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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, L̄naapéewak, 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 annals for the Perú mission of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario. Records are in the English and Spanish language. There are historical summaries, notebooks, legal documents, lists, correspondences, newsletters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, promotional material, a scrapbook, artwork, photo albums, and loose photographs. These items provide a glimpse into the northern Perú mission work and humanitarian aid carried out by the Sisters in the Zaña Valley Parish from 1962 to 1994. These records document the activities and events of the Sisters in pastoral care, social activism and advocacy, in the fields of healthcare, education, and community development. Some highlighted topics included in the records are the: founding and early history of the Perú ministry, the teaching, nursing, and counseling in the rural areas, the sale and transfer of motor vehicles and property, the opening and closing of a medical clinic called the Consultorio San José, the establishment of a women's centre named Our Lady of the Magnificat (also known as Centro Vacacional), the formation of local leaders within the church and society, and the new ministries which emerged from working with the residents to build up ecclesial communities, charismatic prayer groups, pre-marital and family counseling, and the theological training of youth leaders, lay catechists, and worker apostolates that resulted in current day parishes led by Peruvian laity, religious workers, and priests.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

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

Arrangement

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Location of originals

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

Restrictions on access

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Finding aids

Series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

On January 25, 1959, Pope John XXIII drafted a schemata on various topics to modernize the Church. In 1959, in response to this call, Bishop John Christopher Cody of the London Diocese in Ontario and Archbishop Patrick Skinner of the Archdiocese of St. John's in Newfoundland and Labrador decided to set up a joint mission in South America. In June 1960, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Ontario further discussed the possibility of a foreign mission in Latin America. The Auxiliary Bishop Gerald Emmett Carter of the London Diocese gave his approval of the Sisters of St. Joseph's interest to expand their mission overseas in Perú. In December 1960, Father Richard Morse of London and Father Charles O'Neill Conroy of St. John's settled into the parish of Mosefú, 750 kilometres north of Lima on the Pacific Coast, in Perú, in the Chiclayo Province. In the summer of 1961, Fathers Paul Mooney and Bill Cooney of London arrived in Chiclayo City, the capital city of Chiclayo Province, and settled 40 kilometres south in the rural parishes of Zaña, Cayalti, and Mocupe. By October 1961, a group of 50 Sisters attended Spanish language classes taught by Miss Margaret Fallon, a long-time friend of the Congregation.

At the request of Bishop Cody and the missionary priests on March 19, 1962, Reverend Mother Julia of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Mother St. David of the Ursuline Sisters in Chatham, and Mother Mary Simon of Our Lady's Missionaries in Toronto, traveled from Ontario to Perú to visit the diocese of Chiclayo to survey the prospect of future missions. They returned on April 6, 1962, and gave a presentation after which 168 Sisters volunteered to help establish a Peruvian mission. The inaugural group of London Sisters for the first mission to Perú were Sister Eugene Bond, Sister Cyril Reynolds, Sister Olivia Jean (Ollie) Dochstader, and Sister Juliana (Joan) Kerrigan. On November 24, 1962, they boarded the Santa Maria from New York and after 12 days at sea, they arrived in Lima, Perú.

The Sisters stayed at the Congregation of the Servant Sisters Immaculate Heart of Mary, Colegio Villa Maria, in Lima. Then they transferred to the rural parish of Monsefú, while their convent was being built, in Cayalti, in the Chiclayo Province. On March 13, 1963, the Sisters completed the final leg of their journey and traveled 800 kilometres north of Lima into the valley of the Zaña River to their still under construction residence, referred to simply as Hacienda Cayalti, or Cayalti Convent. At first the Sisters worked mainly in the parish of Cayalti and taught catechetics in the state schools. By November 26, 1964, the Sisters taught children in 11 schools beyond Cayalti, including parishes of Mocupe, Ocupe, Zaña, Polominia, Cojal, Lagunas, La Campuerto, La Viva, La Otra Banda, and Chumbinique all within a radius

of 50 kilometres. In addition, they organized choir classes, gave English language classes to adults, and conducted home visits to families without adequate shelter, running water, or electricity. In 1965, the Sisters flew back home to Canada for a summer visit, and a newly assembled group continued to build upon their foundational work.

December 1962 to May 1994, a total of 23 Sisters ministered this area in northern Perú. The rural Zaña River valley ministry went through various stages of developments as the territory expanded to include Urrunaga, a neighbourhood on the outskirts of Chiclayo City; Oyatún and Nueva Arica, 30 kilometres east of Cayalti; and the nearby diocese of Cajamarca. Perhaps the greatest contribution the Sisters made with their ministry efforts in Perú, was seeding the knowledge amongst the local populace to prioritize education, as a means to escape the cycle of poverty. The complex national political changes of Perú shaped the Sisters' pastoral work. Their efforts to alleviate and mitigate oppressive conditions were considered graver and more critical, alongside their mission of building and renovating church buildings which remained steadfast and undaunted. During their Peruvian mission the Sisters also undertook the administrative work for all the parishes in the Zaña River Valley. They collaborated with the Ursuline Sisters who were also serving in the area, and interacted with other Sisters of St. Joseph, such as those from Pembroke, Ontario. The diocese of Pembroke worked mainly in the southern Perú mission in Chincha Alta, in the parish of Our Lady of Fatimá.

To improve the lives of the Peruvians, the Zaña Valley Parish helped to establish credit, mining, and sugar co-operatives, house building programs, a poultry business venture of over 200 chickens, the raising of rabbits and guinea pigs as a cost-effective source of nutrition, and a cottage industry. The parish also gave classes in healthcare, hygiene, and healthful living. The Sisters and the parish also set up youth groups, social activity clubs, and taught sewing, knitting, embroidery, art and handicrafts. These stimulated a co-operative and the participants made and sold uniforms and held exhibitions and musical performances that promoted Peruvian folk culture. In addition, the Sister directed communal construction and renovation projects on roads, irrigation ditches, community halls, schools, and chapels. The Sisters also tended to the ill and incapacitated, paying special attention to the impecunious and children with exceptional needs. They provided counselling to all and especially to parents with newborns as infant mortality was sadly commonplace. In direct action to the natural disasters that caused high levels of fatalities and the destruction of transportation, sanitation, and energy power infrastructures that precipitated outbreaks of disease, the Sisters offered hope and faith. They aided the unhoused, wounded, distressed, and malnourished by organizing an area network of 20 soup kitchens, that functioned as dining halls, community spaces, and food collection and distribution banks. These provided respite and fed over 1500 people a day.

A notable highlight of their charism was when the Sisters responded to a request by the Mayor and Pastor of Zaña to start a public health program due to a lack of medicine and medical facilities available in the area. In January 1968, Sisters and registered nurses Joanne Campbell and Maris Stella Constance (Connie) Dignan arrived from London to Perú with two crates and a trunk of donated medical equipment and medicine acquired through the fundraising achievements of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Ontario. The Mayor bestowed an abandoned girls' school in Zaña to build a health centre, and the Sisters opened an out-patient clinic called the Consultorio San José, on December 27, 1968. It was maintained under parish auspices with the Sister nurses and the 1-day per weekly services of Dr. Medianero, a local doctor from Chiclayo City. The Sisters operated a pre-natal, maternity, and infant unit, a tuberculosis and immunization clinic, a dispensary at token cost, and by the end of 1968, 5000 visits and 800 house calls were recorded. However, the Consultorio fell under the military control of the Gobierno Revolucionario de la Fuerza Armada (Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces) as part of their Reformismo militar radical (Radical military reform) plan of revolutionary nationalization, instigated 5 days after October 3, 1968, when Juan Velasco Alvarado assumed presidency. Although the Sisters continued to operate

the clinic for the next seven years, they also worked in agreement with the local people to ensure that management and financing would be administered by the Peruvian citizens themselves, but after three years of efforts from 1972 to 1975, there was hesitancy from the people of Zaña and the Consultorio definitively closed on May 30, 1975.

In the early 1980s, the Sisters began to withdraw from pastoral work in the parishes, but continued with other ministries and embarked on new outreach projects. The focus was on women and youth, to build self-supporting co-operatives, offer essential items at lower cost, and faith formation. They established women centres and health groups, launched an academy for adult education, facilitated education and culture groups with different themes, such as afterschool homework and study, reading and library, prayer and reflection, theology and education, and leadership and training. Nuestra Señora del Magnificat (Our Lady of the Magnificat) originally began as a school that catered to special needs children in 1983. In November 1984, a new locale for the Magnificat in Zaña was founded, and by October 31, 1987, it had expanded to become a comprehensive centre for women that held consciousness raising and action meetings, nutritional cooking classes, and included on top of a school, a guest house, a restaurant, and a bakery. The Magnificat was referred to as Centro Vacacional, or the Women's Centre. In conjunction the Sisters created rural libraries, brought arts and crafts to housebound seniors, and formed a folklore group called Alma Zañera. This group was a Peruvian troupe that performed live concerts and gave music appreciation classes. The Sisters of St. Joseph of London remained in Perú until the Congregation closed the mission in May 1994. Upon her return to Canada from Perú, Sister Janet Zadorsky founded Heart-Links (Lazos de Corazón) in September 1994, to carry on the Zaña Valley mission work in social justice and grassroots activism. Heart-Links is a non-governmental organization headquartered in London, Ontario, that continues today with a team of volunteers committed to building solidarity in education, health, and community in Perú. Each year since 1996, 2-week long experiential trips are organized to engage with Peruvian people and their society. Benefactors may also support through a scholarship program to sponsor a Peruvian child's education for 1 year. Heart-Links was incorporated on November 1, 2002, received charitable registration on January 1, 2003, and became a secular, autonomous organization. Over the years it has supported a range of initiatives such as, nurseries, special needs schools, breakfast programs, university preparation courses, adult literacy, mobile libraries, communal kitchens, water and sewage projects, pro bono legal services, a senior's home, small business loans, and the preservation and promotion of Peruvian arts and culture.

Note [General]

The whereabouts of the contracts from F01-S016-05-01 is unknown.

Note [General]

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (Pembroke, Ont.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Art (documentary form)
- Peru (place)
- London (place)

Series descriptions

Subseries F01-S016-01: History

Date: 1960-2009 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains the chronicles of the northern Perú mission by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, in Ontario spanning from 1959 to 2009. Some of the activities and events the Sisters immersed themselves in include but are not limited to: ministering to the impoverished, visiting the ill and housebound, counselling new parents and their newborns, teaching children, youth leadership, adult literacy, and setting up schools, medical clinics, women centres, and rural libraries, alongside uplifting and developing local communities by building churches, chapels, convents and rectories in the Zaña River Valley Parish. There are four enumerations that list 23 St. Joseph Sisters, 15 Ursuline Sisters, 18 Canadian priests, and Canadian, American, and Peruvian people who served in Perú from 1962 to 1994. As well as there are seven handwritten and typed historical summaries from 1959 to 1994 authored by the Sisters, and one notable composition written by Reverend Father Thomas Francis (Frank) O'Connor, who served in the parish of Oyotún from 1971 to 1978. Of special mention is an oversized scrapbook created by Sister Eugene Bond from 1962 to 1965 that contains a letter, a pamphlet, correspondences, news bulletins, and newspaper articles about the Peruvian mission. Some documents are in Spanish: photocopies of news stories on the political, economic, environmental, and social unrest in Perú from 1977 to 1984; a short history on the effigy of Our Lord of Miracles; reading material for language learning Spanish Classes by Heart-Links; a promotional pamphlet for the Asociacion Petirrojo Perú school in Zaña; and a hand written letter dated July 18, 1989 from the Town of Mocupe to Sister Theresa Marie, after hearing of Sister Joan Kerrigan's passing. In addition, there are email correspondences, local Peruvian news article tributes to the Sisters, printed pictures and photographs of the Sisters teaching special needs children, nursing, conducting home visits, serving in soup kitchens, attending various centre openings, participating in retreats and conferences, at celebrations for a newly arrived or departing Sister, and relaxing at the beach.

Physical description: 9 cm of textual records

4 photographs: col.

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-01-01	File - Historia de las Hermanas de San José en el Perú	October 4, 2004	
F01-S016-01-02	File - History of Sisters of St. Joseph in Chincha Alta, Perú	2001-2004	
F01-S016-01-03	File - Chincha Alta, Perú, Avenida Fatima no. 153	2000-2002	
F01-S016-01-04	File - List of Sisters who served and volunteered in Perú	1962-1994	
F01-S016-01-05	File - Perú chronicles Zaña valley photograph	1962-1994	
F01-S016-01-06	File - Perú chronicles Zaña valley, Chiclayo	1989-1994	
F01-S016-01-07	File - St. Joseph's convent, Cayalti, Perú volume I	1962-1988	
F01-S016-01-08	File - Devotions, the Lord of the Miracles	Sept. 7, 2005	
F01-S016-01-09	File - Perú	1985-1989	
F01-S016-01-10	File - Perú	1977-1984	
F01-S016-01-11	File - Perú, Sister Eugene Bond	1962-1965	
F01-S016-01-12	File - Perú, original chronicles	1960-1984	
F01-S016-01-13	File - Perú, our mission the Diocese of London and the Diocese of Chiclayo	September 2009	
F01-S016-01-14	File - Perú, Chiclayo	1965-1975, 1982	

Subseries F01-S016-02: Events

Date: 1962-1992 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains records of the various events and activities of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Ontario during their foreign mission in northern Perú from 1962-1992. Events are primarily from 1962 to 1985 of missioning departure ceremonies in London, celebrations from 1988 honouring 25 years of the Sisters' work in the parish of the Zaña Valley, and farewell parties from 1963 to 1985 for Sisters in the Chiclayo Province, Perú returning to Canada. There were Intercongregational Meetings of the Sisters of St. Joseph, that took place in Perú, where a representative of each Congregation presented a summary of achievements in their community in the past year. Sisters who participated came from Mexico, Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Perú, United States of America (Buffalo, Boston, Michigan), and Canada (London, Pembroke). There are programs, agendas, correspondences, and minutes in the English language for meetings that took place in 1967, 1968, and 1969, and in the Spanish language for meetings that took place in 1970,

1983, 1986, and 1991. The Meetings included guest speakers on a specific topic, panel discussions, round tables in breakout groups and business meetings. The Sisters also reported on the vocational activities from the previous year, and shared their work being done in clinics, hospitals, and in social work. This file also contains printed programs and announcement letters of departures, handmade songbooks, prayer cards, a July 1991 newspaper article titled, "CSJ/SSJ's Working in Latin America Meet," and a black and white group photograph of the Sisters in Lima, Perú, at the Intercongregational Meeting from February 19-20, 1983.

Of special note are the original program, invitation and letter for the first inaugural Perú mission and departure ceremony for Sisters Eugene Bond, Cyril Reynolds, Olivia Dochstader, and Juliana Kerrigan, on November 18, 1962, at St. Peter's Basilica, London, Ontario. It was officiated by the Right Reverend A. P. Mahoney, vicar general of the London Diocese and rector of St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. Other noteworthy items are the parts of an original artwork with 43 signatures, and a coloured pencil drawing of St. Joseph and Jesus. The original artwork was executed by P. Villa A. in Cayalti, Perú, dated 1988. On May 1, 1988, the drawing was presented to Sister Jean Dochstader on behalf of all the Sisters on the 25th anniversary of their service in Perú.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

1 photograph: b&w

1 photograph: col.

1 drawing: colour pencils and black ink on parchment in 3 pieces, 17.5 x 33 cm, 18 x 36 cm and 23 x 34 cm

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-02-01	File - Perú, celebrations and socials	1963-1988	
F01-S016-02-02	File - Perú, 25th anniversary, Zaña Valley	May 1-13, 1988	
F01-S016-02-03	File - Perú, mission departure ceremonies	1962-1988	
F01-S016-02-04	File - Perú, Intercongregational Meetings	1967-1992	

Subseries F01-S016-03: News clippings and photographs

Date: 1962-2000 (creation)

Scope and content: This series consists mainly of photographs of the various events and activities of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Ontario, during their foreign mission in northern Perú. There are four photo albums from 1962 to 1998, with titles and captions for the photographs. The subject matter depicted primarily includes the Sisters teaching elementary students, conducting classes with married couples, leading art, music, and dance classes, running art exhibitions, clothing sales, and soup kitchens, managing a sewing centre and a bakery, assembling school desks, setting up a metalsmith workshop, moving furniture and belongings, live performances of the Peruvian folkloric troupe Alma Zañera, the openings and blessings of new centres, retreats and conferences, seasonal celebrations, welcoming and farewell parties, and local Peruvian feasts and events. In addition, there

are loose photographs that capture the daily life of the Sisters and Canadian priests ministering in Perú. Of noteworthy consideration are photographs and news clippings of 1982 to 1983 and 1997 to 1998 El Niño, a climate pattern of unusually warm ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific that causes severe flooding. There are also hand drawn maps, handwritten notes, greeting cards, a poster artwork that has seven captioned photographs of the Sisters and Canadian priests, as well as a handmade calendar, from 1980 that has original drawings and a group picture of the Sisters in Cayalti, Perú.

Physical description: 28.25 cm of textual records

88 photographs: col.

4 albums (ca. 1704 photographs)

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-03-01	File - Perú, news clippings	1990-1994	
F01-S016-03-02	File - Perú, news clippings and a poster	1962-1988	
F01-S016-03-03	File - Perú, photographs	1983-1987	
F01-S016-03-04	File - Perú, the beginnings [photo album P-1]	1962-1979	
F01-S016-03-05	File - Perú, continuation [photo album P-2]	1980-1994	
F01-S016-03-06	File - Perú, special events [photo album P-3]	1988-2000	
F01-S016-03-07	File - Perú, floods 1982-1983, and El Niño 1998 [photo album P-4]	1982-1998	
F01-S016-03-08	File - Perú, Cayalti calendar	January-December 1980	

Subseries F01-S016-04: Diocese of London

Date: 2004-2012 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries primarily contains two historical summaries of the events and activities of the Peruvian mission of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario. The first summary covers from 1962 to 1994, titled "The Sisters of St. Joseph of London – Peruvian Missions," which includes a list of 18 Sisters who worked in Perú with the priests of the London diocese. The second summary covers from 1868 to 2005, titled "History of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese of London." The documents were for Reverend Father Thomas Francis (Frank) O'Connor, who served in the parish of Oyotún in northern Perú from 1971 to 1978, to be included in the Perú history for the Diocese of London. There are also correspondences from March 2004 to May 2005 from the Diocesan History Committee to the Religious Communities in the Diocese of London, email letters from June to December 2005 between Sister Margot Ritchie and Louise Mauffette-Leenders, Sister Mary Zimmer, Sister Kitty Stafford, and Sister Loretta Manzara. As well as there is a list of 23 Sisters who served in Perú from 1962 to 1994.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-04-01	File - 01 Perú history for the Diocese of London to Father Frank O'Connor	2004-2012	

Subseries F01-S016-05: Legal records

Date: 1965-1993 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains legal documents regarding the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario's mission in northern Perú. There are Power of Attorney documents and registration certification in the Spanish language from 1965 to 1990, from the Consulate General of Perú, National Public Records Office, and Public Notary in Chiclayo, Perú. There are also letters, correspondences, and contracts in the Spanish language regarding the sale and transfer of the Oyotún and Nueva Arica house and property. There is one letter in English from the General Superior Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette to the Bishop of Chiclayo, Monseñor Ignacio María Orbegozo de Goicochea, dated June 11, 1993. In addition, there is correspondence from the Perú Embassy in Ottawa, Ontario, from 1965 and 1967, regarding travel to Perú for the Sisters. There are also official tax documents from the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Commerce, General Directorate of Contributions, and Legal Entity.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-05-01	File - Peru Contracts - Act of Constitution – 1990 - for CSJ's		
F01-S016-05-02	File - Power of attorneys and registration certification	1965-1990	
F01-S016-05-03	File - Oyutún and Nueva Arica, house and property transfer papers	1990-1993	

Subseries F01-S016-06: Clinic

Date: 1965-1993 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains records concerning Consultorio San José, a medical clinic in Zaña that the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario operated in northern Perú. The following documents are in the Spanish language. There are financial documents with employee salaries dated on January 8, 1976, signed by María Magdalena Gozales Mires, Mabel Celeste Valdivia, and Santos Amado Cossio, and one document dated December 30, 1975, signed by María Cristina Diaz Galvez. These documents are from the Consultorio San José, in which the undersigned certifies that in accordance with Sub Directorial Resolution No. 401-75-921000 from the work region in the office of the Sub Directorate of the Work-Trujillo, to end their relationship with the Consultorio. There is also an official document addressed to the Reverend Mother Mary Brenda of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, undersigned by about 300 authorities, citizens and inhabitants of the City of Zaña, Perú, thanking the Sisters for their work. The Sister names that are mentioned in the letter of thanks include: Jean Dores, Joanne Campbell, and Jean Dorstader. The following documents are in the English language. There are two official documents certified by the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, Ontario; one dated January 15, 1969, and the other dated March 24, 1969. These documents are lists that give itemized inventories of donated drugs, medicine, and medical supplies. There is also a document titled 'Consultorio San José' and the Future," that discusses the present political, economic, and religious situation of the Consultorio, the decision and reasons for permanently closing it, and hope for the future for the people in Zaña.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-06-01	File - Consultorio San José, medical clinic in Zaña	1969-1975	

Subseries F01-S016-07: Correspondence

Date: 1962-2008 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains correspondences by Sisters of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario regarding their mission in northern Perú. Topics include, but are not limited to first communion preparations, catechetical programs, celebrations, walking-reflection retreat days, departures in London before traveling to live and work in Perú, feast days and parties in the village, observations after natural catastrophes, conversations with Canadian priests, cooking, sewing, and craft groups, and the daily routine at the medical clinic. Of special note is a letter for the request of volunteers to Perú, written by Reverend Mother Julia Moore after her first visit to Perú to investigate future missions. In addition, there are correspondences written to the Diocese of London providing information on the various aspects on the Sisters' mission efforts in the Zaña Valley, and to various people in Perú, such as the Archbishop Romolo Carboni in Lima; Gustavo Aspíllaga, the Director General of Aspíllaga Anderson Hermanos S. A.; and Reverend Gerard Dionne, the Secretary General of the Latin American Office in Ottawa, Ontario. Of special interest is a document regarding responses to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, dated May 22, 1997, titled "Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for America

– Missionary Links between the Church in Canada and Latin America.” There is also a letter in the Spanish language thanking the Sisters for Comedor Aviacion, a children’s food program in the district of Aviación, Cayalti.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-07-01	File - Perú, letters between Sisters	1962-1988	
F01-S016-07-02	File - Perú, letters to the diocese of London	1964-1982	
F01-S016-07-03	File - Perú, letters to others	1962-1969	
F01-S016-07-04	File - Letter of thanks for food program, comedor Aviación, Cayalti	2008	
F01-S016-07-05	File - Perú, response to assembly of Synod of bishops	1977	

Subseries F01-S016-08: Perograms

Date: 1963-1988 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains Perograms, a neologism for ‘chapters from the diary,’ a newsletter with a Spring and Fall issue from 1963 to 1988, produced by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario during their mission in northern Perú. The newsletters were mostly written by the Sisters residing at the Hacienda Cayalti, in the Chiclayo province, and often began with an address to “Dear Sisters, Relatives, and Friends.”

Subjects covered in the newsletters include, but are not limited to, the activities and events in the parish of the Zaña Valley, such as health, education, and cultural development projects, reflections on the local rural Peruvian people and their social conditions, and the Sisters’ experiences of living and working in Perú. Some notable topics include the 25th anniversary of the Perú mission; extreme inequalities in food, shelter and medical attention; the aftereffects of natural disasters; cricket and dragonfly swarms; seasonal weather; updates on church renovations and construction projects; assembling straw mat huts to house 75 children, building of walls and planting greenery at schools; teaching; sacramental preparations; summer beach camp youth programs; local house visits to people living in bare dirt floor houses with no windows, and no indoor plumbing; successful surgeries on children; celebrations; attending Congress Meetings of Religious Sisters; trips to Cusco and Machu Picchu, and interactions and collaborations with the Ursuline Sisters and the Sisters of Mercy.

Of special note is the issue from February 22, 1966, that includes a clipping from the Evening Telegram of St. John’s, in Newfoundland, titled “Priest, Nun Die in Peru – Father Conroy and Sister Mary Aquin killed and five other Sisters injured in accident,” that reports a fatal motor vehicle accident on the Pan American Highway. A station wagon driven by Father Charles O’Neill Conroy carrying six passengers

collided with a truck at 3:00 pm, as they were returning home from Trujillo to Monsefú. In December 1960, Father Conroy of St. John's, in Newfoundland, settled into and founded the parish of Mosefú.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-08-01	File - Perugram, Cayalti newsletter	1963-1988	

Subseries F01-S016-09: Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity

Date: January 26, 1982 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains a record of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario's involvement with the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity during their foreign mission in northern Perú. There is a letter in the Spanish language, dated January 26, 1982, from Robert C. Cable, O.D., of the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, in Missouri, USA, to the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Zaña Valley. The letter concerns the donation of 4,500 eyeglasses to the needy, as well as a team of eye doctors willing to give their services for one week from March 6 to 13 to the people in the Zaña Valley. There is also a signed photograph of a doctor adjusting glasses on a patient, while a smiling Sister looks on.

Physical description: .2 cm of textual records

1 photograph: b&w

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-09-01	File - VOSH, Peru	January 26, 1982	

Subseries F01-S016-10: Women's Centre

Date: 1988-1994 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains records related to Centro Vacacional, a women's centre in Santa Ana, Zaña of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, during their mission in northern Perú. All documents in this series are in the Spanish language. There are primarily legal documents, notary public certifications of testimonies, statutes, and contracts regarding Centro Vacacional. There are 2 documents to note. One is the Acta de Constitucion de la Asociacion "Centro

de Mujeres, Nuestra Señora del Magnificat" (Charter of the Association of the "Women's Center, Our Lady of the Magnificat") and the other is a document concerning the donation of personal property to the women's centre. There are motor vehicle sale agreements and transfers and a private purchase and sale contract for an electronic typewriter. In addition, there are inventories of furniture at Centro Vacacional. There is also a coloured pamphlet promoting Centro Vacacional, with printed pictures of the dining hall, guest bedroom, surrounding historical and archeological sites, and a map.

Physical description: .3 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S016-10-01	File - Centro Vacacional, women's centre in Santa Ana, Zaña	1988-1994	