

# **Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada**

## **Finding Aid - Collection about the General Council (F01-S008)**

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
<b>Title:</b>	Collection about the General Council
<b>Reference code:</b>	F01-S008
<b>Date:</b>	1965-2013 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.5 cm of textual records 5 photographs : b&w 44 photographs : col.
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	26-Mar-24

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## Scope and content

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This collection contains material accumulated by the archivist of the London congregation. It includes photographs of the General Council members, a farewell reflection written by Sister Patricia Hogan thanking the last General Council members and lists of General Council members and their duties and dates of service.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

These records were accumulated by the archivist of the London congregation.

### Arrangement

Order was imposed on the records by the archivist.

### Location of originals

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

### Restrictions on access

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

personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

## **Conditions governing use**

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

## **Finding aids**

There is a series and file list available.

## **Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

## **Note [Sources]**

Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives, “History of the Congregation,” <https://csjarchive.org/about/history-of-the-congregation/3/>, accessed 5/19/2023.

Dictionary of Biography of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada.

## **Note [General]**

On November 22, 2012, the congregations of Hamilton, London, Pembroke, and Peterborough were amalgamated into one charitable corporation under the name Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada under 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. Before this, each congregation was governed by a General Superior who led a General Council. The first General Council was established in 1870 and was led by Mother Ignatia Campbell, the first General Superior. In 1920 the first Chapter was held and members were elected to General Council by the community. The General Council usually had five or six members with one councilor serving as the General Superior's assistant. There was also a General Secretary and a General Treasurer, though the General Treasurer was not always a member of the General Council. Sisters in the position of General Superior were referred to as “Mother” rather than “Sister” until 1975.

The General Superiors of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London were:

Mother Ignatia Campbell 1870-1902

Mother Angela McKeogh 1902-1911

Mother Celestine McCarthy 1911-1917

Mother Mechtilde McCarthy 1911-1923

Mother Philomena Hussey 1923-1935

Mother Constance Dunn 1935-1947

Mother Margaret Coughlin 1947-1959

Mother Julia Moore 1959-1971

Mother Mary Brendan Flynn 1971-1979

Sister Katherine McKeough 1979-1987

Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette 1987-1995

Sister Mary Diesbourg 1995-2003

Sister Valerie Van Cauwenburghe 2003-2007

Sister Margo Ritchie 2007-2012 (term extended due to amalgamation with four other congregations)

## 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 (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)
- London (place)

## Series descriptions

### Subseries F01-S008-01: Photographs

Date: 1965-2013 (creation)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S008-01-01	File - Council [2013-41, 2013-62, 2018-7]	1965-2013	

### Subseries F01-S008-02: Events

Date: Mar. 17, 2013 (creation)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S008-02-01	File - Farewell to our leadership team [2013-48]	Mar. 17, 2013	

### Subseries F01-S008-03: Members

Date: [n.d.] (creation)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S008-03-01	<b>File - Lists and dates of General Council members</b>	[n.d.]	