01-S017-03-01 List of Sisters stationed in the Archdiocese of Edmonton 1922-2001 is restricted for the protection of the privacy of living persons. The Archives reserves the right to restrict

access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

### **Conditions governing use**

Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

### **Finding aids**

Series and file list available.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

### **Note [Sources]**

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### **Note [General]**

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario opened missions in other parts of Canada, including Edmonton, Alberta, where they contributed to the education, health care and social services in the region. On July 25, 1922, a group of five pioneer Sisters arrived in Edmonton by train to operate the Sacred Heart School, a two storey, twelve room, red brick building, with a capacity of 350 students. Their residence, the Sacred Heart Convent and the Sacred Heart Church, were both adjacent to the school located in the city center of Edmonton. This area and the outskirts surrounding Edmonton, is situated within the Treaty Six Territory in Alberta and the traditional homelands and the Métis Nation of Alberta Region Four, as well as the Nêhiyaw (Cree), Denesuliné (Déné), Nakota Sioux (Stoney), Anishnaabe (Ojibway/Saulteaux), Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk), and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot).

In the early 1900s, the great expansion into western Canada experienced a steady stream of diverse immigrant settlers from Europe who sought a new life in the prairie provinces. The Sacred Heart parish

was established out of the growing need to provide a spiritual foundation and to accommodate the surge of newcomers as they got settled in their new country. The Sisters held classes from kindergarten to grade eight and taught inner city students from the first wave generation of European families. Over the years, the Sisters served as educators, administrators and principals and remained at the Sacred Heart convent until 1961. The school was under their management until Sister Irene Fitzgerald retired in 1966, and by 1970 all the Sisters had withdrawn from the Sacred Heart school.

In 1912, the Edmonton Separate School District was formed, and their mandates based on the Roman Catholic theology, doctrine, and practices were enshrined by the Canadian Constitution Act of 1867.

In the early pioneering days, school buildings were not just for education, but sometimes for spiritual services whilst a church was being constructed. They were also vital to the development of a burgeoning community, as it provided a gathering place for pie socials, card parties, club meetings, theatrical plays, bridal showers, farewells, summer picnics, winter activities, and Christmas concerts. From 1922 to 1992, about 56 Sisters taught at and administered schools that were primarily within the area or the outlying district of the Sacred Heart Parish. Some of the schools the Sisters were active in include the Sacred Heart School of Edmonton from 1922 to 1940, Fairview School from 1922 to 1933, St. Patrick's Elementary School from 1933 to 1985 (formerly Fairview School), St. Francis of Assisi Middle School from 1928 to 1974, St. Michael's School from 1945 to 1965, St. Basil's School from 1952 to 1992, Archbishop O'Leary High School from 1960 to 1974, St. Cecilia's Junior High Composite School from 1965 to 1969, and St. Anne's School from 1974 to 1982. Other schools located outside of Edmonton where the Sisters worked include the Sacred Heart School of Wetaskiwan in Wetaskiwin from 1929 to 1942, St. Brides School in St. Brides from 1933 to 1964, Our Lady of Fatima School in Killam from 1952 to 1992, and St. Bernadette's School from 1957 to 1991 and St. Nicholas School from 1960 to 1970, both in Beverley.

At first the Sisters taught the children general subjects like reading, spelling, and arithmetic with an emphasis on English language acquisition. Then in the years of World War II, there was a great push for cultural development courses, and in the early 1930s during the great depression of unemployment, crop failure, and food shortages, the Sisters distributed fruit and cookies, and later the school board provided milk and vitamin pills. In the 1940s when a radio and phonograph were added to the classrooms, social studies and music classes were resounding successes. During the Alberta oil boom in the 1950s, industrial arts, home economics, special needs, and art and drama classes were introduced, as well as instigating a pre-employment work experience course called the Integrated Occupational Program.

In late 1925, the Stettler Board of Trade in Stettler, located 185 km south of Edmonton, asked Reverend Father Ernest Battle of the Catholic Church Parish, to reach out to the Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary. The purpose was to establish what was known as a "Sisters Hospital" run by the nursing Sisters of the Sisters of St. Joseph who had a renowned reputation for their medical services to soldiers during the First World War. In February 1926, at the request of Archbishop O'Leary, Sister Patricia Coughlin, Sister Virginia Lobban, Sister Austin Gurvine, and Sister Jane Frances O'Rourke travelled from London, Ontario to Stettler, Alberta, to operate a hospital. Reverend Father Battle arranged for the Sisters to work in a large building called Carder Hall, which was the former Stettler Cigar Factory that now served as a temporary hospital. In 1927, a decision to construct a 25-bed municipal hospital by a newly formed Municipal Board corporation with representatives from the districts of Settler, Botha, Haig, Waverly, and Dublin all in the County of Stettler, and Vim in the County of Camrose meant the end of the Nursing Sisters' time in Stettler.

The Sisters opened and administered several small hospitals in rural Alberta: Stettler Hospital from 1926 to 1927, St. Joseph's Hospital in Galahad from 1927 to 1978, St. Paul's Hospital in Rimbey from 1932 to 1949, and Killam General Hospital from 1930 to 1990 and Flagstaff Beaver Auxiliary Hospital from 1963 to 1990, both in Killam. The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph provided funds to build and operate the hospitals until 1958, when the provincial department of the Ministry of Health and the

Hospitals Division took over the administration and enacted the Alberta Health Plan. This government policy prevented any church owned and operated voluntary hospitals from being constructed in Alberta. However, it did have a limited provision to allow some upgrades and renovations to existing medical buildings. Also in 1958, there was a polio epidemic that struck throughout Alberta, requiring the services of the Sisters to work at full capacity.

The Sisters were involved in the early development of health care and social service, caring for the sick, poor and disadvantaged in the cities, towns, and rural areas in Alberta. In the harsh economically depressed years from 1930 to 1945, many people could not afford even the most meager medical costs. The Sisters never turned anyone away who needed help, and allowed payment in coal, hay, wood, farm produce, and manual labour. In the years of the Second World War, nursing Sister worked up to 40 hours per week without a break. During their time in Alberta, the Sisters from London, Ontario who were stationed in the western province occupied various health care roles in, nursing, management, housekeeping, business administration, and as technologists in medical labs and in radiology.

### **Note [General]**

The content in file F01-S017-02-03 is missing.

### **Note [General]**

Some content within this record group contains language which may be offensive, derogatory, or harmful. This language does not reflect the values of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. We want to acknowledge that this content exists and the harm it has done and can do, but do not want to erase it from the historical context.

### **Note [General]**

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### **Other notes**

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- **Status description:** Draft

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## **Access points**

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- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Films and videos (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Alberta (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### Subseries: F01-S017-01 - Advertisements and newspaper clippings

Title: Advertisements and newspaper clippings

Reference code: F01-S017-01

Date: September 28-October 3, 2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains advertisements and news clippings regarding the Canadian western missions in Alberta by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario. There are promotional materials, pamphlets, and news clippings from September 28 to October 3, 2011, that pay homage to the pastoral, health care, education, and social work of the Sisters. The subseries primarily concerns \*Service Through Christ\*, a statue that was part of the Catholic Sisters' Legacy Recognition Project. The statue is located on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature building in Edmonton. The statue is a tribute that recognizes the Catholic Sisters of 74 congregations, including the Sisters of St. Joseph, in the caring of the sick, poor and disadvantaged in the cities, towns, and rural areas in Alberta. There is a printed letter, signed by six Bishops representing the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, dated September 28, 2011. The main topic of the letter is an announcement of an event for the unveiling of the statue. Also included are two printed event programs advertising the Catholic Sisters' Legacy Recognition Project, one is for a Dedication Ceremony, and the other is for a Celebration Mass as part of the unveiling ceremonies.

Physical description: .2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

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### File: F01-S017-01-01 - Catholic Sisters legacy recognition project

Title: Catholic Sisters legacy recognition project

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### Subseries: F01-S017-02 - History

Title: History

Reference code: F01-S017-02

Date: 1922-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains several historical summaries of the activities and events in the Archdiocese of Edmonton by the Congregation of the Sister of St. Joseph of London, Ontario. Of noteworthy consideration is a historical summary on the western houses in Alberta from 1972 to 1983, written by Sister Catherine Cunningham. Topics include the events and activities of the Sisters' Canadian western mission in the field of education, such as: teacher meetings, school re-openings in September, open house visits and school reunions, and the Edmonton Catholic School District. Sister Cunningham also recorded day-to-day activities like celebrations, year-end outings, religious retreats and workshops, weather reports, spring house cleaning, Community days at Sylvan Lake cottage, the annual Klondike Days fair and exhibition, and the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. The summary also includes a list of Sisters who worked in the western missions, the transfer and appointments of Sisters and new apostolates, the funeral of Monsignor James Alexander MacLellan on January 24, 1981, and a map of the five dioceses of Alberta from 1912 to 1959. Sister Cunningham also compiled a report, 50 Golden Years in Canada's Golden West. This report contains pages of printed photographs assembled as collages. The pictures comprise individual and group portraits of the Sisters formally dressed in their holy habits, as well as pictures of Archbishops, Reverend Fathers, and friends. This compilation also has an illustrated diagram, that include the names of 17 Sisters, each in a cross with their year of passing from 1945 to 1971; and it contains early news clippings from 1928, 1930, and 1933, on the religious ceremony, reception and profession of the Sisters at the Sacred Heart Convent in Edmonton. This subseries has two notebooks, one dated from January 2, 1933, to October 8, 1938, and the other dated from July 30, 1938, to August 27, 1940, about the activities of the Sisters at the Sacred Heart Convent. In addition, there is a historical summary from 1650 to 1997, that has several printed pictures of the Sisters. The author of these documents is unknown.

Physical description: 7.3 cm of textual records

Arrangement: The records have been kept in their original arrangement, with volumes 1-4 of the history in chronological order.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
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## **File: F01-S017-02-01 - Brief history of western houses written by Sister Catherine Cunningham**

Title: Brief history of western houses written by Sister Catherine Cunningham

Reference code: F01-S017-02-01

Date: 1972-1983 (date of creation)

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Publication status:

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**File: F01-S017-02-02 - 50 Golden Years in Canada's Golden West compiled by Sister Catherine Cunningham [3 copies]**

Title: 50 Golden Years in Canada's Golden West compiled by Sister Catherine Cunningham [3 copies]

Reference code: F01-S017-02-02

Date: 1922-1972 (date of creation)

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Publication status:

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**File: F01-S017-02-03 - History: Sisters of St. Joseph (London) Archdiocese of Edmonton**

Title: History: Sisters of St. Joseph (London) Archdiocese of Edmonton

Reference code: F01-S017-02-03

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**File: F01-S017-02-04 - Early history of Edmonton and region, 1933-1940 [handwritten]**

Title: Early history of Edmonton and region, 1933-1940 [handwritten]

Reference code: F01-S017-02-04

Date: 1933-1997 (date of creation)

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**Subseries: F01-S017-03 - Lists**

Title: Lists

Reference code: F01-S017-03

Date: 1922-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains several lists by the Congregation of the Sister of St. Joseph of London, Ontario related to their missions in western Canada. These lists comprise the names of Sisters who worked in western missions, including British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, and those stationed at the Regional House in Edmonton. The lists include information on Sisters who left the Congregation, passed on, and their years of service. There are 2 lists of Sisters who made their final vows in the west. There is one list completed on January 24, 1980, by Sister Mary Lourdes and Sister M. Clare of Edmonton, Alberta, and Sister Marguerite Sullivan of London, Ontario, that lists the type of work the Sisters undertook in the west. Some examples provided are homeroom teacher, music teacher, religious education, social work, pastoral care, nurse, lab technician, x-ray technician, hospital administration, business manager, parish secretary, and or support services. In addition, there is correspondence dated from November 18, 1988, to January 19, 1989, between Sister Pauline Leblanc, Sister Celine Dupuis, and General Superior Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette. The subject of these letters concerns a request for information on the history, role, and contribution of the Sisters in the education and health fields over the years, especially for each mission.

Physical description: .6 cm of textual records

Publication status:

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**File: F01-S017-03-01 - List of Sisters stationed in the Archdiocese of Edmonton**

Title: List of Sisters stationed in the Archdiocese of Edmonton

Reference code: F01-S017-03-01

Date: 1922-2001 (date of creation)

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**File: F01-S017-03-02 - List of Sisters stationed in the west, 1922-1979**

Title: List of Sisters stationed in the west, 1922-1979

Reference code: F01-S017-03-02

Date: January 24, 1980 (date of creation)

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### **Subseries: F01-S017-04 - Photographs**

Title: Photographs

Reference code: F01-S017-04

Date: 1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of one sepia tone photograph, with a handwritten note scotched taped to the back identifying the first inaugural group of Sisters to go west, in 1926. From left to right, Sister Jane Francis O'Rourke Sister Virginia Lobban, Sister Patricia Coughlin, and Sister Girvan.

Physical description: 1 photograph: sepia tone

Publication status:

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### **File: F01-S017-04-04 - First Sisters to go west**

Title: First Sisters to go west

Reference code: F01-S017-04-04

Date: 1926 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph: sepia tone

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### **Subseries: F01-S017-05 - Film**

Title: Film

Reference code: F01-S017-05

Date: 2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains a digital video disc of the film \*A Legacy of Service – A Film in Honour of the Countless Women Religious Who have Served in the Province of Alberta for over 150 Years\*. The film was part of the Catholic Sisters' Recognition Project, a production initiated by the Covenant Health, Canada's largest Catholic health care organization to celebrate the contributions of

religious women, including the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, to healthcare in Alberta. It was directed by Eric Spoeth.

There is a printed DVD cover with a photograph of a statue on the front, and a large group photograph of Sisters on the back. There is also a 2011 Annual report by the Covenant Health that covers the previous 2010 to 2011 year-in-review of accomplishments, celebrations, and service of the Catholic community in Canada. Inside the folder of the report is a loose-leaf letter dated December 2, 2011. The letter is an announcement of the collaboration between the Covenant Health and the Catholic community to pay tribute to the legacy of the Catholic Sisters in Alberta.

Physical description: .3 cm of textual records

1 DVD (film, 12 minutes, 43 seconds)

Publication status:

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Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-S017-05-01 - Covenant Health, a legacy of service**

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