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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.

Scope and content

This series contains a historical summary of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario's activities during their western mission in the parish of St. Patrick, in Haney, a designated heritage site in the City of Maple Ridge, British Columbia. There are chronicles from 1956 to 1985 on the events and activities at St. Joseph's Convent of Haney (also known as Maple Ridge) where the Sisters resided, and the business and academic affairs at St. Patrick's School where they served as teachers and administrators. At St. Patrick's School, the Sisters taught students from kindergarten to high school. These chronicles were drafted and written by Sister Mary Esther in a diary format. The series also contain lists of Sisters who were stationed at the Haney (Maple Ridge) Mission, as well as in other missions in British Columbia, such as in Kelowna, Rutland, and Oliver. There is also a magazine produced by the students at St. Patrick's School commemorating the Sisters' twenty-five years of teaching service at the school. The series also includes photographs, newspaper articles, and correspondence that document the Sisters' accomplishments at St. Patrick's Parish in the field of education and spiritual care. In addition, there are two guestbooks containing a log of the people who visited Haney's (Maple Ridge) Convent, and a scrapbook related to the historical accomplishments of the Sisters in the Parish of St. Patrick, in British Columbia.

Notes

Title notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

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Finding aids

Series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

S. Nickolas (ed.), "Haney," Maple Ridge. A History of Settlement, Municipal Hall, 1972, pp. 9-21.

St. Patrick's Parish Maple Ridge, "History and Philosophy," St. Patrick Elementary School, <https://www.stpatsschool.org/about-us/history/>, accessed 2024/08/19.

Note [General]

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario operated several missions in British Columbia: Haney (Maple Ridge) from 1956 to 1985, Kelowna (Rutland) from 1970 to 1992, Mission from 1980 to 1985, Oliver from 1974 to 1978, and Prince George from 1972 to 1977. The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, operated the Haney (also known as Maple Ridge) Mission in St. Patrick's Parish in British Columbia from August 24, 1956, to July 13, 1985. In 1952, St. Patrick's Parish in British Columbia was founded by the Reverend Father J. L. Steele, who was the pastor of Haney. St. Patrick's Parish is located 40km northeast of Greater Vancouver, British Columbia, in the Fraser Valley, on the north side of the Fraser River, west of the Rocky Mountains. The City of Maple Ridge is situated on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, and the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations. Father Steele initiated the construction of St. Patrick's School on April 20, 1950, to provide a Catholic education to the local parishioners. Although it was completed in 1952, St. Patrick's School in Haney remained empty for four years due to a lack of available administrative and teaching staff. At his request, the Reverend Mother Margaret Coughlin, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, appointed Sisters Eugene Bond, Appolonia Foley, Wendelin Roth, and Mary Winifred Dunn to administer St. Patrick's School in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. The four Sisters departed via the Canadian Pacific Railway train on August 19, 1956, from the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse in London, Ontario. They resided at St. Joseph's Convent on 121st Avenue in Maple Ridge, which was the rectory in St. Patrick's Parish, and referred to it as Haney's Convent, out of respect of the heritage neighbourhood it was located in. Haney's Convent was named after Thomas Haney, a prominent pioneer who built the first Catholic Church in the agrarian community of Maple Ridge and was the municipal councillor from 1877 to 1891. The construction of an extension to the Sister's residence started on January 2, 1962. Their new rooms were delayed due to frost and snow, but were completed by May 26, 1962, with an open house on June 23, 1962. The Sisters moved to the extension and the priests returned to the rectory. In 1971, as there were no longer any direct descendants of Thomas Haney in Maple Ridge, the Sisters decided to change the name of Haney's Convent to Maple Ridge Convent to coincide with the area they served. The location of their residence remained the same.

St. Patrick's School opened with six classrooms and with an enrollment of 128 students from Grades 1 to 6. In 1970, the Sisters opened the first kindergarten class at St. Patrick's School. In 1971, there were major renovation plans to build a gymnasium adjacent to the school, and on February 9, 1979, there was an

official ribbon cutting and opening ceremony. The new gym was to be used by the school, parish, and the public.

Note [General]

Some content within this record group contains language that is offensive, derogatory, or harmful. This language does not reflect the values of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada.

Other notes

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- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Collection holdings

Subseries: F01-S027-01 - Chronicles

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Date: 1950-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains the chronicles of St. Joseph's Convent of Haney (a neighbourhood within Maple Ridge) by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario during their western mission in British Columbia. The Sisters operated St. Patrick's School in St. Patrick's Parish, Haney, Maple Ridge from 1956 to 1985. This subseries contains historical summaries and drafts written by Sister Mary Esther from 1956 to 1985. Some topics include writing student report cards; Grade 7 Graduation; Teacher-Parent Days; facilitating Sport Days and athletic competitions such as Volleyball tournaments, Cross-country, and Track and Field; preparing students for theatre and musical concert performances, including a float and parade march in the Mountain Festival; the purchase of record players, tape recorders, and a Gestetner (office duplicating machine); and the conversion of an oil to a gas heating system. As well as she wrote about the voting of delegates for the General Chapter; Regional Council meetings; participating in Social Justice and Community Workshops, attending the Catholic Teacher's Convention, retreats, celebrations, Christmas and Thanksgiving preparations, a weekly quilting bee, and organizing fundraisers such as the Annual Fall Fun Fair and Bazaar, a Wake-a-Thon event for Vietnamese refugees, and a Walk-a-Thon to raise funds to purchase a van to transport children competing in intramural sport events. She also wrote about picnic trips to Stanley Park, Vancouver; visits to other cities in British Columbia such as to Mission, New Westminster, Kelowna, the Okanagan Valley, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Harrison Hot Springs; and further trips afar to Banff, Alberta and to Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, United States of America. Sister Mary Esther also

recorded personal incidents on eating wild meat, moose, deer, mountain goat, and Fraser River salmon, for the first time; mountain sketching; and daily activities and events at the convent such as the damp and frosty weather, the rare snowfall, spring cleaning, decoration, house painting, landscaping, gardening, fence building, chapel renovations, convent roof repair, a basement flood of 51-inches of water, and the havoc of Typhoon Freda on October 12, 1962.

This subseries also contains lists of Sisters who served in missions at Haney (Maple Ridge), Kelowna, Rutland, and Oliver, British Columbia from 1956-1985. There are correspondences from the Catholic School Board of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, hierarchical diagrams of the business organization and school subjects of the British Columbia Public School System, and newsletters from the Department of Education of Victoria, British Columbia that contain announcements, directives, rulings, examinations, and changes regarding the administration and curriculum. There are also two reports, one on the *Minutes of Parish Council Meeting,* from May 9, 1978, and St. *Patrick's Christian Community Annual Report, from February 1972. In addition, there is a commemorative magazine from September 1981 on the 25th Anniversary of St. Patrick's School* produced by St. Patrick's School students in an enrichment class that contains student written poetry, short articles on their classes, interviews with teachers, reports on clubs and sport days, and printed pictures of sport activities, and school classroom photographs.

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File: F01-S027-01-01 - St. Joseph's Convent in Haney, by Sister Mary Esther, Volume I

Title: St. Joseph's Convent in Haney, by Sister Mary Esther, Volume I

Reference code: F01-S027-01-01

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Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-02 - St. Joseph's Convent in Haney, by Sister Mary Esther, Volume II

Title: St. Joseph's Convent in Haney, by Sister Mary Esther, Volume II

Reference code: F01-S027-01-02

Date: 1976-1985 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-03 - History of Haney [Maple Ridge], drafts

Title: History of Haney [Maple Ridge], drafts

Reference code: F01-S027-01-03

Date: 1956-1985 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-04 - St. Patrick's School 25th Anniversary, magazine by students

Title: St. Patrick's School 25th Anniversary, magazine by students

Reference code: F01-S027-01-04

Date: Sept. 1981 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-05 - History of Haney [Maple Ridge]

Title: History of Haney [Maple Ridge]

Reference code: F01-S027-01-05

Date: 1956-1985 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

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File: F01-S027-01-06 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: F01-S027-01-06

Date: 1950-1969 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-07 - Annual report, minutes, and correspondence

Title: Annual report, minutes, and correspondence

Reference code: F01-S027-01-07

Date: 1956-1985 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-01-08 - History of Maple Ridge [Haney]

Title: History of Maple Ridge [Haney]

Reference code: F01-S027-01-08

Date: 1965-1983 (date of creation)

: 0343

Location of originals: London Annals box 4 (0343)

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: F01-S027-02 - Guestbooks

Title: Guestbooks

Reference code: F01-S027-02

Date: 1956-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries comprises two guestbooks of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, during their western mission in St. Patrick's Parish, in the neighbourhood of Haney in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. The guestbooks are signed and dated by people who visited the home of the Sisters on 121st Avenue at St. Joseph's Convent of Haney, also referred to as Haney's Convent.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-02-01 - Guestbook, Maple Ridge

Title: Guestbook, Maple Ridge

Reference code: F01-S027-02-01

Date: 1984-1985 (date of creation)

: 0344

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-02-02 - Guestbook, Haney

Title: Guestbook, Haney

Reference code: F01-S027-02-02

Date: 1956-1984 (date of creation)

: 0344

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344)

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: F01-S027-03 - Photographs and news clippings

Title: Photographs and news clippings

Reference code: F01-S027-03

Date: 1956-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains photographs and newsclippings by and about the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario during their western mission in St. Patrick's Parish in Haney, Maple Ridge, British Columbia. There are colour and black and white photographs of the Sisters and Fathers at Haney's Convent (also known as St. Joseph's Convent and Maple Ridge Convent), and at outings to Stanley Park, Allouette Lake, and the Pacific Coast in British Columbia. There are also photographs of the Sisters celebrating Silver and Diamond Jubilees at Haney's Convent. In addition, there are newspaper articles from 1961 to 1981 on the history and achievements of the Sisters at St. Patrick's School. In addition, there is a photo album that documents the history of the Sisters presence in Haney (Maple Ridge). In it are photographs and newspaper articles related to the arrival of the Sisters who came to serve in St. Patrick's Parish, in 1956; the Sisters' first steps towards a modern dress in a simplified habit change, in 1968; a ribbon cutting ceremony for the auditorium of St. Patrick's School, in 1974; and the 25th (1986) and the 50th (2006) Anniversary of St. Patrick's School.

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

27 photographs : col.

12 photographs : b&w

1 album

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-03-01 - Sisters at St. Patrick's School [news], and Sisters and Father Steele [photos]

Title: Sisters at St. Patrick's School [news], and Sisters and Father Steele [photos]

Reference code: F01-S027-03-01

Date: 1961-1981 (date of creation)

: 0344

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-03-02 - Sisters and Fathers at St. Joseph's Convent in Haney [photos]

Title: Sisters and Fathers at St. Joseph's Convent in Haney [photos]

Reference code: F01-S027-03-02

Date: 1963-1973 (date of creation)

: 0344

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-03-03 - Sisters at Haney Convent, Jubilees, and outings [photos]

Title: Sisters at Haney Convent, Jubilees, and outings [photos]

Reference code: F01-S027-03-03

Date: 1962-1982 (date of creation)

: 0344

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344)

Publication status:

Published

File: F01-S027-03-04 - Maple Ridge, B.C. 1959-1985, 25th and 50th anniversary W-4 [photo album]

Title: Maple Ridge, B.C. 1959-1985, 25th and 50th anniversary W-4 [photo album]

Reference code: F01-S027-03-04

Date: 1956-2006 (date of creation)

: 0376

Location of originals: London Annals box 5 (0344) originally, separated to box 8 due to size.

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