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Finding Aid - St. Mary's Hospital, London, Ont. fonds (F12)

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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	St. Mary's Hospital, London, Ont. fonds
Reference code:	F12
Date:	1949-1996 (creation)
Physical description:	18 cm of textual records
	4 photographs : col.
	1 photo album
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	July 2, 2020November 2, 2023

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Sisters of St. Joseph built St. Mary's Hospital at 200 Grosvenor Street in 1951. It received its first 35 patients on April 3, 1951 from the House of Providence. It was created to serve the special medical and nursing needs of the chronically ill. The Sisters assigned to St. Mary's Hospital in 1951 were: Sr. Patrick Joseph as Superior; Sr. Leonora Doyle as Superintendent of the Hospital; Sisters: Irene Redmond, Austin Gurvine, Christina Dewan, Alberta Kenny, Lutgarde Stock, Bernandine Boyle, St. Matthew McMurray, Gervase Martin, Roseanne Sheehan, Ludmille (Isabel) Girard, Carmela Reedy, Justina Mahoney, Vincent de Paul Cronin, Genevieve Anne Cloutier, Dolores Sullivan. Its physiotherapy department was especially well-known for its efficiency, modern equipment, and well trained staff.

Many patients at St. Mary's were there for long-term care and were encouraged to make the hospital their home. Some of the programs that facilitated this were the Patients' Council, a patient newspaper called Between Friends, and fund-raising events for charities and the hospital. The hospital's budget was often strained. In 1959, the Ontario Hospital Commission Insurance was created which provided welcome financial relief for many hospitals, including St. Mary's. It was difficult for administrative and medical staff to adjust with extra patient evaluations and paperwork required to qualify for insurance.

In 1960, the hospital re-organized its staff in preparation for the Canadian Council Accreditation Survey which the hospital passed. The hospital maintained its accreditation over the years despite inadequate facilities which were addressed in 1979-1981 with a large building project. The old laundry and what remained of the Mount Hope Chapel were demolished to make way for a new chapel, laundry, and kitchen which connected the hospital with the neighbouring Marian Villa. In 1979, the Pastoral Department was created at the hospital. A Sister or priest worked part-time to co-ordinate the Sisters who volunteered for pastoral visits to patients.

In 1985, St. Mary's Hospital merged with St.Joseph's Hospital and Marian Villa to become St. Joseph's Health Centre. In 1986, rehabilitation services were added at St. Mary's Hospital for acute injuries,

amputees, neurological, orthopaedic, and chronic pain. In 1997, it became part of the Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care.

Scope and content

The fonds contains Auxiliary meeting notes, a donations list, a chronology of St. Mary's Hospital, written histories, newspaper photos, newspaper clippings, invitations, correspondence, reports, a pamphlet, a publication, memos, a photo album, photographs, and constitutions and by-laws.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred from St. Mary's Hospital to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada - London site archives.

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

There is a series and file list.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: published
- **Level of detail**: Partial

- **Status description**: Revised

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Health and social services (subject)
- Health care (subject)
- Religion and religious people (subject)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
- Hospitals (subject)
- London (place)

Collection holdings

Series: F12-S001 - Histories and Communications

Title: Histories and Communications

Reference code: F12-S001

Date: 1949-1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series contains Auxiliary meeting notes; hospital histories; a speech given by Sister Alice Marie McDonald; invitations; correspondence; a talk by Bishop J.M. Sherlock dated Aug. 5, 1980; newsclippings; an interview with Sister Cecilia; various publications; memos; photographs; and the Annual Report 1983-1984.

Physical description: 9.5 cm of textual records
3 photographs : col.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

File: F12-S001-01 - St. Mary's Hospital History, 1950-1965

Title: St. Mary's Hospital History, 1950-1965

Reference code: F12-S001-01

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S001-02 - St. Mary's Hospital, 1965-1975, 1979-1983

Title: St. Mary's Hospital, 1965-1975, 1979-1983

Reference code: F12-S001-02

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S001-03 - London-St. Mary's Hospital-Mount Hope, 1950-1987

Title: London-St. Mary's Hospital-Mount Hope, 1950-1987

Reference code: F12-S001-03

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S001-04 - St. Mary's Hospital-London-Histories, Finances

Title: St. Mary's Hospital-London-Histories, Finances

Reference code: F12-S001-04

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S001-05 - London-St. Mary's Hospital-Newsclippings

Title: London-St. Mary's Hospital-Newsclippings

Reference code: F12-S001-05

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S001-06 - St. Mary's Hospital Correspondence, Newsclippings, Interview, Short History

Title: St. Mary's Hospital Correspondence, Newsclippings, Interview, Short History

Reference code: F12-S001-06

Publication status:

published

File: F12-S001-07 - St. Mary's Hospital – Pamphlet, Publication, Correspondence

Title: St. Mary's Hospital – Pamphlet, Publication, Correspondence

Reference code: F12-S001-07

Publication status:

published

File: F12-S001-08 - Mount Hope Centre (1997), includes St. Mary's Hospital (new) Marian Villa and St. Mary's Annex, St. Mary's Dedication Sod Turning, May 12, 1995

Title: Mount Hope Centre (1997), includes St. Mary's Hospital (new) Marian Villa and St. Mary's Annex, St. Mary's Dedication Sod Turning, May 12, 1995

Reference code: F12-S001-08

Publication status:

published

File: F12-S001-09 - St. Mary's Hospital-Marian Villa Annual Report, 1983-1984

Title: St. Mary's Hospital-Marian Villa Annual Report, 1983-1984

Reference code: F12-S001-09

Publication status:

published

Series: F12-S002 - Administration

Title: Administration

Reference code: F12-S002

Date: 1961-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains constitutions and bylaws; the Annual Report 1982-1983; orders in council; correspondence; and a pamphlet.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

• Textual record (documentary form)

File: F12-S002-01 - St. Mary's Administrative By-Laws, 1969, 1961, 1970

Title: St. Mary's Administrative By-Laws, 1969, 1961, 1970

Reference code: F12-S002-01

Publication status:

published

File: F12-S002-02 - St. Mary's Hospital-Administrative Report 1982-1983, and By-Laws, 1961, 1979

Title: St. Mary's Hospital-Administrative Report 1982-1983, and By-Laws, 1961, 1979

Reference code: F12-S002-02

Publication status:

published

Series: F12-S003 - St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary

Title: St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary

Reference code: F12-S003

Date: 1950-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains news clippings; official opening memorabilia; publications; information about the hospital auxiliaries; a list of auxiliary members; a talk by Sister Patrick Joseph; information about hospital events; Auxiliary meeting minutes; reports; correspondence; and a history of St. Mary's Hospital, 1951-1955.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Publication status:

  published

Access points:

•   Textual record (documentary form)

File: F12-S003-01 - St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary

Title: St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary

Reference code: F12-S003-01

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S003-02 - St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, Vol. 2

Title: St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, Vol. 2

Reference code: F12-S003-02

Publication status:

  published

File: F12-S003-03 - St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary History, 1951-1955

Title: St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary History, 1951-1955

Reference code: F12-S003-03

Publication status:

  published

Series: F12-S004 - Spiritual Ministry

Title: Spiritual Ministry

Reference code: F12-S004

Date: 1981, [19-] (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains a bulletin and notes on St. Mary's Hospital assignments, schedules, and requirements for training program.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

• Textual record (documentary form)

File: F12-S004-01 - Pastoral Care

Title: Pastoral Care

Reference code: F12-S004-01

Publication status:

published

Series: F12-S005 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

Reference code: F12-S005

Date: 1951, 1981, 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains a photo album with photographs of the opening of St Mary's Hospital in 1951 and of the new addition and a photograph of the 1995 Sod Turning Ceremony.

Physical description: 1 photo album
1 photograph : col.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

• Graphic material (documentary form)

File: F12-S005-01 - St. Mary's Hospital – Opening – 1951 – New Addition – 1981 [photo album HSt.M-1]

Title: St. Mary's Hospital – Opening – 1951 – New Addition – 1981 [photo album HSt.M-1]

Reference code: F12-S005-01

Publication status:

published

File: F12-S005-02 - Sod Turning Ceremony 1995 [2012-93-1]

Title: Sod Turning Ceremony 1995 [2012-93-1]

Reference code: F12-S005-02

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published