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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Hamilton was first incorporated on December 30, 1879 under chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1877. The name was changed to The Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton in 1989. The city of Hamilton is on the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga Peoples.

On April 19, 1852, at the request of the Very Rev. E. Gordon, Vicar General of Hamilton and with the approval of Bishop de Charbonnel, the only Bishop in western Ontario at that time, three Sisters of St. Joseph came to Hamilton from Toronto. They opened their first convent on Cannon and McNab Streets. Here the Sisters ran a private elementary school and cared for orphans until 1857. In 1854, there was a cholera epidemic, followed by an outbreak of typhus. The Sisters were placed in charge of immigrants stricken with the disease and housed in railway sheds.

The Sisters founded St. Mary's Orphanage in Hamilton in 1852. Orphan care began with two orphan girls in the first convent. Beginning in 1856, residential care was provided for girls at the Motherhouse. In 1857, a girls' quarters opened in the convent at 204 Park Street. In 1864, a separate building was built for St. Mary's Orphanage with additions in 1874, 1881, 1884, and 1886. Then from 1933-1935, a building owned by the diocese was purchased at 354 King Street West and used for orphan girls. In 1936, a new Mount St. Joseph at the same location opened for girls with both boys and girls in residence from 1951 to 1960. The Sisters also provided residential care for orphan boys at the Motherhouse from 1856-1879, and then at the House of Providence, Dundas, Ontario from 1879-1900. In 1903, an annex was built for boys at St. Mary's, followed by a new building for boys at St. Mary's Orphanage in 1909. After this, from 1951-1960, boys were housed at Mount St. Joseph. The first Orphans' Festival was held in the town hall to raise

money for orphans with annual collections in the district starting in the autumn of 1854. The Orphans' Festival lasted until 1956.

In 1856, the Sisters were placed in charge of separate schools in Hamilton following the passage of the Separate School Bill. Also in 1856, Hamilton became a diocese and St. Joseph's Convent opened on Park Street North as a Motherhouse and Novitiate, as the congregation became independent of the Toronto congregation. At the first Motherhouse, the Sisters cared for orphan girls, taught music, taught in the separate schools, visited hospitals, prisons, the sick and the poor, and served as sacristans, homemakers, and catechetics teachers. In 1858, the first election was held in St. Joseph's Convent chapel with Sister Martha von Bunning elected as General Superior on December 8.

The Sisters founded their first mission outside Hamilton in Paris, Ontario in 1858, where they served as teachers, organists, sacristans, homemakers and catechetics teachers. This mission lasted until 1974. This was followed in 1859, by the first mission house in Brantford, Ontario on Crown Street, and then by other mission houses in Brantford until 1983. In Brantford, they also opened Bethany House, a ministry to abused women from 1989-1994. Over time, the Sisters opened many other mission houses including in Kenilworth (1924-1971), Mount Forest (1908-1932 and 1944-1978), Hespeler (1944-1961), Arthur (1873-1876 and 1986-1989), Kitchener (1977-), Milton (1954-1989), Stoney Creek (1957-), Oakville (1860-1863), Guelph (1977-1989), Owen Sound (1886-1909), Red Lake (1981-), Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation mission (Cape Croker) (1952-1986), and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (Pic Mobert) First Nation (2002-2020). In British Columbia, they opened missions at Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nation (Fort St. James) (1950-1969), Fort St. John (1954-1988), Dawson Creek (1976-1982), Chetwynd (1977-1983), and Terrace (1988-1992).

The Sisters briefly ran a boarding school in for girls in Hamilton from 1860-1867. More notably, they founded St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph, Ontario in 1861, followed by the House of Providence in Guelph which was open from 1861-1959. In 1897, the Sisters started St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Guelph, and in 1948, opened a new school of nursing which lasted until 1972.

In 1878, the Sisters took charge of St. Vincent De Paul Society home on Bay Street in Hamilton for the care of the poor. After one year, the residents were transferred to the House of Providence. In 1879, the Sisters opened the House of Providence in Dundas. After a fire in 1900, it re-opened in 1902 and remained active until 1970. The year 1879 also saw the beginning of the House of Providence annual picnic on August 2. In 1970, the Sisters opened the new St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas, which replaced the former House of Providence.

In 1890, the Sisters founded St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton which had additions in 1894, 1916, 1941, 1947, 1951, and a new wing in 1962. This was followed by the opening of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hamilton which had its first nine graduates in 1915. The Sisters also opened a nurses' residence for St. Joseph's Hospital, called Undermount, on John Street in Hamilton. Later, in 1963, the Sisters opened St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Fontbonne Hall. The nursing school closed in 1972.

In 1923, the Sisters founded Casa Maria maternity hospital in Hamilton which was replaced by the maternity wing at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1951. In 1924, The Sisters opened St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener, Ontario. In 1931, St. Mary's School of Nursing began in Kitchener, and remained active until 1972.

In 1951, the second Motherhouse, St. Joseph's Convent was completed in Dundas. Here the Sisters served as teachers, music teachers, catechetics teachers, and established a spirituality centre for retreats, workshops, and spiritual direction in 1983.

In 1955, the Sisters founded St. Joseph's Hospital in Brantford. This was followed in 1957 by the opening of St. Joseph's Training Centre for Registered Nursing Assistants in Brantford, which closed in 1980.

In 1959, the Sisters unveiled St. Joseph's Home in Guelph, and elderly people were moved into the second floor of the new building which contained a wing for the chronically ill. The programs and services were delivered in conjunction with St. Joseph's Hospital.

In 1960, Mount St. Joseph in Hamilton became a home to treat emotionally disturbed children and the remaining orphans were moved to foster homes.

The Sisters also started overseas missions. In 1963, they opened a mission in Teculután, Guatemala, and worked at a health clinic, as teachers, and as catechetics teachers until 1979. Later, they opened a mission in Nicaragua which ran from 1985 to 1989.

In 1991, St. Joseph's Community Health Centre opened in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Beginning in 1983 until 1991, the Sisters staffed and supervised Martha House, Good Shepherd Women's Centre for abused women and homeless girls in Hamilton. The Neighbour to Neighbour Program, St. Joseph's Women's Immigrant Centre, and Hamilton Out of the Cold program are but three more recent local initiatives where the Sisters have been instrumental in the foundation of local social services.

On November 22, 2012, the congregation amalgamated with those in London, Peterborough, and Pembroke into one charitable corporation under the name Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Act, a Private Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario which received Royal Assent on June 13, 2013.

Scope and content

This series contains written histories and recollections including annals, correspondence, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, publications, donation lists, financial reports, legal documents, class lists, photographs, negatives, and meeting minutes.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

Records transferred from the Hamilton congregation to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - Hamilton site, and then to the main archives.

Arrangement

Order was imposed on the records.

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

There is a series and file list.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

In October 1963, Sisters Francis Xavier Ruth, Marie Garnier (Joan) McMahon and Bertille Riordan started a mission in Guatemala. They traveled to Teculután to establish a school. A construction committee was formed to buy a plot of land belonging to the Casteñeda-Rossal family called “Peretete for the school and convent. The town gave half of the land to the Sisters and Don Carlos Piaz of the construction committee provided them with the other half in order for the school to be established. The Sisters raised funds to pay for the construction of the buildings. The school opened on January 18, 1965. It was officially inaugurated and given the name “Colegio San José” on March 19, 1965. The school offered both elementary and secondary programs and was fully approved by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education. Education was also extended through the airwaves, where literacy programs were broadcast. Evangelization work occurred through catechetics in the schools, the local parish, and through radio programs. In the 1970s, a beca (Spanish for “scholarship”) program was created. This program collected donations in-order-to help fund children’s education.

There were several Sisters involved with the Guatemala Mission, including: Marie Garnier (Joan) McMahon (1963-1967, 1968-1972); Francis Xavier Ruth (1963-1968, 1971-1974); Bertille Riordan (1963-1966); Loretta Ford (1966-1973); Aloysia Fischer (1972-1976); Dorothy Winfelder (1972); Ruth Ditner (1974-1975); Mary O’ Sullivan (1974-1979); Madeleine Graf (1975-1979); Diane Marchetti (1976); Anastasia Ward (1968-1970, 1974-1978), Margaret Dyett (1968); Francis Anne Ayotte (1968); and Gabriela Hinca (1966-1969, 1970-1975).

Several other projects were initiated in addition to the school. In 1969, a dentistry clinic was built. The clinic also provided a space for Sister nurses to treat the sick. Several of the Sisters also worked in the local clinics. In 1977, Sister Mary O’ Sullivan started the Nutritional Centre in order to help children with malnutrition receive care. A focus was also placed on pregnant mothers, offering them nutritional advice to ensure the health of their babies. The Nutritional Centre officially opened on August 22, 1978. In 1976, an earthquake devastated Guatemala. Restoration programs commenced shortly after. The Sisters lent the football field of the school in order to have homes built for the 200 workers who had lost their homes during the disaster. The Sisters in Hamilton started “Operation Guatemala” to raise funds and send supplies to the devastated country.

Sister Aloysia Fischer was responsible for the organization and administration of the Christian Children’s Fund, which was an American program, from 1972-1976. She also administered the Guatemala Education Bursary (C.O.G.E.B.) in 1975. This bursary program was created by Bishop Reding of the Hamilton Diocese. He wanted to start a program similar to the Christian Children’s Fund but with Canadian and

Diocesan roots. The program determined that participating children must go to school either at Colegio San José or at the local school; that mothers must attend one hour of cooking, one hour of sewing, and one hour of nutrition classes per month; and that the families receive financial assistance to help with school costs. Sister Madeleine Graf later administered this program from 1977-1979.

The Sisters undertook other programs such as bringing portable water and electricity to poor areas. The Sisters and priests brought running water to El Jute and Gúijo in 1978, and to the small village of Los Palmares in 1979.

The mission formally ended in November 1979 when the Sisters returned to Canada. That year, they relinquished control of the Colegio San José and the Nutritional Centre to the Capuchin Sisters of the Third Order. Although they were no longer directly involved in the mission, the Sisters continued to send funds to Guatemala into the 2000s. Several Sisters went back to celebrate various milestones. For instance, Sisters Madeleine Graf and Marie Garnier (Joan) McMahon returned to Teculután in 2005 for the 40th anniversary of the Colegio San José.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (Hamilton, Ont.)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Annals and chronicles (documentary form)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (Hamilton, Ont.) (subject)
- South America (place)
- Hamilton (place)
- Guatemala (place)

Series descriptions

Subseries HF01-S004-01: Finance

Date: 1967-2004 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series comprises details concerning expenses and financial initiatives during and after the Guatemala mission. There are expense reports detailing building and transportation expenditures. There is a list of donations sent to Guatemala complete with donor information. Guatemalan children were sponsored through a beca student sponsorship program that helped cover educational costs. Information about donations and aid recipients in this program is provided. There is also correspondence

discussing the Sisters' accounts. The Sisters' continued financial support after they left the mission is recorded in monthly statements and correspondence.

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
HF01-S004-01-01	File - Expenses	1967, 1976	
HF01-S004-01-02	File - Donations	1973	
HF01-S004-01-03	File - Donation Book	1973-1977	
HF01-S004-01-04	File - Beca Student Sponsorships	1975-1978	
HF01-S004-01-05	File - Beca Program Donations	1975-1980	
HF01-S004-01-06	File - Certificates of [Child] Sponsorships	1977-1981	
HF01-S004-01-07	File - Donations for Children	1980-1987	
HF01-S004-01-08	File - Correspondence re. finance	1969-1989	
HF01-S004-01-09	File - Funding	1990-1996	
HF01-S004-01-10	File - Monthly Financial Reports Colegio San Jose	Jan. 2004-Dec. 2004	

Subseries HF01-S004-02: Legal

Date: 1963-1980 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is comprised of records related to the legal transactions of the Sisters during their time in Guatemala. This includes correspondence with the Sisters' lawyer regarding the deed of land used for their convent and school as well as the deed of land; a description of the buildings; and vehicle information. There is also a 1979 statement of intent which outlines the wishes of the Sisters for the school to remain named the Colegio San José and for it to be kept as a place of formal education. There is an official transfer of ownership agreement, whereby the Sisters relinquished control of the school to the Capuchin Sisters. There is also a 1980 power of attorney granted to Father James Beaudry, which gave him signing power in order to assist with the agreement made between the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Capuchin Sisters. A file of Sisters' travel documents also comprises this series. These documents include various customs papers.

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
HF01-S004-02-01	File - Legal Correspondence	1963-1979	
HF01-S004-02-02	File - Srs. Travel Documents	1964-1974	
HF01-S004-02-03	File - Deed of Land for Teculutan, Zacapa, Guatemala Property	Mar. 18, 1964	
HF01-S004-02-04	File - Transfer of Ownership of Colegio San Jose	Sept. 14, 1979	
HF01-S004-02-05	File - Authorization for Signing Power	Sept. 24, 1979	
HF01-S004-02-06	File - Power of Attorney and Affidavit	Jan. 10, 1980	

Subseries HF01-S004-03: Correspondence

Date: 1963-2005 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is comprised of letters related to the Guatemala mission sent to and from the Sisters of St. Joseph during and after their time there. There are letters discussing applications for visas, passports and Guatemala Tourist Cards. There are also several letters of reference for passport applications. Other travel correspondence concerns flight and vaccination information. There is also correspondence between the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Capuchin Sisters of the Third Order. These letters detail how the Sisters' post-1979 financial support was used. Updates are provided about the Nutritional Centre and Colegio San José, including the number of students enrolled at the school, courses offered, and the number of children and families being served by the Nutritional Centre. There is a 1996 letter from the Nutritional Centre, where photographs of children being cared for were provided. The sub-series also contains correspondence between the General Superior, Sister Marina Flaherty, and Sister Esperanza who worked with the Sisters at the Colegio San José. There are also letters between Sister Marina and the Sisters in Guatemala, in which details about the Guatemala mission and the Hamilton community are exchanged, providing glimpses of the Sisters' projects and daily lives. Correspondence detailing the 1976 earthquake and the damage it caused to Teculután also form this sub-series. One letter written on February 25th, 1976 by Sisters Aloysia Fischer, Mary O'Sullivan, Madeleine Graf, and Anastasia Ward to Sister Marina Flaherty provides a personal account of the earthquake. Other letters discuss post-earthquake restoration projects and the money which was raised for aid.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

12 photographs : col.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
HF01-S004-03-01	File - Transportation Correspondence	1965-1972	
HF01-S004-03-02	File - Capuchin Sisters Correspondence	1975-2005	

HF01-S004-03-03	File - Letters from Sr. Esperanza to Sr. Marina Flaherty	1973
HF01-S004-03-04	File - Letters to Sr. Marina Flaherty	
HF01-S004-03-05	File - Earthquake Correspondence	1976
HF01-S004-03-06	File - Correspondence	1963-1990
HF01-S004-03-07	File - 1996 Letter and Photographs from the San Jose Nutritional Centre	1996

Subseries HF01-S004-04: Annals and Histories

Date: 1962-2005 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is made up of records which detail the daily lives of the Sisters and those who worked with them during the Guatemala mission. There are several accounts containing personal recollections. Reverend Michael Myroniuk wrote about delivering aid to Guatemala after the 1976 earthquake. This account was written in 2014, 38 years after the earthquake occurred. In 1990, Sister Marie Garnier (Joan) McMahon reflected on her time spent in Guatemala. In this account, she discusses the founding of the school and clinic, the building of the convent, as well as everyday life in Guatemala. She wrote another reflection in 2002, which provides a brief history of the mission. She also recorded information about her 2005 trip to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Colegio San José. Dona Cristi de Juarez, the first president of the Parent's Committee of the Colegio, reflects on her time working with the Sisters and her experience trying to get speed bumps placed in front of the school. Mirna Aroch, daughter of Don Baltazar Aroch, the first Guatemalan teacher to work at the school, provides an account of her father's time working with the Sisters. One of the Sisters reflects on her trip to El Jute, where she met with Francisca Barillas, the first woman catechist to work with the Sisters in Guatemala. There are also recollections from the prayer group about their experiences with the school and interactions with the Sisters. A special edition magazine covering the 1976 earthquake also comprises this sub-series. The articles discuss foreign aid, the national reconstruction program, and the Guatemalan economy. Newspaper clippings include stories about the founding of the Colegio San José and the Guatemalan military coup. There is also a complete set of annals for this mission. The annals detail the daily lives of the Sisters and their experiences learning Spanish, building and working at the school, creating the nutritional centre, and time spent working with the dentist and local clinics. The annals include photographs.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

13 photo albums : 30 x 26 cm or smaller

3 photographs : col.

11 photographs : b&w

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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HF01-S004-04-01	File - Reflections of 1976 Earthquake	
HF01-S004-04-02	File - Earthquake 76 in Guatemala [Magazine Special Edition]	
HF01-S004-04-03	File - Newspaper Clippings	
HF01-S004-04-04	File - Recollections by Sr. Joan McMahon 1990	
HF01-S004-04-05	File - Dona Cristi de Juarez's Recollections 1990	
HF01-S004-04-06	File - Mirna Aroch's Recollections 1990	
HF01-S004-04-07	File - Recollections of El Jute 1990	
HF01-S004-04-08	File - Recollections from Members of the Prayer Group 1990	
HF01-S004-04-09	File - Annals 1963-1974	
HF01-S004-04-10	File - Annals written by Sr. Joan McMahon 2002	
HF01-S004-04-11	File - Annals 2005	
HF01-S004-04-12	File - Histories	
HF01-S004-04-13	File - Annals Albums	
HF01-S004-04-13-001	Item - Album 1 Guatemalan Mission 1962-1970	
HF01-S004-04-13-002	Item - Album 2 Guatemalan Mission 1970	
HF01-S004-04-13-003	Item - Bk. I Guatemala 1972-1974	
HF01-S004-04-13-004	Item - Bk. II Guatemala 1974-1976	
HF01-S004-04-13-005	Item - Bk. III Guatemala (Earthquake) 1976	
HF01-S004-04-13-006	Item - Guatemala January 1977 Jan. 1977	
HF01-S004-04-13-007	Item - Guatemala 1978 1978	
HF01-S004-04-13-008	Item - Teculutan Guatemala 1976	
HF01-S004-04-13-009	Item - Teculutan Visit 1979	
HF01-S004-04-13-010	Item - Guatemala 1990 1990	
HF01-S004-04-13-011	Item - Pictorial Memoirs of a dentist in Teculutan, Guatemala C. A. Spring 1969 1969	
HF01-S004-04-13-012	Item - Fundacion 1963-1979 Del Colegio San Jose Teculutan, Zacapa, Guatemala 1963-1979	
HF01-S004-04-13-013	Item - Guatemala 2005 2005	

Subseries HF01-S004-05: Photographs

Date: 1960-2002 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series consists of photographs of Guatemala during and after the Sisters' mission there. There are photographs showing the construction of Colegio San José, the dental clinic, and homes after the 1976 earthquake. There are many photographs depicting the Sisters working in the school, local clinics and Nutritional Centre. Several photographs show the opening of the new chapel on December 12, 1964. There are photographs showing Guatemalan children dressed up for Communion. The sub-series also contains photographs of the 25th anniversary of the Colegio San José depicting school children parading through the streets in celebration. There are also numerous photographs showing the damage caused by the earthquake, as well as reconstruction efforts. Operation Guatemala, a program initiated by the Sisters in Hamilton, is depicted in several photographs. In these images Sisters are filling large drums with supplies to send to Guatemala. Photographs of school children who were sponsored through the beca education program also make up part of this collection. There are also photographs of the Nutritional Centre and Colegio San José sent by the Capuchin Sisters after they were given control of these institutions in 1979. A photograph of the 1985 tribute ceremony plaque awarded to the Sisters of St. Joseph also comprises this sub-series.

Physical description: 355 photographs : b&w

485 photographs : col.

146 photographs ; col. negative ; 35 mm

14 photographs : b&w negative ; 35 mm

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
HF01-S004-05-01	File - Nutrition Centre Photographs		
HF01-S004-05-02	File - Srs. In Ministry		
HF01-S004-05-03	File - Sponsored Children Photographs		
HF01-S004-05-04	File - Photographs and Negatives		
HF01-S004-05-05	File - Photographs		
HF01-S004-05-06	File - Teculutan, Guatemala Photographs		
HF01-S004-05-07	File - Photographs of Homes being Built		
HF01-S004-05-08	File - Building Photographs		
HF01-S004-05-09	File - Photographs 1960-1979	1960-1979	
HF01-S004-05-10	File - Photographs 1963-1969	1963-1969	
HF01-S004-05-11	File - Photographs 1963-1972	1963-1972	
HF01-S004-05-12	File - Opening of the Sisters' New Chapel 1964-1966	1964-1966	
HF01-S004-05-13	File - Photographs 1970-1978	1970-1978	

HF01-S004-05-14	File - Photographs [197-?]	[197-?]
HF01-S004-05-15	File - Guatemala Earthquake & Reconstruction Relief 1976 Photographs	1976
HF01-S004-05-16	File - Photographs taken after Earthquake in Guatemala	Feb. 4, 1976
HF01-S004-05-17	File - Operation Guatemala Photographs	1976
HF01-S004-05-18	File - Tribute Ceremony Photographs	1985
HF01-S004-05-19	File - 25th Anniversary of Colegio San Jose Photographs	
HF01-S004-05-20	File - Colegio San Jose Photographs 1992-1994	1992-1994
HF01-S004-05-21	File - Colegio San Jose 2002 Photographs	2002

Subseries HF01-S004-06: Communication

Date: 1976-2005 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is comprised of promotional materials. There are several pamphlets including ones for Colegio San José, the Children of Guatemala Education Bursary, and Spanish language learning programs. There is also an “Operation Guatemala” booklet outlining how the Hamilton Diocese responded to the 1976 earthquake. The sub-series also contains an annual student newspaper called the Student Echo. This paper provides general updates and information about the school and student body for the years 1995 and 2005.

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
HF01-S004-06-01	File - Pamphlets		
HF01-S004-06-02	File - Operation Guatemala Booklet	1976	
HF01-S004-06-03	File - Student Echo, Colegio San Jose	1995, 2005	

Subseries HF01-S004-07: Administration

Date: 1970-1992 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is made up of records which detail administrative functions carried out by the Sisters during and after their time in Guatemala. There are class lists of students who attended the Colegio San José. A report outlining various educational programs and ideas it is included, which discusses catechetics, adult education, the Christian Children’s Fund and the Guatemala Education Bursary. Another report discusses the different methods that can be used to evangelize the Guatemalan community. There is also an orientation program for a conference attended by those working in Latin

America. This conference aimed at exploring the roles that North Americans played in Latin America, as well as their motivations for service. A letter and pamphlet from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) outlines the hardships of the Guatemalan people and the steps the organization has taken to assist and support local groups fighting for social justice, such as the National Coordinating Committee of Widows of Guatemala. The letter also briefly outlines the history of the Sisters' mission. A research paper, which resulted from the 1972 General Chapter meeting, discusses the question of uneducated girls being accepted as associates in Guatemala, and whether these girls should be trained at the expense of the community. It also discusses the question of postulants being sent to Canada to the novitiate. A floor plan of Colegio San José's buildings and grounds also comprises this sub-series.

Physical description: 1 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
HF01-S004-07-01	File - Development and Peace Action Campaign	1992	
HF01-S004-07-02	File - Research Paper Relating to the Guatemalan Mission and Sister Formation	1972	
HF01-S004-07-03	File - Floor plan of Colegio San Jose		
HF01-S004-07-04	File - Class Lists	1970-1988	
HF01-S004-07-05	File - Education Programs	1976	
HF01-S004-07-06	File - Orientation Program for Latin American Service	Aug. 22-28, 1971	

Subseries HF01-S004-08: Meeting Minutes

Date: 1976-1979 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series is comprised of minutes of meetings hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph during their time in Guatemala. The house meeting minutes discuss various house matters, including the purchase of new curtains and a truck, how the earthquake funds should be used, and the hosting of a 'get together' for the Feast of St. Joseph. The 1979 Chiquimula meeting minutes detail the steps taken to transfer ownership of the Colegio San José to the Capuchin Sisters of the Third Order.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
HF01-S004-08-01	File - Meeting Minutes in Chiquimula	1979	
HF01-S004-08-02	File - House Meeting Minutes	Feb. 27, 1976	

Subseries HF01-S004-09: Events

Date: 1963-1990 (creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series consists of records related to several Guatemalan events both during and after the Sisters' time there. Some of these materials are related to the Colegio San José, including an honour of merit award for the school's 20th anniversary, a 25th anniversary address, and a recognition of devotion award given to the Sisters on school's 40th anniversary. There are also materials related to the Silver Jubilee of the Diocese of Zacapa, including a pamphlet and program of events. There are also pamphlets of ceremonies where Sisters in Hamilton bade farewell to those leaving for Guatemala.

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HF01-S004-09-01	File - The Diocese of Zacapa Bodas de Plata Event Programme	1977	
HF01-S004-09-02	File - Profession and Departure Ceremonies	1963-1976	
HF01-S004-09-03	File - Colegio Catolico San Jose Recognition of Devotion Diploma	2005	
HF01-S004-09-04	File - Honour of Merit Colegio San Jose	1975	
HF01-S004-09-05	File - Colegio San Jose 25th Anniversary Address	1989	
HF01-S004-09-06	File - Silver Jubilee Celebration	1990	