New Jersey Regional Community Collection

Repository
Mercy Heritage Center
720 Heritage Center Place
Belmont NC 28012

Physical Description:
224 linear feet, including
   Documents
   Photographs
   Audio-Visual Material

Dates:
1911-2008

Restrictions:
Some files may be subject to restrictions. Consult Mercy Heritage Center archivists for more information.

Provenance:
This collection was transferred to the Mercy Heritage Center, Belmont, North Carolina, in October 2012 from Watchung, New Jersey.

History:
In 1871 Mother Frances Warde sent seven sisters from Manchester, NH, to Jersey City to establish a foundation. Since the Sisters of Charity already had a motherhouse in the area, Bishop Corrigan suggested that the Sisters of Mercy find a site for their foundation in the southern part of the state. In 1873 Mother Warde opened a second branch house in Bordentown, NJ. Jersey City remained a branch house of Manchester, NH, until its closing in 1877. Upon its closing, the five remaining sisters returned to Manchester. Because the 1871 mission to Jersey City was unsuccessful, the foundation date for the New Jersey Sisters of Mercy is considered to be September 24, 1873, the date of the second mission to New Jersey – Bordentown.

In 1882 the sisters from Princeton and Bordentown became an independent community with its motherhouse in Bordentown. In 1908 the New Jersey Sisters of Mercy moved from their motherhouse in Bordentown to a new building in the greater Plainfield area. Over the years this property has had North Plainfield, Plainfield, and Watchung addresses. In 1911, a fire at Mt. St. Mary’s caused extensive damage and destroyed the archives. Mt. St. Mary’s reopened in 1912.
On July 20, 1991, the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey joined communities of Mercy throughout the country to form the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. In 2007, New Jersey joined with the New York, Dallas, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Brooklyn regional communities to form the Mid-Atlantic Community.

**Scope and Content**

The Archives Schema organizes these records into ADMINISTRATIVE and HISTORICAL categories. Administrative materials include legal, financial, governance and membership records. The Historical record group contains ministry information, communications and audio-visual materials. Photographs are filed with records and also separate into a unique subseries.

Early records were destroyed by a fire at Mt. St. Mary’s in 1911. Records range from this time period until approximately 2012.

**Schema**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD GROUPS**

**A100 LEGAL RECORDS**

A101 Legacies and Bequests
A102 Legal Counsel
A103 Certificates of Incorporation

**A200 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

A201 Historical Financial Records, 1906-1976
A202 Corporate Financial Records
A203 Mount Saint Mary Academy Audits 1970-1995
A204 McAuley School for Exceptional Children Financial Statements

**A300 PROPERTY**

A301 Building Agreements and Contracts
A302 Specifications
A303 Renovations
A304 Inventories
A305 Immaculate Conception Chapel
A306 Mount Saint Mary Heritage Room
A307  Alpha
A308  Atlantic City: Rita Mercy Hall
A309  Bradley Beach
A310  Florida: New Port Richey
A311  Lakewood: Georgian Court College
A312  Lakewood: Saint Mary Academy
A313  Long Branch: Mercy by the Lake
A314  Neptune
A315  North Plainfield: St. Gabriel Academy (43 Jackson Avenue)
A316  North Plainfield: St. Joseph Home for Working Girls (43 Manning)
A317  North Plainfield: St. Joseph Villa (105 Westervelt Avenue)
A318  Phillipsburg: St. Catherine Academy
A319  Sea Bright
A320  Ventnor: Mercy by the Sea
A321  Watchung: Mount Saint Mary
A322  Bordentown: St. Joseph Motherhouse and Academy

A400  MEMBERSHIP
A401  Member Records
A402  Registers
A403  Demographic Compilations
A404  Auxiliary Associations
   A404.01  Mercy Associates
   A404.02  Mercy Corps / Mercy Volunteer Corps
   A404.03  Companions in Mercy
A405  Education of the Sisters
A406  Supervisors’ Reports
A500 GOVERNANCE

A501 The Amalgamation: Correspondence and Chapter 1929
A502 Mother McAuley Conference 1954-1965
A503 The Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas 1966-1989
A504 The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
A505 Mid-Atlantic Community
A506 New Jersey Chapters and Assemblies
A507 Office of the Major Superior / President
A508 Administrative Departments
A509 Task Forces and Committees
A510 Research and Planning
A511 Local Government

A600 CHURCH GOVERNANCE

A601 The Vatican
A602 Papal Encyclicals
A603 Bishops/Archbishops of Newark
A604 Bishops of Paterson
A605 Bishops of Trenton
A606 Bishops of Metuchen
A607 Bishops of Camden
A608 Chaplains at Mount Saint Mary

HISTORICAL RECORD GROUPS

H100 RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

H101 Early History of the Sisters of Mercy
H102 Mercy International Association
H103  Mercy International Center
H104  Mercy Spirituality
H105  Research Material for Mercy History

H200  HISTORY OF THE NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION
H201  History As Seen Through Chapters
H202  Chronological Histories and Outlines
H203  Chronological Historical Scrapbooks/Annals
H204  Motherhouse Collection 1948-1986
H205  Anniversaries

H300  RELIGIOUS LIFE
H301  Prayer Books and Books of Customs
H302  Evolution of the Habit
H303  Vocation Material
H304  Initial Incorporation
H305  Renewal Programs and Renovation Programs
H306  Jubilees
H307  Constitutions
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H309  Unpublished Works
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H311  Published Authors
H312  Published Dissertations
H313  Sister Mary George Mochen Papers
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H400  COMMUNICATIONS
H401  Sisters of Mercy Dublin
H402  Union / Federation Newsletters
H403  Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
H404  Mid-Atlantic Community
H405  Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey

H500  MINISTRY

H501  Summer Vacation Schools 1951-1968
H502  CCD and Catechetical Reports / Holy Innocents Society
H503  RSM Summer Reading Clinics 1973-1982
H504  School Enrollment Statistics 1933 - 1979
H505  Elementary Education Guidelines Committee 1984-1990
H506  Education Administration: Elementary and Secondary Schools
H507  Ministry Contracts – Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey
H508  Parent Teacher Association, Diocese of Trenton 1921-1966
H509  High School Yearbooks and Newspapers
   H509.01  Red Bank Catholic High School
   H509.02  Saint Mary High School, South Amboy
   H509.03  Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains
   H509.04  Saint Mary High School, Perth Amboy
   H509.05  Phillipsburg Catholic High School
   H509.06  Trenton Cathedral High School
   H509.07  Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung
   H509.08  Georgian Court College, Lakewood
   H509.09  St. Nicholas Commercial High School, Atlantic City
   H509.10  Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City/Absecon
   H509.11  Camden Catholic High School
   H509.12  Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville
H509.13 Father Lopez High School, Daytona Beach, FL
H509.14 Saint Pius X Regional High School, Piscataway
H509.15 St. John’s College High School, Washington, DC
H509.16 Atlantic City/Absecon: Holy Spirit High School Paper
H509.17 Camden/Cherry Hill: Camden Catholic High School Paper
H509.18 Lawrenceville: Notre Dame High School Paper
H509.19 Perth Amboy: St. Mary High School Paper
H509.20 Phillipsburg: Phillipsburg Catholic High School Paper
H509.21 Red Bank: Red Bank Catholic High School Paper
H509.22 Red Bank: Miscellaneous Publications
H509.23 South Amboy: St. Mary High School Paper
H509.24 Trenton: Cathedral High School paper

H510 Places of Ministry
H510.01 Absecon: Holy Spirit High School
H510.02 Alpha: St. Mary Parish and School
H510.03 Asbury Park: Mercy Center
H510.04 Asbury Park: Epiphany House
H510.05 Asbury Park: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School
H510.06 Atlantic City: Holy Spirit Elementary and High School
H510.07 Atlantic City: Rita Mercy Hall
H510.08 Atlantic City: St. Nicholas School
H510.09 Atlantic City: Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School
H510.10 Bernardsville: St. Elizabeth Elementary School
H510.11 Bordentown: St. Mary School; St. Joseph Academy
H510.12 Bound Brook: St. Joseph Elementary School
H510.13 Bound Brook: Holy Family Academy
H510.14 Brick: St. Dominic Elementary School
H510.15 Bridgeton: Catholic Social Service and House of Mercy
H510.16 Burlington: St. Paul School; Sancta Maria Academy
H510.17 Camden: St. Mary Elementary School/Cathedral Parish
510.18 Camden/Cherry Hill: Camden Catholic High School
H510.19 Cape May: Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School
H510.20 Cinnaminson: St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School
H510.21 Collingswood: St. John Elementary School
H510.22 Costa Rica
H510.23 Daytona Beach, FL: Fr. Lopez HS; St. Brendan School
H510.24 East Keansburg (Middletown): St. Catherine School
H510.25 East Trenton (Trenton): St. Joseph Elementary School
H510.26 Eatontown: Spring House
H510.27 Edison: St. Matthew Elementary School
H510.28 Elberon (Ocean Grove): Emmaus House
H510.29 Fair Haven: Nativity Parish
H510.30 Flemington: St. Magdalen Parish
H510.31 Freehold: Monmouth County Office on Aging
H510.32 Freehold: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
H510.33 Hazlet: Holy Family Elementary School
H510.34 Hightstown: St Anthony of Padua Parish; Mercy Convent
H510.35 Hoboken: St. Francis Home
H510.36 Jersey City: St. Patrick Parish
H510.37 Jersey City: York Street Project / Kenmare High School
H510.38 Keansburg: St. Ann Elementary School
H510.39 Keansburg: Bayshore Senior Day Center
H510:40 Keansburg: Various Ministries
H510.41 Keyport: St. Joseph Elementary School
H510.42 Lakewood: St. Mary of the Lake Parish
H510.43  Lakewood: St. Mary Academy
H510.44  Lakewood: Georgian Court College
H510.45  Lambertville: St. John Elementary School
H510.46  Lawrenceville: Notre Dame High School
H510.47  Long Branch: Mercy-by-the-Lake
H510.48  Metuchen: St. Francis Elementary School
H510.49  Middletown: The Gathering Place
H510.50  Milltown: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School
H510.51  Mount Holly: Francis House of Prayer
H510.52  Neptune: The Upper Room Spiritual Center
H510.53  North Caldwell: Notre Dame Parish
H510.54  North Carolina: Frances Warde Health Service
H510.55  North Plainfield: St. Joseph Elementary School
H510.56  N. Plainfield: St. Joseph Home/Villa; St. Gabriel Academy
H510.57  Ocean City: St. Augustine Elementary School
H510.58  Paulsboro: St. John Elementary School
H510.59  Perth Amboy: St. Mary Elementary School
H510.60  Perth Amboy: St. Mary High School
H510.61  Perth Amboy: Holy Spirit Elementary School
H510.62  Perth Amboy: Holy Trinity Parish
H510.63  Phillipsburg: St. Philip and St. James School
H510.64  Piscataway: St. Pius X Regional High School
H510.65  Piscataway: St. Frances Cabrini Elementary School
H510.66  Princeton: St. Paul Elementary School
H510.67  Raritan: St. Bernard Elementary School
H510.68  Red Bank: St. James Elementary School
H510.69  Red Bank: Red Bank Catholic High School
H510.70  Rumson: Holy Cross Elementary School
H510.71 Salisbury, MD: St. Francis de Sales Elementary School  
H510.72 Sayreville: Our Lady of Victories Elementary School  
H510.73 Scotch Plains: Union Catholic Regional High School  
H510.74 Somerset: St. Matthias Elementary School  
H510.75 South Amboy: St. Mary Parish and Schools  
H510.76 South Plainfield: Sacred Heart Elementary School  
H510.77 Spring Lake: St. Catharine Elementary School  
H510.78 Trenton: Center for Religious  
H510.79 Trenton: Mount Carmel Guild; Laurel House  
H510.80 Trenton: St. Mary Cathedral Schools  
H510.81 Vailsburg (Newark): Sacred Heart School  
H510.82 Ventnor: Mercy-by-the-Sea  
H510.83 Watchung: McAuley School for Exceptional Children  
H510.84 Watchung: Houses of Prayer Various Sites 1970s  
H510.85 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer  
H510.86 Watchung: Mount Saint Mary Academy  
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