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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

The series consists of records kept by the General Superior office for use in the administration of the community in London, Ontario. Material is primarily from the period during which Sister Margo Ritchie held the office, but it also contains material from when Sister Mary Diesboug and Sister Valerie Van Cauwenburgh held the position. This series contains twelve subseries relating to the operations, missions, and activities of the congregation. This includes the Medaille Retreat House, Josephs' House, the Detox Centre, My Sister's Place, St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, Elizabeth Place, St. Stephen's House, the Southdown Project, Holy Rosary House in Windsor, the Goderich convent, and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Alberta. There is also material related to the hospitals in London, Sarnia, and Chatham administered by the Sisters and the transfer of operation of said hospitals to the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance and St. Joseph's Health Care Society. There is material related to the construction of a new residence, especially concerning the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards of the new building, and relocation of the Sisters from Mount St. Joseph to this new residence.

There is also material related to the various meetings of the congregation, from the more informal Community Days to the more formal Assemblies and Chapters. Chapters are formal congregational meetings where major decisions, such as amalgamation and leadership positions were voted on. There are voting records from the 2011 Special Chapter and the 2009 Oneness Project in this series. There are also reports from the Leadership Circle, Chapters, and committees within the congregation. There is also material from the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, an organization made up of all the Congregations of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. There is material from the Federation and the London congregation's systemic justice efforts and the Sisters' efforts towards concerning the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. There are various newsletters from the Federation and the London congregation. The series also includes administrative correspondence and speeches presented by the General Superior to the congregation.

In summary, the series contains letters, reports, speeches, minutes, voting records, newsletters, pamphlets, prayer books, agendas, meeting minutes, memorandums, postcards, photographs, correspondence, timelines and schedules, inventory lists, legal documents, meeting minutes, executive summaries, budget reports, reports, newspaper and magazine clippings, bursary reports, histories, bulletins, designs for stained glass windows, and property appraisals.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were in the custody of Sister Margo Ritchie during her tenure as Congregational Leader. The records were accumulated by Sister Margo Ritchie and the previous General Superiors Sister Mary

Diesbourg and Sister Valerie Van Cauwenbergh. The records were transferred to the archives when the new Leadership Circle was installed in 2013.

Arrangement

Original order was maintained.

Location of originals

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

Restrictions on access

Files F01-S010-02-07, F01-S010-02-08, F01-S010-02-10, F01-S010-02-15, F01-S010-04-18, F01-S010-08-02, F01-S010-08-03, F01-S010-08-04, F01-S010-08-05, F01-S010-09-16, and F01-S010-13-01 contain material restricted to public access due to privacy and confidentiality concerns. In addition, permission from the Congregational Leader for access to this series as a whole is required.

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 subseries and file list.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

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Note [General]

Since the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Ontario was first incorporated on February 15, 1871, it has been governed by a General Superior and General Council. The General Superior and the General Council were responsible for caring for and overseeing the community and made executive decisions. The General Superior was an elected position and the Sister appointed to this position was referred to as “Mother” rather than “Sister.” The General Council consisted of the General Superior, a General Secretary, and three other members of the congregation. There was also a General Treasurer, who was not a member of the General Council. In 1979 the congregation stopped referring to the General Superior as “Mother,” and in 2007 began referring to the General Superior and General Council as the Congregational Leader and the Congregational Leadership Circle (also referred to as Leadership Team). Since the founding of the congregation, the General Superiors were Mother Ignatia Campbell from 1870 to 1902, Mother Angela McKeough from 1902 to 1911, Mother Celestine McCarthy from 1911 to 1917, Mother Mechtilde McCarthy from 1917 to 1923, Mother Philomena Hussey from 1923 to 1935, Mother Constance Dunn from 1935 to 1947, Mother Margaret Coughlin from 1947 to 1959, Mother Julia Moore from 1959 to 1971, Mother Mary Brendan Flynn (Cathleen) from 1971 to 1979, Sister Katherine McKeough from 1979 to 1987, Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette from 1987 to 1995, Sister Mary Diesbourg from 1995 to 2003, Sister Valerie Van Cauwenberghe from 2003 to 2007, and Sister Margo Ritchie from 2007 to 2012. Sister Margo Ritchie was the last Congregational Leader of the community as the congregation amalgamated with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peterborough, Pembroke, and Hamilton in 2012 to become the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. A new Leadership Circle comprised of Sisters from the four formerly separate congregations was installed in March 2013.

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.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Postcards (documentary form)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
- Sarnia (place)
- Chatham (place)
- London (place)
- Windsor (place)
- Alberta (place)

Series descriptions

Subseries F01-S010-01: Medaille Retreat House

Date: 2003-2008 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains records relating to the Medaille Retreat House. The Medaille Retreat House served as a community retreat centre which hosted spiritual and hospitality programs from 1969 to 2005. The original Medaille Retreat House was in the former Norwood House on Windermere Road, part of the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse property. In 2005, the Medaille Retreat House was demolished, and a new residence for the Sisters was built on the site. Programs resumed at the Medaille Program Centre at 545 Fanshawe Park Road West until 2012. An advisory committee was created as a consultative group which assisted in maintaining the history and culture of the original Medaille House, aided in program planning and development, and helped in communications, marketing, and networking of the Medaille House and Program Centre. A planning committee consisting of the Congregational Leadership Circle and other members of the congregation aided in the logistics of the transition, construction, repairs, and furnishings for the new property. The retreat centre offered private and directed retreats with facilities for group meetings and overnight stays. The Medaille Retreat House closed in 2012, but this ministry continued afterward through the CSJ Spirituality Centre.

Records included in this subseries pertain to the spirituality and hospitality programs offered, the advisory committee for the retreat house, the planning committee for the transition to the new centre, staff recruiting and hiring information, agendas for programs, funding information, retreat schedules, and correspondence relating to construction and the transition to the new Medaille Retreat House location. There is a complete schedule for the 2006 January-June retreats, job descriptions for the director for the Medaille Retreat House and support staff, a plan for a potential organizational structure, correspondence between the Medaille Retreat House and the City of London regarding construction at the new location in 2005, memoranda and meeting minutes of the advisory and planning committees, pamphlets, and a speech on the transition to 545 Fanshawe Park Road West, a pamphlet promoting the Medaille Retreat House Program, and a postcard with an image of the Medaille Retreat House in 2003.

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- Textual record (documentary form)

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-01-01	File - Medaille House Programs	2005-2006	
F01-S010-01-02	File - Medaille House Advisory Committee	2005-2006	
F01-S010-01-03	File - House-Medaille House Construction and Planning Correspondence	2004-2008	

F01-S010-01-04	File - Medaille Retreat House Crossing Over to Our New Location March July 2005 [pamphlet]	2005
F01-S010-01-05	File - 485 Medaille Retreat House Program Centre at Mt. St. Joseph September 2003 – June 2004 [pamphlet]	2003-2004

Subseries F01-S010-02: Ministries and Missions

Date: 1996-2009 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries pertains to social service ministries and missions in which the Sisters were involved. Records from social service ministries relate to Josephs' House, the Detox Centre, My Sister's Place, St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, Elizabeth Place, St. Stephen's House, and the Southdown Project.

Many of these social service ministries took place in London, Ontario. Josephs' House offered temporary housing and support for newly arrived refugees in three separate buildings on Dundas Street from September 4, 1987 to 2004. In 2004, the Sisters transferred the properties at 707, 709, and 711 Dundas Street to the Cross Cultural Learning Centre (CCLC).

The building at 534 Queens Avenue had different transitions in ministry. Throughout its existence, it served as housing and support for disturbed children, housing for at risk teens, a shelter for women who had been in the psychiatric system, and housing and support for homeless women. This location was also the site of Streetscape in 1999, which offered Crash Beds to those in need. Additionally, this location served as a withdrawal management centre, a music school, and a location for women who wanted an experience of intentional Christian community living. When 534 Queens Avenue closed in 2004, My Sister's Place continued to provide support and transitional housing for women with addictions and mental health issues in order to make a difference in the lives of women who were experiencing poverty. A bursary, The Queens Avenue Legacy Fund, was birthed from the sale of the property to assist women in financial need who wished to pursue education at Brescia and Fanshawe Colleges and other institutions with a view to employment.

St. Joseph's Hospital Detoxification Clinic opened on September 13, 1973, and was located next to 534 Queens Avenue until 2005. St. Stephen's House which operated from February 1, 1982 to 2007 was started by Sister St. Patrick Joyce who also administered the Detox Clinic. It served as a half-way recovery home with intake admissions through referrals from the Detox Clinic.

St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, informally known as the "Soup Kitchen" was started by Sister Mary Jean Klatt on February 2, 1983 at 746 Dundas Street. It shifted to a restaurant style kitchen in 2002 to ensure the dignity of its clients and continued to serve affordable meals which cost \$0.50 to \$1.00. In 2004, the Sisters continued to rent the space from the Cross Cultural Learning Centre. There was an electrical fire at the facility in February of 2005 and the congregation began a discernment process to decide how involved the Sisters would be in the operation of the facility. It continues to operate but moved to 602 Queens Avenue in 2022 and was renamed St. Joe's Café.

The Sisters also had social service ministries outside of Ontario. Elizabeth Place at 11458 95 Street in Edmonton, Alberta was purchased in 1987 and delivered programs from 1989 to 2008. It was a ministry for women on limited incomes, women offenders, and women with mental health issues who had difficulty procuring both short- and long-term housing. Elizabeth Place was also known as the Elizabeth Fry Society or Edmonton Inner City Housing.

The Sisters' involvement with the Southdown Project included financial support through donations. Volunteer staff from the Southdown Institute would visit Igloolik, Nunavut, three to four times a year to provide counseling and psychological/psychiatric services.

Also included in this subseries are records relating to the Holy Rosary House in Windsor, Goderich convent, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Alberta. Holy Rosary convent at 3975 Riverside Drive East in Windsor, Ontario, was a Tudor revival style house built in 1915-1916 for Frank Henderson Joyce. It was used as a convent for the Sisters beginning in 1953. The Windsor City Council passed a by-law in 2007 which designated the property a heritage site, which affected the sale of the property in 2007. The Goderich convent was established after Father B. Boubat, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Goderich, requested in 1873 that the Sisters of St. Joseph educate the children of his parish. In addition to other volunteer activities, the Sisters acted as teachers in the area until 1992. The last Sisters living in Goderich moved to the motherhouse in London in 2007. At the request of Archbishop H. J. O'Leary of Edmonton, the Sisters of St. Joseph in London established a foundation in Edmonton in 1922. In 1927, it was incorporated as the Sisters of St. Joseph of Alberta, and for a time, there was a question as to whether the community was independent or the responsibility of the London congregation. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Alberta was also known as the Alberta Corporation, and included missions in Alberta, British Columbia, and the Territories. In the early 2000s, due to the declining numbers and increased age of the Sisters, it was decided to "dissolve" the corporation. The material related to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Alberta in this subseries is primarily concerned with the dissolution of the corporation.

Included in this subseries are photographs, correspondence, timelines and schedules, prayers, inventory lists, legal documents (indenture documents), meeting minutes (Cross Cultural Learning Centre, Queens Avenue Legacy Fund meeting), executive summaries, budget reports, lists of staff, human resource documents (severance letter template), reports on the closures and openings of ministries, newspaper and magazine clippings, Sisters of St. Joseph bursary correspondence concerning women's access to higher education, Brescia College, and Fanshawe College, newsletters, invoices, histories, and property appraisals all relating to the Sisters' various ministries and missions. There is a CD-ROM containing material from the Cross-Cultural Learning Centre signing on October 1, 2004. There are also newsletters and reports regarding the operation of St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre and its discernment process.

Physical description: 9 cm of textual records

1 CD-ROM

11 photographs : col.

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- Multiple media (documentary form)

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-02-01	File - Joseph's House	2001-2004	
F01-S010-02-02	File - House 534 Queen's Ave. Detox Centre	2001-2007	
F01-S010-02-03	File - 534 Queen's Avenue Staff	2003	
F01-S010-02-04	File - Street Scape 534 Queen's Avenue	1997-2003	
F01-S010-02-05	File - Bursaries Fanshawe College and Brescia	2008	
F01-S010-02-06	File - Queen's Avenue Legacy Fund	2006-2008	

F01-S010-02-07	File - Hospitality Centre Discernment Publicity and History	2005-2006
F01-S010-02-08	File - Hospitality Centre Administration	1996-2006
F01-S010-02-09	File - Hospitality Centre Discernment Participant Information	2005-2006
F01-S010-02-10	File - Discernment Process of Hospitality Centre	2005-2006
F01-S010-02-11	File - Elizabeth Place	2008-2009
F01-S010-02-12	File - My Sister's Place	2004-2005
F01-S010-02-13	File - House St. Stephen's House (Gower St.)	2000-2004
F01-S010-02-14	File - Southdown Project – Igloolik	2000-2003
F01-S010-02-15	File - House Holy Rosary	2003-2007
F01-S010-02-16	File - Downtown Ministries	2001-2002
F01-S010-02-17	File - Closing Western and Northern Regions	1993-2003
F01-S010-02-18	File - Goderich Closing	2007

Subseries F01-S010-03: Hospitals

Date: 1989-2012 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains material concerning the hospitals formerly administered by the Sisters in Ontario, as well as their new administration under Chatham Health Alliance and St. Joseph's Health Care Society. In 1994 the congregation transferred sponsorship of the hospitals in London, Sarnia, and Chatham to St. Joseph's Health Care Society which formed that same year. Under the St. Joseph's Health Care Society, the health care facilities were operated by St. Joseph's Health Services Association of London, St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Sarnia, and St. Joseph's Health Services Association of Chatham. The intent of this transfer was that the hospitals would continue to operate as Catholic health care institutions. The material in this subseries is concerned with the operation and transfer of these hospitals and the incorporation of St. Joseph's Health Care Society.

The London material concerns St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospice. The Sisters opened St. Joseph's Hospital at 268 Grosvenor Street on October 15, 1888, and St. Mary's Hospital on May 1, 1951. On July 6, 1993, St. Joseph's Health Care Society was formed. The hospital became St. Joseph's Health Centre in 1993, and integrated Parkwood Hospital in 1997 and the London/St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospitals in 2001, becoming St. Joseph's Health Care London. In 1997, St. Mary's Hospital consulted the Sisters about possible renovations to the Catholic chapel. In 2012 St. Joseph's Health Care Society and Hospice of London partnered to create St. Joseph's-Hospice of London which is independent from the congregation but rents space from the Sisters at their residence at 485 Windermere Road in London.

The Sarnia material concerns St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Joseph's Hospice Resource Centre. In 1942 the City Council of Sarnia approached the Sisters to build a hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospital opened October 18, 1946, at 290 North Russell Street. St. Joseph's Hospital was officially re-opened as St. Joseph's Health Centre on October 12, 1990. In January 1995, the Sisters donated their residence at 430 London Road to St. Joseph Health Centre to be used as a hospice. On January 29, 1998, the St.

Joseph's Health Centre joined in partnership with the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital and the Sarnia General Hospital by signing the Strategic Alliance Agreement. In April 2003, ownership of St. Joseph's Health Centre was given to the Lambton County Hospital Group.

The Chatham material concerns St. Joseph's Hospital. The Sisters opened St. Joseph's Hospital on Centre Street in Chatham on October 15, 1890. In 1994 the Sisters transferred the St. Joseph's Hospital Chatham Chapel Fund to the hospital for the renovation and upkeep of the onsite Catholic chapel and in 1999 the chapel committee was formed to plan a new chapel. In 1992, the Sisters withdrew from residence at the hospital, and in 1993 the ownership of the hospital was changed over to the St. Joseph's Health Care Society. The hospital is now Riverview Gardens, a long-term care facility.

This subseries features correspondence, reports, histories, strategic plans, memorandums, meeting minutes, financial records, legal documents, newsletters, and news clippings.

Notable material includes Lambton County Hospitals' 1996 response to the Lambton County Health Services Restructuring Report, the Trust Agreement between St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation of Chatham and the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London Ontario from 1994, incorporation documents of St. Joseph's Health Care Society, correspondence and meeting minutes concerning the chapels at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham and St. Mary's Hospital in London, and annual reports of the St. Joseph Health Care Society for 1994-1995, 2003-2005, and 2009-2012 that give information on funding, future plans, board of directors, and the health leadership program. There are also articles, correspondence, and booklets concerning the Catholic identity and the sponsorship of Catholic health care organizations in Ontario and Alberta.

Physical description: 9 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-S010-03-01	File - Hospital Sarnia	1991-2005	
F01-S010-03-02	File - Hospitals Chapels London Chatham Mt. Hope	1994-1999	
F01-S010-03-03	File - Hospital Chatham Alliance	1998-2006	
F01-S010-03-04	File - Hospital Sponsorship and Catholic Identity Alberta and Ontario	1989-2008	
F01-S010-03-05	File - Hospital St. Joseph's Health Care Society	2005-2007	
F01-S010-03-06	File - Hospital St. Joseph's Health Care Society Annual Report	2003-2005	
F01-S010-03-07	File - Hospital St. Joseph's Health Care Society Incorporation	1990-1995	
F01-S010-03-08	File - Hospital St. Joseph's Health Care Society London	1996-2012	

Subseries F01-S010-04: Mount St. Joseph Renovations and Relocation

Date: 1984-2011 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries includes material related to the life of the Sisters at Mount St. Joseph, the closing of Mount St. Joseph, the new residence on Windermere Road, the care centres at Mount St. Joseph and Windermere Road, and the various concerns of the community during these times. Notable content in this subseries about the Sisters' residences includes minutes from a meeting on May 19, 1998 concerning potential renovations at Mount St. Joseph, an agenda from a motherhouse strategic planning meeting featuring a brief history of the motherhouses in London, a speech from the closing of the guest wing at Mount St. Joseph, speeches from the sod turning ceremony at the new residence on Windermere Road, the House Blessing for the new residence, tour scripts and a presentation about the construction and LEED standards of the new residence, material related to the decoration of the new residence's chapel including designs for stained glass windows by Ted Goodden Stained Glass, and the Crossing Into Our Future newsletter concerning the transition between residences. Also included is material from the 2006 reunion with former members of the congregation held at Mount St. Joseph (which includes a copy of the reunion newsletter from 1984.) There is correspondence concerning the Sisters' donations to the Thames Talbot Land Trust. There are minutes from the meetings of the Leadership Circle with the Community Life Co-Ordinator concerning the operation of the Sisters' residences and the Sisters' activities. Related to the care centres, there is orientation material, procedural guidelines, proposals, and reports regarding the operation of the facility and medical services (including Sister Nancy Sullivan's report *Leisure and Recreation in the Care Centre of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London*), a job description for a chaplain, and meeting minutes.

Additionally, there are minutes, summaries, and notes from the Contact Group, a group to communicate the concerns and thoughts of the community to the Congregational Leadership. Also found is "What is Rising From the Rubble," a reflection by Sisters on the trial of Father Charles Sylvestre for sexual abuse in 2006.

Material includes participant (Sisters, volunteers, and staff) lists, event schedules, pamphlets, histories, memoranda, correspondence, invitations, a poem, scripts for ceremonies, presentation slides, clippings, meeting minutes and outlines, newsletters, notes, and reports.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

1 photograph : col.

Note [General] : Mount St. Joseph was the motherhouse of the Sisters in London and opened on June 20, 1954. The main section of Mount St. Joseph served as the Sisters' residence. From 1958, the facility also housed Mount St. Joseph Academy, a school for girls that the Sisters operated until 1985. In 1968, Ignatia Hall wing was opened as an infirmary and residence for the senior sisters. It also housed Generalate offices and the Medaille Program Centre, which was located on the ground floor. In 1975, guests from the transplant program at University Hospital were given accommodation at Mount St. Joseph. After the Academy closed in 1985, more rooms were available for families of patients and transplant patients in this wing who had come to London for medical care. The wing also was used for St. Joseph's Health Care Centre. Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Joseph was planned and designed by Mother Margaret Coughlin, the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, and Philip Carter Johnson. The architect was Peter Tillman of Watt and Tillman of London, Ontario. It features stained glass by the Guido Polloni company of Florence, Italy. The Sisters decided to sell the Mount St. Joseph property and build a new residence at 485 Windermere Road in London. The sod turning ceremony for the new residence was held at the property on June 20, 2005. This new residence was designed by Richard Hammond of Cornerstone Architecture as a green building following Leadership

in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. The new residence was also designed to include a care centre. The new residence featured 70 suites for Sisters, six suites for guests, 24 suites for Sisters in the care centre, a chapel, dining space, kitchen and laundry facilities, a therapeutic pool, and administrative offices.

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-04-01	File - Mount Farewells	2004-2005	
F01-S010-04-02	File - Mount Farewells Ritual	2007	
F01-S010-04-03	File - Mount St. Joseph Renovation	May 19, 1998	
F01-S010-04-04	File - Sod Turning Ritual	2007-2010	
F01-S010-04-05	File - House Blessing Oct. 2007	2007	
F01-S010-04-06	File - The Greening of Our Building... Lessons Learned		
F01-S010-04-07	File - Strategic Planning Tour Info of New Building		
F01-S010-04-08	File - Chapel New Building Decoration	2005-2010	
F01-S010-04-09	File - Care Centre	2005-2011	
F01-S010-04-10	File - Guest Wing Closing	2005	
F01-S010-04-11	File - Motherhouse Strategic Planning Phase II meeting	5-Mar-02	
F01-S010-04-12	File - Ted Gooden Stained Glass [designs for chapel stained glass window]	2011	
F01-S010-04-13	File - What is Rising From the Rubble, October 2006	2006	
F01-S010-04-14	File - Contact Group Meetings	1995-2006	
F01-S010-04-15	File - Community Life Coordinator Minutes	2004-2007	
F01-S010-04-16	File - Crossing Into Our Future [newsletter]	2001-2006	
F01-S010-04-17	File - Thames Talbot Land Trust	2004	
F01-S010-04-18	File - Reunion Former Members	1984, 2006	
F01-S010-04-19	File - Retirement Living [leaflet]		

Subseries F01-S010-05: Community Days and Assemblies

Date: 1999-2009 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains records relating to events and meetings hosted for and by the congregation, particularly Community Days and Assemblies. On Community Days Sisters could gather to reflect on and discuss the internal and external activities of the congregation, as well as visit and pray. Assembly Days were meetings held every two years where the whole congregation would gather to discuss their plans, goals, concerns, and give updates on projects. Topics reflected on, presented, and discussed at these events include previous and ongoing community justice and outreach programs, missioning rituals, strategic planning for the motherhouse, jubilees, social justice issues, the closing of Mount St. Joseph and potential locations for a new residence, the new residence at 485 Windermere Road, the Sisters' community involvement, the finances of the congregation, religious values and interpretation, Medaille Spiritual Ministries Network, struggles of the Sisters, points of pride for the Sisters, the future of the congregation, and the Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada.

Included in this subseries are programs, pamphlets, written reflections, poems, advertisement posters, personal notes, prayers, schedules, lists of Sisters who participated in the Community Days and Assemblies, correspondence, sheet music, articles, scripts of speeches and presentations, and committee and feedback reports. Notable content includes Leadership Circle reports; Assembly agendas (referred to as Order of the House); a pamphlet for the Office for Children and Systemic Justice; an interview with Lynn Jarrell, OSU director of canonical affairs for the Legal Resource Center for Religious; pamphlets for the 350th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Le Puy; a brief biography of Sister Kathleen Pruitt of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace; a summary of congregational activities from September 2003 to February 2005; and the Spring/Summer 2009 issue of the bi-yearly publication *Imagine One*.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-05-01	File - August Assembly Days	2000, 2001	
F01-S010-05-02	File - Community Days October, 2004	2004	
F01-S010-05-03	File - Community Gathering Fall 2007 [also 2008]	2007-2008	
F01-S010-05-04	File - Community Days Assemblies	1999-2003	
F01-S010-05-05	File - Community Weekends Fall	2008	
F01-S010-05-06	File - Community Days	2005	
F01-S010-05-07	File - Community Days Oct. 2001 Decision to Sell Mount	2001	
F01-S010-05-08	File - Assembly	2009	

Subseries F01-S010-06: Leadership Reports

Date: 2001-2007 (creation)

Scope and content: Originally, the congregation was led by a General Superior and her General Council, but in 2007 the titles changed to Congregational Leader and the Congregational Leadership Circle (also referred to as Leadership Team). This subseries contains reports created by and presented to the Leadership Team. This includes Leadership Team Chapter Reports, End of Term Leadership Reports, Mid-Term Leadership Reports, Committee Reports, meeting minutes of the Leadership Team, summaries of congregational activities, historical timelines, pamphlets, prayers, a letter of congratulations for the YMCA “Women of Distinction Award” from the Canadian Red Cross, and three presentations on contemplation and critique by Sister Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP.

Notable topics discussed in the reports include Chapter meeting mandates and statements, membership statistics, charism, community justice and outreach programs, discernment processes, systemic justice, the One-Tonne challenge (a challenge for Canadians to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne each year), the Associates in Peru, finances, vocational work, and the various committees within the congregation. The material includes reports, meeting minutes, pamphlets, worship aids, correspondence, and notes.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-06-01	File - Leadership Reports 2007, summaries of activities 2003-2006, and Office for Systemic Justice 2006-2007 [created 2005-2007]	2005-2007	
F01-S010-06-02	File - Leadership Reports Mid Term Report 2005, Committee Reports 2001, Kathleen Pruitt Presentations 2005	2001, 2005	
F01-S010-06-03	File - Leadership Team Chapter Report 1999-2003 [created 2003-2007]	2003-2007	

Subseries F01-S010-07: Chapter Meetings

Date: 1990-2011 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of material on Chapter meetings. Chapters are formal meetings of the congregation held every four years where major decisions are made and elections are held for congregational leadership. Chapters are also where the congregation decides on the Direction Statement, which outlines the goals of the congregation. The Chapter planning committee makes arrangements for Chapter meetings. In between Chapters, every two years, Assemblies are held. At Assemblies, the whole community gathers to discuss their plans, goal, concerns, and give updates on projects. Chapters usually lasts for one week. In 2011, at a Special Chapter, the Sisters in London held a canonical vote to decide whether they would amalgamate with the congregations in Hamilton, Peterborough, and Pembroke, Ontario. In 2012, the four congregations amalgamated to form the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. The last Special Chapter was in 1968 after Vatican II.

Included in this subseries are correspondence with Sisters who would not be able to attend the Special Chapter in-person, lists of Sisters who acted as delegates at the 2011 Chapter, material Sisters presented at the 2011 Chapter, results of the amalgamation vote, Leadership and Chapter reports, implementation of the 2007 Chapter Direction Statement, correspondence from the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph concerning a Leadership Development Program, and material related to the planning and preparation of the Chapters and Chapter reports. There are also morning prayer pamphlets from the 2007 Chapter which highlight Dorothy Day, Hildegard of Bingen, Mother St. John Fontbonne, Etty Hillesum, and the Martyrs of Liberia.

The subseries includes pamphlets, agendas, notes, preparatory materials, speeches, reports, sheet music and songs, histories, presentation slides, meeting minutes, and correspondence.

Physical description: 9 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-S010-07-01	File - Special Chapter November 25, 2011 [pamphlets and correspondence and additional material from 2011]	2011	
F01-S010-07-02	File - Special Chapter	2011	
F01-S010-07-03	File - Chapter May 2007	2007	
F01-S010-07-04	File - Chapter History 1991-Present	1990-2003	
F01-S010-07-05	File - Chapter Implementing	2008	
F01-S010-07-06	File - Chapter planning	2011	
F01-S010-07-07	File - Chapter	2011	
F01-S010-07-08	File - Margo Ritchie [Chapter 2011]	2011	
F01-S010-07-09	File - Chapter 2011 Plus Pat Kozak	2005-2011	
F01-S010-07-10	File - Chapter Report, Preparation, and Presentation	2011	

Subseries F01-S010-08: Voting Records

Date: 2009-2012 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of election and voting information concerning the congregation's future. Due to concerns for the Sisters' increasing age and diminishing numbers, the congregation sought options to ensure their continuation by joining with other communities. The entire congregation voted on these decisions, usually as part of Assemblies or Chapters. As part of the Oneness Project in 2009, Sisters voted to either amalgamate with all the communities in Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada or to remain as an independent congregation. At the Special Chapter on November 25, 2011, the congregation was again faced with the decision to remain an independent

congregation or to amalgamate with the Hamilton, Peterborough, and Pembroke congregations. This vote is referred to as a canonical vote. The congregation voted in favor of amalgamation and each Sister had to sign a declaration of intent accepting the choice.

This subseries contains material relating to both these voting events, including correspondence from the Congregational Leader Sister Margo Ritchie in preparation for the canonical vote on November 25, 2011, lists of the Sisters participating in the votes, binding and non-binding ballots, and declarations of intent accepting the amalgamation.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: This subseries is restricted to access by the Congregational Leader only.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-08-01	File - Election Process	2010	
F01-S010-08-02	File - Binding Vote Nov. 25, 2011	2011	
F01-S010-08-03	File - Non-binding vote Sept. 29, 2011	2011	
F01-S010-08-04	File - Declaration of Intent December/January 2012	2012	
F01-S010-08-05	File - Oneness project vote Sept. 2009	2009	

Subseries F01-S010-09: Federation Records

Date: 1982-2012 (creation)

Scope and content: Included in this subseries is the material created and collected by the General Superior Office of the congregation relating to the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada.

Present in this subseries are newsletters, statutes, and mission statements from the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada. Also found is *In a Broken World We Seek Unity With A Common Voice*, an educational resource for the Sisters of St. Joseph's Corporate Stance which is the collective voice of the Federation on issues of justice. Included with the resource is material related to its creation and justification for its existence.

A large amount of material in this subseries concerns the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, especially the London congregation and the Federation. Histories include articles, research papers, pamphlets, a summary of a presentation, and timelines (including one in French). There is a detailed description of the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Joseph; a script for *Our Little Design: A Tribute to St. Joseph*, a play in which Father Medaille interviews the General Superiors (from Mother Ignatia Campbell to Sister Katherine); a photocopy of a newspaper article covering the death of Mother Aloysia, first General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Peter's Seminary; correspondence and a brief report on the dissolution of the Alberta Corporation; and pamphlets for the 135th and 136th Anniversary of the London congregation. Notable inclusions with the history of the Federation are photocopies of (and

one original) correspondence between the Federation, Bishop G. Emmett Carter, the Sacred Congregation of Religious, and the Vatican concerning the founding of the Federation and its statutes.

There is also material related to collaborative ventures of the Federation with other Sisters of St. Joseph Federations and congregations, particularly the St. Joseph International Centre. The Centre is a collaborative venture co-sponsored by Congregations of the Sisters of St. Joseph across the globe. It is in le-Puy-en-Velay, where the congregation was founded in 1650. The International Centre aims to encourage collaboration and communion between Sisters, Associates, and lay partners. There is also material related to pilgrimages organized by the Federation to France. This includes a travel itinerary for the 2001 pilgrimage to France. There are also pamphlets, bulletins, postcards, poems, and a speech from the 200th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph celebration in Lyon, France. Included with this material is the 1989 book **Par-delà toutes Frontières** by the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of France. There is also the Organizational Handbook of the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and an information packet on the Congregation of St. Joseph as an NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the United Nations.

This subseries includes newsletters, bulletins, correspondence, histories, research papers, prayer and reflection booklets, statutes of the Federation, a script, speeches, and postcards.

Physical description: 9.5 cm of textual records

1 volume ; 29.5 x 21 cm

Note [General]: The Federation was formed in 1966 as a supportive association for the six congregations in Canada, while ensuring these congregations founded in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Peterborough, Pembroke, and Sault Ste. Marie maintained autonomy. The founding members of the Federation were Mother Maura McGuire of Toronto (who also became the first president of the Federation), Mother Alacoque Hayes of Hamilton, Mother Julia Moore of London, Mother St. Rose Cullen of Peterborough, Mother St. Thomas McGaghran of Pembroke, and Mother St. Edward McColgan of Sault Ste. Marie. Since the communities in Hamilton, London, Peterborough, and Pembroke amalgamated to form the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada in 2012, the Federation now comprises three congregations: the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie. All individual Sisters are considered members of the Federation. The Federation is governed by a Board consisting of each Congregation's Leadership Team and executive, committees, offices, and personnel. Presidents of the Federation from the London congregation have included Mother Julia Moore from 1968-1969, Sister Mary Brendan Flynn from 1976-1977, Sister Katherine McKeough from 1983-1984, Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette from 1993-1994, Sister Mary Diesbourg from 1997-2001, and Sister Margo Ritchie from 2009-2010.

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-09-01	File - Federation of the SSJ Bulletins	2005-2008	
F01-S010-09-02	File - Federation Newsletter	2003-2012	

F01-S010-09-03	File - Founding Members of the Federation, Federation Meeting	2001
F01-S010-09-04	File - CSJ History	1982-2001
F01-S010-09-05	File - Historical Development	1982
F01-S010-09-06	File - Genealogy of the Sisters of St. Joseph	1999
F01-S010-09-07	File - Founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph- London	2004
F01-S010-09-08	File - Death of Mother Aloysia	
F01-S010-09-09	File - Origine Evolution	
F01-S010-09-10	File - History of the Federation 1966-1991	1991
F01-S010-09-11	File - History CSJ London	2000-2003
F01-S010-09-12	File - Federation Statutes History	1966, 1985, 2000-2005
F01-S010-09-13	File - History of the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada Statutes	1986, 1990, 1999, 2005
F01-S010-09-14	File - Federation: Corporate Stance	1985-1988
F01-S010-09-15	File - Federation Pilgrimage to France	2001
F01-S010-09-16	File - Federation International Centre	2002-2009
F01-S010-09-17	File - U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph Organizational Handbook	1989
F01-S010-09-18	File - Celebration 2008 in Lyon [and 1998 book]	1998, 2008
F01-S010-09-19	File - CSJ Common Basic Beliefs	

Subseries F01-S010-10: Social Justice

Date: 1992-2008 (creation)

Scope and content: In 2004, in London, the Office for Children and Systemic Justice was formed, becoming part of the Federation for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada in 2006. This subseries contains material related to the Sisters' efforts to raise awareness of and act against social injustices. Present in this subseries is material from *In a Broken World We Seek Unity*, an educational resource for the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada's Corporate Stance. The Corporate Stance is the collective voice of the Federation on issues of justice. The material included here is a toolkit related to the charism of justice. Charism, also known as spiritual gifts, is the ability for Christians to be a channel of God's will. They are special gifts to be used to fulfill the missions of the Church. The toolkit is intended to familiarize Sisters with the link between the congregation's Charism and social justice issues. Another effort to raise awareness among the Sisters were newsletters. In this subseries there are newsletters from the Offices for Systemic Justice which define systemic justice and describe current issues of systemic justice with connections to the Christian views, values, and responsibilities of the Sisters. There is also a memorandum from the Federation's Office for Systemic Justice concerning the Vote for Change campaign during the 2006 Canadian federal election. The campaign called for voters to choose candidates and parties that advocate for social justice rather than tax cuts. Much of the work of the Federation's

Office for Systemic Justice has been based on the efforts of Sister Joan Atkinson and Sister Sue Wilson of the London congregation.

The subseries also contains material concerning the Sisters' efforts to address poverty. Present here is a collection of reports and statistics on poverty and housing in Windsor, Ontario, and Canada compiled by Sister Joan Atkinson and Sister Sue Wilson. These reports and statistics were sent to Peter Whatmore of CBRE London, a commercial real estate agency in London, Ontario.

Climate change and environmental issues were also a concern of the Sisters. In this subseries is the statement of the Congregation of St. Joseph on sustainability presented at the Rio 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The statement connects how sustainability is a responsibility of all nations and people to protect the Earth and human rights and to eradicate poverty. The Congregation of St. Joseph was an NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the United Nations.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-10-01	File - In a Broken World We Seek Unity A CSJ Charism Justice Kit		
F01-S010-10-02	File - Poverty and housing Windsor	2005-2007	
F01-S010-10-03	File - Rio 1992 U.N. Conference Statement	1992	
F01-S010-10-04	File - Systemic Justice Office Publications	2004-2008	

Subseries F01-S010-11: Council Notes Newsletters

Date: 2003-2009 (creation)

Scope and content: *Council Notes* was a monthly newsletter published by the Sisters of St. Joseph in London. It featured updates on Leadership and committee decisions, changes in staff, book reviews, spotlights on Sisters, charity efforts, social justice efforts, Jubilee and birthday celebrations, event announcements, and news from within the congregation. This subseries contains issues of *Council Notes* from 2003 to 2009. There are also some issues of other newsletters created by the congregation. There are two issues of *Crossing Into Our Future*; the 2008 January issue which focuses on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Education Program and the May 2004 issue giving updates on the strategic planning. There are also the June 2006 and winter 2008 issues of *Bridging*, the Associates newsletter. Included amongst the newsletters are posters and registration forms for events, letters to the community, and announcements from Sisters. Within this subseries there are also obituaries for Sisters, most of which are attached to the newsletter which corresponds to the month in which the respective Sister died.

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-S010-11-01	File - Council Notes [Jan. 2010, Nov. 2009, May 2009, April 2008, Oct. 2007]	2007-2010	
F01-S010-11-02	File - Council Notes publications	2003-2009	

Subseries F01-S010-12: Correspondence, Speeches and Media

Date: 1998-2013 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains material related to communications from the General Superior office to the congregation, the diocese, and the public of London, Ontario. The General Superior and the General Council (later the Congregational Leader and the Leadership Circle) were responsible for leading the community and keeping the Sisters informed of the actions of Leadership. Present in this subseries is material presented and distributed by the Leadership Circle and Congregational Leader to the Sisters. This includes letters and reflections to the community from the Congregational Leadership concerning holidays, a vocation conference in Toronto, and religious reflection. There is also a pamphlet for the presentation by Sister Patricia Hogan for the 40th Anniversary of the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada. The General Superior was often responsible for giving speeches at ceremonies and events of the congregation.

From the period when Sister Margo Ritchie was Congregational Leader, there is a talk given at the Installation Ritual of the 2007-2011 Leadership Team, a reflection for the celebration for the Final Profession of Sister Kathy O'Keefe, and speeches from the funerals of Sisters. There are also notes, meeting lists, correspondence, prayer booklets for the 135th and 136th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, and material from the website committee, which was working to create a web presence for the community.

Congregational Leaders were often involved in other religious associations to remain connected to the wider religious community. Present here is Sister Mary Diesbourg's Presidents Address "We remember, We Celebrate, We Believe" for a meeting of the Canadian Religious Conference-Ontario.

Much of the material in this subseries is correspondence. It primarily concerns the interactions between the congregation and the diocese of London. There is correspondence to Sister Margo Ritchie from Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., Bishop of London, thanking her for her service as Congregational Leader. There is also correspondence between the General Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, the office of the Bishop of London, and various other clergymen in the diocese of London concerning the introduction of the all-male Permanent Lay Diaconate position within the diocese. Attached to some of this correspondence are informational flyers about the ministry and the positions of laity within it. There is also correspondence to Sister Valerie Van Cauwenberghe from Gerald Fagan planning for a Gerald Fagan Singers' concert for the Sisters.

Also found in this subseries is material related to the construction of the new residence on Windermere Road and the closing of Mount St. Joseph. There is a thank-you from the Sisters to the builders of the new residence which ran in the London Free Press and clippings of "The New Order" by Mary Hatt in *London City Life*, on the construction of the new residence on Windermere Road.

The material in this subseries includes correspondence, newsletters, notes, lyrics, pamphlets, prayer books, clippings, speeches, agendas, meeting minutes, website layout drafts, and funeral notes.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S010-12-01	File - Letters Received	2006	
F01-S010-12-02	File - Correspondence letter from Bishop Fabbro	2013	
F01-S010-12-03	File - Diaconate	1998-1999	
F01-S010-12-04	File - Letters to the Community	2009-2010	
F01-S010-12-05	File - Reflection Talks (Valerie) [Valeria Van Caughenbergh]	2005-2006	
F01-S010-12-06	File - Talk for Installation and Final Profession [Margo Ritchie]	2006-2007	
F01-S010-12-07	File - Funeral Intros	2008-2009	
F01-S010-12-08	File - We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe Mary Diesbourg	2002	
F01-S010-12-09	File - Newspaper Info re: Thank-you to Builders	2007	
F01-S010-12-10	File - The new order 2006 [clippings]	2006	
F01-S010-12-11	File - Website information	2009	
F01-S010-12-12	File - Prayers and anniversaries	2003-2004	
F01-S010-12-13	File - The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole land... [final profession]		

Subseries F01-S010-13: Moving Forward Together Campaign

Date: 2008 [photocopied]-2010 (creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains material concerning the Indian Residential Schools Settlement, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Moving Forward Together Campaign, and the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London to support Indigenous peoples. The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement was a class-action lawsuit to recognize the damage done at residential schools and compensate those who were forcibly enrolled in the Canadian Indian Residential School System. As part of the settlement, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established to document the history and impact of residential schools.

This subseries includes correspondence, articles, and applications. There is correspondence concerning the Sisters of St. Joseph of London joining the Moving Forward Together Campaign, a non-profit that

sought to support Indigenous peoples' healing and education. There is also correspondence concerning donations given by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph to agencies (primarily in Ontario, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories) which work with Indigenous peoples. There are letters of endorsement for Sister Mary Jo Fox, Sister Dianne Naud, and Father Jean Pochat from their missions in the Northwest Territories.

There is correspondence, newsletters, and a proposal for statement gathering related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Church's commitment to the Residential School Settlement. There is discussion of how religious entities not named in the settlement may investigate doing "in-kind" services to contribute to reconciliation efforts. There are also guidelines on and four "in-kind" applications to the Catholic Healing and Reconciliation Service Evaluation Committee (CHRSEC). One application is blank, one is for the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, and two applications are for the Sisters of Providence of Western Canada.

Much of this series comprises the August 23, 2010 "Legal Formation" by Jacques L'Heureux of Les Missionaries Oblats de Marie Immaculée, a compilation of material intended to summarize the status of the settlement. There is a letter to Justice Murray Sinclair, Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission from Jacques L'Heureux detailing his opinions on his order's involvement at residential schools and their truth and reconciliation efforts. There is also a statement from Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan, on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Bishop Pettipas was the Chair of the Board for the Corporation of Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential School Settlement. There is also correspondence from Bishop Pettipas to Dan Ish, Chief Adjudicator of the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat, concerning the 2009 Chief Adjudicator's Annual Report. Along with this correspondence are informational materials related to said report and the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat, particularly its Independent Assessment Process which was a claimant-centered out of court process for the wrongful acts suffered at residential schools. There are also various articles about residential school survivors, the Church's involvement with residential schools, and the efforts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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-S010-13-01	File - Margo Ritchie Truth and Reconciliation [2015-11]	2008-2010	