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## Associates Program sous-fonds

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## Summary information

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

### Note

An Associate is a layperson who has made a commitment to the charism of a religious community. Both Associates and Sisters are called to the same mission and charism, yet they are distinctly different. Where Sisters take perpetual vows to live out the charism in religious community, Associates hold individual vocations to live out the charism, but do not take vows.

On July 9th, 1987, the Sisters of St. Joseph in London approved the movement towards having an Associates Program complete with a candidate process and formal training process. The program began on April 4th, 1989, in London, Ontario. The Associates Program was originally founded by Sister Doreen Kraemer and later administered by Sister Janet Zadorsky. After Sister Janet Zadorsky ended her involvement with administering the Associates Program, as of April 2017, two associates were given stipends by the Associates to serve as mentors for two years, during a bridging stage. They prepared a document, "Midwives to Our Future," and after this, the Associate program evolved away from the Sisters being directly involved. The program is now autonomous but still connected through a Congregational liaison, but the Associates make their own decisions.

The Associates Program currently (as of 2022) has an Associate Leadership Circle with a representative from each of the areas: London, Sarnia, Windsor-Chatham, Simcoe-Woodstock, and Zaña, Peru. There are Animators for each region who assist with spiritual development. There is a Core Team who look after business matters, including event planning. Together, these form the Joint Animating and Core Team. Every leader has a term of two to three years. There is also a congregational liaison who provides a

communication channel between the Associates and the Congregational Leadership Circle. Members are recruited by means of a “seekers” process and are provided with instruction and allowed to discern their commitment over a two-year period, at the end of which there is a “charism connection” ceremony, and they are given a pin and sign an agreement. There are two annual events held: a retreat, and the Annual General Gathering. As well, there is a representative who attends Federation meetings of Associates from Hamilton, London, Peterborough, Pembroke, Toronto, and Sault Ste. Marie.

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## Scope and content

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This sous-fonds contains directories, newspaper clippings, financial records, correspondence, presentation talking points, photographs, photo albums, promotional materials, a survey, handbooks, crafts, history timelines, meeting minutes, and reports. These records relate to the administration and operation of the Associates Program.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the contents of the sous-fonds.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The records in this sous-fonds were transferred from the Associates office to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada archives in the summer of 2019.

### Arrangement

Original order was maintained.

### Location of originals

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

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### Conditions governing use

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## Finding aids

Series and file list available.

## Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

## Note [Sources]

Dan Stockman, 'Growing Number of Associates Partner with Religious Communities to Quench Spiritual Thirst,' <https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/trends/growing-number-associates-partner-religious-communities-quench-spiritual-thirst-41071>, accessed 2020/11/3.

OLVM Sisters, 'Carol Zinn - Associates,' [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_Jb9kWxVBE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_Jb9kWxVBE), accessed 2021/3/20.

Judy Wirch, Sandy Bell Cameron, Marg Maheu, pers. comm., 2022.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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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)
  - Photographs (documentary form)
  - Textual records (documentary form)
  - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
  - Southwest Middlesex, Municipality of (place)
  - London (place)
  - Peru (place)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series F01-SF17-S001: Directories and Lists

Date: 1989-2014 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains various directories and Associate lists. The directories are small booklets arranged in chronological order which contain the name, address, and phone numbers of all Associates from the years 1992-2007. These booklets are internally organized by geographical group within southwestern Ontario. There are alphabetical lists of Associates indicating the year they became Associates, and which city they are Associated with. Notably, there are three albums which are larger booklets that contain photographs of members, divided by city. There are agreements from 1995-2012 between the Associates and their directors but these are for Associates who have subsequently withdrawn

from the program. There is also correspondence indicating the withdrawal of two Associates from Yellowknife, NWT.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: This series is restricted to public access.

Publication status:

Published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S001-01	<b>File - Directories</b>	1992-2007	
F01-SF17-S001-02	<b>File - Associates List [2016-56]</b>		
F01-SF17-S001-03	<b>File - CSJ Associate Photo Album</b>	2018	
F01-SF17-S001-04	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony withdrawals</b>	1995-2012	
F01-SF17-S001-05	<b>File - Connected Associates</b>	1991-2011	
F01-SF17-S001-06	<b>File - Associate Directories</b>	1989-2010	
F01-SF17-S001-07	<b>File - CSJ Associates 20th Anniversary Photo Album</b>	2009	
F01-SF17-S001-08	<b>File - CSJ Associates 25th Anniversary Photo Album</b>	2014	

### Series F01-SF17-S002: Newsletters

Date: 1991-2016 (creation)

Scope and content: This series contains volumes 1-50 of the newsletter “Bridging” spanning from 1991-2016 and produced by the Congregation’s Associate Core Team (ACT) members. Two volumes were published each year, usually in the winter and summer, but sometimes in the fall and spring. This newsletter was intended to inform people about the Associate relationship in the Congregation and to keep the Associates up to date with news about events. Each newsletter has its own theme, such as, service, relationship with the Divine, and longing for belonging. Common sections throughout the newsletters are poems, “mark your calendar” sections, suggestions for readings, news about events, fundraisers, and retreats, introduction of new members, and updates from various Associate communities. These communities include Maidstone, St. Thomas, Windsor, Chatham, Kingsville, Woodstock, Simcoe, London, Grand Bend, and Sarnia. Also included is a coloured drawing of a bridge that is crossing a small creek with trees and other flora surrounding it that was made for the newsletter.

Physical description: 8.5 cm of textual records

1 drawing ; 13 x 18 cm : colour pencil

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S002-01	<b>File - “Bridging” Newsletters [1 of 3]</b>	1991-2012	
F01-SF17-S002-01	<b>File - “Bridging” Newsletters [2 of 3] [2014-108]</b>	1991-2012	
F01-SF17-S002-01	<b>File - “Bridging” Newsletters [3 of 3]</b>	1991-2012	
F01-SF17-S002-02	<b>File - “Bridging” Newsletters</b>	2013-2016	
F01-SF17-S002-03	<b>File - Artwork for “Bridging” Newsletter</b>		

**Series F01-SF17-S003: Finance**

Date: 2009-2017 (creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of three folders, arranged in chronological order, containing financial information for the Associates Program. Records include notes from animating team meetings regarding the development of criteria for accessing assistance from the congregational grant, application forms and grant criteria, and income and expense reports. This series also contains correspondence regarding Associates Program expenditures and plans for the Associate leadership team in 2017.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S003-01	<b>File - Grants and expense claims</b>	2009	
F01-SF17-S003-02	<b>File - Grant monies and treasurer reports</b>	2010-2011	
F01-SF17-S003-03	<b>File - Funding [2020-4]</b>		

**Series F01-SF17-S004: Communications**

Date: 1992-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: This series includes correspondence about the Associates Program, including between Sr. Doreen Kraemer, Director of the Associates Program and Associates, and between Sr. Mary Diesbourg, General Superior and Associates, about the current state of their activities. The series also includes information about the vision for the Associates and the program. There are also meeting notes and reports, as well as drafts and final copies of speeches given about the charism and the Associates. This series also includes information about the Associates/Companion Prayer Project. Also found in this series are histories of the Canadian Associate Networking committee and the congregational Associate Program, event invitations, and a brochure for the Associates Program. There are newspaper clippings concerning the benefits of palliative care and efforts to halt the abuse of women. Finally, there are talking points for a video about spirituality in the modern world, and a speech linking charism and alcoholism recovery by Francis Ann Gilchrist.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S004-01	<b>File - Vision for Associates</b>		
F01-SF17-S004-02	<b>File - Reports to Council</b>	1992	
F01-SF17-S004-03	<b>File - Talks to Community re: Associates</b>	1992	
F01-SF17-S004-05	<b>File - Charism video</b>		
F01-SF17-S004-06	<b>File - Charism and alcohol recovery</b>		
F01-SF17-S004-07	<b>File - Correspondence and Events</b>	1994-2008	
F01-SF17-S004-08	<b>File - Correspondence [2020-4]</b>	2017-2018	
F01-SF17-S004-09	<b>File - Reports to Chapter</b>	2002	
F01-SF17-S004-10	<b>File - Association Program brochure</b>	2019	

#### Series F01-SF17-S005: Events

Date: 1987-2019 (creation)



Scope and content: This series contains information about North American and regional Ontario, Canada conferences for the Congregation's Associates. The series is divided into two subseries, covering Associate conferences and Associate commitment ceremonies. Included in this series are pamphlets, itineraries, correspondence, lists of participants, photographs, programs, reflective exercises, interviews, and music books. There is an account of the advent of the North American Associates including prior and future conference sessions, information on the 25th Anniversary meeting in 2014, and information on Charism Connection ceremonies at which a formal commitment is made by an Associate to the community.

Physical description: 9.5 cm of textual records

1 drawing : pen on cardstock ; 2 x 3 cm

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

### **Subseries F01-SF17-S005-01: Conferences**

Date: 1987-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains materials pertaining to various Associate conferences that were held and related to the congregation. There are brochures and agendas for conferences in Canada and the United States, as well as a schedule for a retreat at Oxley, Ontario. The subseries also includes minutes of planning meetings in 1989 for the co-membership international meeting and a complete list of the North American Associates for the June conferences in 1991.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### **File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S005-01-01	<b>File - Canada-USA regions and conferences</b>	1987-2000	
F01-SF17-S005-01-02	<b>File - London Associates conference</b>	1999	
F01-SF17-S005-01-03	<b>File - Retreats [2020-4]</b>	2013-2019	

### **Subseries F01-SF17-S005-02: Charism Connection**

Date: 1991-2017 (creation)

**Scope and content:** The Charism Connection is the ceremony that involves laypeople taking vows to be guided by the charism of the Sisters by which they become Associates. There is a commitment ritual in which the incoming Associates pledge to pray and offer love, commit to continual spiritual growth through personal prayer, and join the congregation's mission of working to achieve unity of neighbour with neighbour and neighbour with God. In return, the Sisters pledge to accept and welcome the Associates, offering them prayers, and encouraging them in spirit. Ceremonial materials such as invitations, agendas, and correspondence regarding commitment are included within this subseries. This subseries also features a questionnaire for potential Associates that determine the readiness for the commitment ceremony and a copy of the mutual agreement for the Associate's relationship between the potential Associates and the Sisters. There is also sheet music of hymns that were sung during the Charism Connection ceremonies. The commitment ceremonies took place in both Windsor and London, Ontario.

**Physical description:** 7 cm of textual records

1 drawing : pen on cardstock ; 2 x 3 cm

**Access points:**

- Multiple media (documentary form)

**Publication status:**

Published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S005-02-01	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony retreat prayer</b>		
F01-SF17-S005-02-02	<b>File - Commitment Ceremonies</b>	1991-2008	
F01-SF17-S005-02-03	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony programs and correspondence</b>	1991-2011	
F01-SF17-S005-02-04	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony correspondence and programs</b>	2011	
F01-SF17-S005-02-05	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b>	2011-2012	
F01-SF17-S005-02-06	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony circle of support</b>	2012	
F01-SF17-S005-02-07	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony [2013-65]</b>	2013	
F01-SF17-S005-02-08	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b>	2013	
F01-SF17-S005-02-09	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony Windsor, London</b>	2014	
F01-SF17-S005-02-10	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b>	2014	
F01-SF17-S005-02-11	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b>	Feb. 28, 2015	

F01-SF17-S005-02-12	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b>	2015
F01-SF17-S005-02-13	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b> <b>Sarnia, Windsor</b>	2016
F01-SF17-S005-02-14	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b> <b>Sarnia, Kingsville, London</b>	2016-2017
F01-SF17-S005-02-15	<b>File - Charism Connection Ceremony</b> <b>reflections</b>	1995-2003

### Series F01-SF17-S006: History

Date: 1999-2017 (creation)

Scope and content: This series documents the history of the Associates program and the histories of two congregational houses in London. Textual records created between 2009 to 2017 outline the history of the Associates program, which was approved on July 9, 1987, and launched in London on April 4, 1989. Textual records created in 1999 to 2006 outline the history of the Congregation and Associate presence, training, and retreats at 1294 Baseline Road and 501 Windermere Road in London, Ontario. Included in the series are history timelines, as well as booklets from the Associates' 20th anniversary, which was held on April 4th, 2009. Also included in this series are correspondence, meeting minutes, and regional updates regarding activities, events, and new Associate members.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S006-01	<b>File - Our Associates' Twentieth Anniversary: Our History Line 1989-2009</b> <b>[2009-8] [2017-15]</b>		
F01-SF17-S006-02	<b>File - History Line 1987-2017</b> [2017-26]		
F01-SF17-S006-03	<b>File - Our Story 1987-2010</b>		
F01-SF17-S006-04	<b>File - Associates history timelines and house histories</b>		

### Series F01-SF17-S008: Peru Program

Date: 1987-2010 (creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of mostly booklets, correspondence, and two photographs related to the Associates program in Peru. Canadian Associates worked in collaboration with the Associates in Peru to live out the charism through charity work, seeking solutions to environmental, economic, political,

social, and spiritual challenges. Specifically, the series includes a document called CSJ Associates in Peru – Towards a Future Together. This document provides an overview of the proposed program in Peru, including information on how the program will be implemented. The program took place in two areas in Peru, called Zana and Chinchá Alta. The Sisters from London were assigned to Zana, while Sisters from Pembroke were assigned to Chinchá Alta. There is also correspondence between Sr. Janet Zadorsky and Sr. Doreen Kraemer with regards to the expenses Associated with the meeting between Chinchá Alta and Zana Associates. The series also includes crafts, program booklets including prayers, and other letters. Finally, the series includes a manual and statutes from 2009.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

2 photographs : col.

Language of the material:

- English
- Spanish

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S008-01	<b>File - Peruvian Associates</b>	1993-2010	
F01-SF17-S008-02	<b>File - Estatutos</b>	2009	
F01-SF17-S008-03	<b>File - Manual De Los Asociadas De Las Hermanas De San José De London, Ontario, Canadá</b>		
F01-SF17-S008-04	<b>File - Un Sí A La Vida</b>	1987	
F01-SF17-S008-05	<b>File - I Encuentro De Co-Hermanas CSJ Peru Felicita</b>	2010	
F01-SF17-S008-06	<b>File - Crafts</b>		
F01-SF17-S008-07	<b>File - Heart Links Un Milagro De Amor</b>	1998	
F01-SF17-S008-08	<b>File - Hilos y Espacios</b>	2009	
F01-SF17-S008-09	<b>File - Hilos y Espacios Booklet</b>	2009	

#### **Series F01-SF17-S009: Meetings**

Date: 1995-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of agendas, minutes, programmes, reports and correspondence of the Associates Program, including meetings of the Core Team, the Animator Team, annual business meetings, and the Liaison Group. Other materials include financial and grant reports, policy reviews, conference flyers and photographs, and materials related to ceremonies and rituals.

Physical description: 31 cm of textual records  
3 photographs: col; 10.5 x 15.5 cm

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

### Subseries F01-SF17-S009-01: Business

Date: 2001-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains materials regarding annual meetings of members of the Associates Program. It includes correspondence, financial records about grants and expenses, and meeting minutes and reports submitted for annual business meetings from 2001-2012. The correspondence is to the Associates Office from Associate members. Opening rituals such as giving thanks, remembrance of ill and deceased members, welcoming new members, as well as Associated prayers from annual business meetings from 2004-2011 are included. Photographs from the Associates General Gathering are also included. In addition, there are materials regarding the Spiritual Ministries Network, ceremonies, retreats, and leadership. There is also a summary of the Associates Leadership Conference from 2019.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records  
3 photographs: col; 10.5 x 15.5 cm

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S009-01-01	<b>File - Business meeting minutes and correspondence</b>	2001-2012	
F01-SF17-S009-01-02	<b>File - Annual Business Meeting</b>	2011	
F01-SF17-S009-01-03	<b>File - Associate Business Meetings opening rituals</b>	2004-2011	
F01-SF17-S009-01-04	<b>File - Associates General Gathering</b>	2014	
F01-SF17-S009-01-05	<b>File - Annual Meeting [2020-4]</b>	2015-2019	

**Subseries F01-SF17-S009-02: Core Team**

Date: 2000-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains materials relating to the Core Team, which is made up of Associates who meet quarterly to address the activities of the Associates Program and its groups. Members are elected by their fellow Associates in their region for a three-year term. The subseries mainly contains agendas, programmes, meeting minutes, rotation terms of Core Team members, reports from the Animating Team and Bridging program, and correspondence to and from the Associates office, and Sisters Doreen Kraemer and Kathleen Lichti. There are lists of committed members by region in Southern Ontario, policy reviews, Associate feedback, financial materials and request forms for funding, administrative materials, and ephemera such as conference flyers and clippings.

Physical description: 11 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S009-02-01	<b>File - Core Team Meeting minutes and correspondence</b>	2005-2009	
F01-SF17-S009-02-02	<b>File - Core Team Meeting minutes and correspondence</b>	2001-2005	
F01-SF17-S009-02-03	<b>File - Core Team Meeting minutes and correspondence</b>	2000-2009	
F01-SF17-S009-02-04	<b>File - Core Team minutes and correspondence</b>	2015-2016	
F01-SF17-S009-02-05	<b>File - Core Team Meeting minutes, reports and correspondence</b>	2011-2012	
F01-SF17-S009-02-06	<b>File - Core Team minutes and reports [2020-4]</b>	2016-2019	
F01-SF17-S009-02-07	<b>File - Core Team minutes and reports [2020-4]</b>	2017-2019	

**Subseries F01-SF17-S009-03: Animator**

Date: 2002-2015 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains textual records regarding the Animator or Animating Team. This team is made up of Associates who support the Core Team and aid in the training, communication, and growth of the Associate Program as well as support the vision of the Congregation's charism, spirituality, and mission. Included in this subseries are agendas, meeting minutes, meeting summary notes, event programs, and correspondence from 2002 to 2015.

Physical description: 9 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S009-03-01	<b>File - Animator meeting and correspondence</b>	2002-2007	
F01-SF17-S009-03-02	<b>File - Animator and Associate Team meetings and correspondence</b>	2007-2010	
F01-SF17-S009-03-03	<b>File - Animator Team meetings [1/2]</b>	2010-2011	
F01-SF17-S009-03-03	<b>File - Animator Team meetings [2/2]</b>	2010-2011	
F01-SF17-S009-03-04	<b>File - Animating Team minutes and correspondence</b>	2015-2016	
F01-SF17-S009-03-05	<b>File - Animators correspondence</b>	2015	

**Subseries F01-SF17-S009-04: Liaison Group**Date: 1995-1996 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains materials relating to the Liaison Group, which is made up of Associates whose goal is to assist the communicative and collaborative growth of the program and spiritual development. Materials include agendas, meeting minutes and the vision statement of the program.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual recordsAccess points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S009-04-01	<b>File - Meeting</b>	1995-1996	

**Series F01-SF17-S010: Federation**Date: 1991-2017 (creation)

**Scope and content:** This series consists of correspondence and reports relating to the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, an umbrella organization for the Sisters of St. Joseph congregations in Canada. The Federation's mission is to support each congregation in living out the charism of active and inclusive love and collaborating globally with other congregations of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Federation has an Associates/Companions committee that supports and provides a communications network for Associate directors in the three Canadian congregations.

This series contains surveys, survey notes, reports, correspondence, pamphlets and promotional materials, and news clippings. The correspondence includes significant contributions from Sr. Janet Zadorsky who administered the Associates Program after Sr. Doreen Kraemer, and along with reports, focus on meetings and committee members of the Federation. Also included are pamphlets and promotional materials pertaining to events the Federation sponsored. There is a Sudbury region report details the activities of a Federation conference held in Sudbury, Ontario, in May 2017. Finally, there is a survey and summary of the results. The survey was from the Federation to Associate group leaders aiming to collect information on Associate directors to better plan Federation programs and facilitate connection between directors.

**Physical description:** 8 cm of textual records

**Access points:**

- Textual record (documentary form)

**Publication status:**

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S010-01	<b>File - Federation Surveys</b>		
F01-SF17-S010-02	<b>File - London Associates Reports to Federation</b>		
F01-SF17-S010-03	<b>File - Federation correspondence and reports [1 /2]</b>	1991-2012	
F01-SF17-S010-03	<b>File - Federation correspondence and reports [2/2]</b>	1991-2012	
F01-SF17-S010-04	<b>File - Federation meetings [2020-4]</b>	May 2016, May 2017	

**Series F01-SF17-S011: Leadership**

**Date:** 2000-2018 (creation)

**Scope and content:** This series primarily comprises correspondence, presentations, conference and retreat outlines, meeting minutes, membership information policies, lists of Associates, prayers, and mentorship information.

Agrégées are lay people who commit themselves to an active role with the spirituality of the charism and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. They make a promise to abide by rules and responsibilities of membership in a non-canonical capacity. The Agrégée is a status in between that of vowed members and Associates and they commit to practicing a discerning life that is open and responsive to the movement of the spirit; commit to the spirit of poverty, chastity, and obedience according to their personal situation;



participate in congregational meetings; make a financial investment in the community according to their personal situation; attend regular retreats; and attend to her spiritual life. There are still many unknowns about the program; it is an organic, evolving model. This series contains information on the Agrégées program, including the constitution for canonical and non-canonical members comparing the two roles, a history of how the Agrégées program came about, and an interview with two Sisters from 2011 regarding the program.

Other materials in this series include information about mentorship Animators. The Animators are senior Associates who have been committed Associates for at least three years. Included in this series are administrative materials detailing the roles and responsibilities of Animators, and how to select and endorse Animator and Associate Animator candidates. Also included are lists of nominees for these positions, and the final lists of the chosen Animator and Associate Animators.

This series also includes both Congregational leadership and Associate leadership correspondence and minutes of Leadership Team conference calls.

Mentors assist the London Site Associate community by supporting Animators and Core Team Members as they fulfill their leadership responsibilities. Also included in this series are the Mentor Evolution Circle meeting minutes and information about the roles and responsibilities of Mentors.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

Note [Sources] : Sisters of St. Joseph U.S. Federation, 'In the news: What is an agrégée?' <https://cssjfed.org/archive/420-what-is-an-agregee>, accessed 5/3/2020.

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: This series is restricted to the public.

Publication status:

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#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S011-01	<b>File - Dialogue correspondence</b>	2011	
F01-SF17-S011-02	<b>File - Agrégée Membership</b>	2006-2011	
F01-SF17-S011-03	<b>File - Associate leadership correspondence</b>	2016-2017	
F01-SF17-S011-04	<b>File - Leadership process correspondence</b>	2014-2015	
F01-SF17-S011-05	<b>File - Animator Team endorsement</b>	2000-2010	
F01-SF17-S011-06	<b>File - Animator endorsement</b>	2011	
F01-SF17-S011-07	<b>File - Animators ballots and correspondence</b>	2011	

F01-SF17-S011-08	<b>File - Dialogue [2020-4]</b>	May 22, 2017-June 6, 2017
F01-SF17-S011-09	<b>File - Mentors [2020-4]</b>	
F01-SF17-S011-10	<b>File - Animator criteria and selection [2020-4]</b>	2015-2018

### Series F01-SF17-S012: Candidate Process

Date: 2012-2016 (creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of correspondence, prayers, a presentation on “CSJ Spirituality for Seekers”, lists of Associates, retreat agendas, gathering and prayer agendas, programs, and agendas for virtual gatherings via Skype (VOIP) calls, and a training manual. There are records outlining the requirements for formation of potential members to the Associate program, and correspondence regarding potentials members.

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-SF17-S012-01	<b>File - Potential Associates recruitment</b>	2015	
F01-SF17-S012-02	<b>File - Potential Associates recruitment</b>	2016	
F01-SF17-S012-03	<b>File - Correspondence re. new groups</b>	Sept. 2012, June 2013	
F01-SF17-S012-04	<b>File - Recruitment correspondence with Calgary candidate</b>	2012-2013	
F01-SF17-S012-05	<b>File - Potential candidates Sarnia</b>	2014	
F01-SF17-S012-06	<b>File - Recruitment [2020-4]</b>		
F01-SF17-S012-07	<b>File - Pre-Associate gatherings [2020-4]</b>		
F01-SF17-S012-08	<b>File - Training manual [2020-4]</b>		
F01-SF17-S012-09	<b>File - Adult Spiritual Life program [2020-4]</b>		