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Summary information

Repository: Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title: John Clement McKeown fonds
Reference code: HF04
Date: [194-?] (creation)
Physical description: 4.5 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion: October, 2024.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John Clement McKeown (1934-2022), son of Thomas and Laura McKeown, was raised in Markdale, Ontario. As a child, he received catechism lessons from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, Ontario in Markdale. He graduated from Grade 13, received a teaching degree one year after, and attained a bachelor's degree over many summers. He began his teaching career in a one-room school in Glenelg, and after the small schools were closed, he began working at St. Theresa in Midland. He would board in Midland during the week and returned to Markdale on weekend to assist on the family farm and was a caretaker for his parents as they grew older. He retired from teaching in 1989 and kept many letters of appreciation from his students. That same year he married Helen Woodcock. Together they volunteered playing piano for seniors at Grey Gables and playing the organ at their church. McKeown often listened to 560 CFOS radio station and participated in their Friday Call-In's, enjoyed the "Looking Back in History" section of the Flesherton Advance, and was fond of chocolate. He passed on Sunday, May 27, 2022 at the age of 88.

Custodial history

The material was created by John McKeown and kept in his family home. After his passing, family friends Marilyn and David Trudell cleaned out the home. They found the material and contacted the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto who directed them to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.

Scope and content

This fonds contains Christian catechism books used by John McKeown. As a child, John McKeown received catechism lessons from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, Ontario in Markdale, Ontario. Christian catechism is the religious teaching of children (or adult converts) in the foundational beliefs of the faith. The lesson text, work sheets (marked by a Sister), and colouring pages are included. Some of the lesson text was

created by John Joseph Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, USA; George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, USA; and the Sisters of Service in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Marilyn and David Trudell, donated October 30, 2024.

Arrangement

Lessons organized by number, in order transferred to archives in.

Location of originals

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

Restrictions on access

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

Conditions governing use

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

Finding aids

File list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

‘John McKeown Obituary,’ Simcoe County News, April 21, 2022, <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/simcoe/name/john-mckeown-obituary?id=40053904>.

‘John Clement McKeown,’ Find a Grave, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/262608896/john-clement-mckeown> accessed Jan. 6, 2026.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Collection holdings

File: HF04-01 - Catechism lessons one to seventeen

Title: Catechism lessons one to seventeen

Reference code: HF04-01

Date: [194-?] (date of creation)

: 0391

Location of originals: Box 1 (0391)

Publication status:

Published

File: HF04-02 - Catechism lessons fourth to thirteenth

Title: Catechism lessons fourth to thirteenth

Reference code: HF04-02

Date: [194-?] (date of creation)

: 0391

Location of originals: Box 1 (0391)

Publication status:

Published

File: HF04-03 - Catechism lessons thirteenth to thirty-seventh

Title: Catechism lessons thirteenth to thirty-seventh

Reference code: HF04-03

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Location of originals: Box 1 (0391)

Publication status:

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