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Connecticut Regional Community Collection

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Provenance:
The Connecticut Regional Community Collection was transferred to the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community Archives in Windham, New Hampshire in 2006. The collection was transferred to Mercy Heritage Center in Belmont, North Carolina in 2011. More recent information is located in the Northeast Community Archives, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

History:
The first Sisters of Mercy arrived in Connecticut from Providence, Rhode Island. Led by Mother Frances Warde, the group established convents in Hartford and New Haven in May 1852. These convents remained part of the Providence community until 1872, when the Diocese of Hartford was split from the Diocese of Providence. Also in 1872 Sisters of Mercy from Ennis, Ireland arrived and established two foundations: Middletown and Meriden. The three communities operated as separate foundations until joining together in 1911.
The Connecticut communities primarily focused on education, but also operated orphanages. In the twentieth century, the Connecticut community expanded their ministries to include a focus on housing, spiritual ministry, and a co-sponsor of Catholic Health East.

The Connecticut community remained independent until joining the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in 1991 as the Connecticut Regional Community. The Connecticut Regional Community then joined with five other regional communities to form the Northeast Community of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy in 2006.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection is divided into twelve series based on subject, location, function, or format. Ministry subseries of *Series 100: Foundational History* are divided by location, with each specific ministry filed under the country or diocese and town listed in the series description. Additional ministry information is located in series 500 through 800. Information on individual sisters and other aspects of membership is located in series 400: *Personnel*.

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