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Summary information

Repository: Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title: Mother Philomena Hussey series
Reference code: F01-S005
Date: 1922-1950, [20-?] (creation)
Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records
5 photographs : b&w

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Mary Hussey was born February 16, 1872 in Ashton Township, Huron County, Ontario to Thomas Hussey (1841-1902) and Mary Dalton (1840-1926). One of her sisters, Elizabeth Hussey (1870-1959), also joined the Sisters of St. Joseph community in London and took on the name Sister Euphemia. Mary entered the congregation at Mount Hope, received the habit on August 15, 1895, and took her final vows on August 18, 1897 at Mount Hope in London, receiving her religious name Sister Philomena. She was placed in charge of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Chatham, Ontario. She was elected General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph in London, Ontario in 1923 and held the position until 1935.

In 1925, Mother Philomena and Sister St. Philip Traynor made a pilgrimage to Rome. While she was General Superior, she and her Council revised the Rule according to Canon Law and established a Book of Customs for the community. She also oversaw the opening of the nurses' residence at St. Joseph's Hospital, London in 1927 and a convent in Maidstone in 1930. During her tenure, new missions opened in Paincourt, Maidstone, Leamington, and Windsor. She also arranged for Sisters to teach at St. Patrick's School in London. In 1935 she ended her term as General Superior, was elected General Councilor, and became the assistant to the Superior at the House of Providence in London. After she retired from office, she was appointed Local Superior at St. Joseph's Hospital in London. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital on December 5, 1950. Her funeral Mass was held in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Convent, London and student nurses from St. Joseph's Hospital formed a guard of honour.

Scope and content

This series includes material created by Mother Philomena Hussey and material collected about her. Included is biographical information; her obituary; an account by Sister St. Philip and correspondence, including some post cards, from Mother Philomena Hussey's pilgrimage to Rome in 1925. There are also photographs of Mother Philomena Hussey, Sister Euphemia Hussey, James Cardinal McGuigan, and Mother Philomena Hussey with Sister St. Philip and their traveling companions to Rome. Also found are golden jubilee

memorial cards; correspondence and a 1933 Report of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Diocese of London, Ontario; as well as correspondence concerning the governance of the Edmonton mission.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

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

Arrangement

Order was imposed on the records by the archivist.

Location of originals

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

Restrictions on access

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The file F01-S005-02-02 Edmonton foundation 1922-1945 may contain sensitive information.

Conditions governing use

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

Finding aids

There is a series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

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

Other notes

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

Access points

- Hussey, Philomena (subject)
- 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)
- London (place)
- Italy (place)
- Edmonton (place)

Series descriptions

Subseries F01-S005-01: Biography

Date: 1925-1950, [20-?] (creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F01-S005-01-01	File - Biography, obituary, and photographs	Biography, obituary, and photographs 1950-[20-?]	
F01-S005-01-02	File - Holy year pilgrimage to Rome	1925	
F01-S005-01-03	File - Golden jubilee memorial cards, photographs, and a post card	1925-1945	

Subseries F01-S005-02: Correspondence

Date: 1922-1945 (creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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F01-S005-02-01	File - Correspondence, Diocese of London report	1925-1935
F01-S005-02-02	File - Edmonton foundation	1922-1945