

Natchez, MS – Cathedral School

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Schools

Historical Note

The Cathedral School in Natchez Mississippi was founded when the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, who later merged with the Daughters of Charity,

accepted the invitation of Bishop John Chance, S.S. to minister in the Diocese of Natchez. On January 31, 1847, the Sisters opened the Orphanage and School at St. Mary's Cathedral for the first time as an institution for girls. In 1848, it moved from its original site to the corner of Jefferson and Rankin Streets, and in 1854, the orphanage was legally incorporated for the first time. During the Civil War, the school remained open with the support of Union troops. In 1867, the school adopted the new name of St. Joseph School for Girls under the patronage of St. Joseph. In 1935, St. Joseph and the Cathedral Boys' School, which had been operated by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, merged and became co-educational, along with adopting the name Cathedral School. In 1983, the school shifted to lay administration when Dr. John Jordan became the first lay principal, and the Daughters of Charity withdrew from teaching in 2003. The school remains in operation as a K-12 Catholic school.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials related to the Daughters of Charity and their time administering and teaching at the Cathedral School in Natchez, Mississippi from 1847 to 2003. It contains administrative documents and reports meeting minutes of sisters, clergy, and boards of directors; written histories; administrative correspondence; newsletters; yearbooks; photographs; partial lists of staff and teachers; donated scrapbooks; and information regarding the transfer to lay administration and the Daughters' withdrawal.

System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 13 series: 1) Administration, 2) History, 3) Correspondence, 4) Financial, 5) Legal, 6) Publications, 7) Newspaper Clippings, 8) Audio-Visual, 9) Programs/Ministries, 10) Personnel, 11) Daughter of Charity Documents, 12) Artifacts/Memorabilia, 13) Closing of mission

Series 1) Administration is arranged into 3 sub-series: 1) Policies, 2) Reports, 3) Meetings

Series 6) Publications is arranged into 4 sub-series: 1) Newsletters, 2) Brochures, 3) Directories, 4) Other Publications

Series 8) Audio-Visual is arranged into 4 sub-series: 1) Photos, 2) Slides, 4) VHS tapes, 5) CDs

Series 11) Daughter of Charity Documents is arranged into 4 sub-series: 1) Canonical Visitations, 2) Domestic Assembly Minutes, 3) Old Vow Registers, 7) Miscellaneous Daughter of Charity Material

Oversized flat materials are not categorized under any of the above series.

The school yearbook "Chimes", with editions from 1965-2016 (some missing) are cataloged under Library/Rare Books.

Conditions Governing Access

Some Restrictions. Series 5) Legal and Series 10) Personnel restricted for 100 years. Series 11) Daughter of Charity Documents restricted to community use only.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Custodial History

Originally part of the Archives of the Daughters of Charity, East Central Province, Evansville, IN.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection transferred to Archives of the Province of St. Louise in provincial merger of 2011. Materials post-2011 transferred by Council liaison to Natchez at the conclusion of her term, 2020.

Related Archival Materials

See also the yearbook "Chimes." See other collection "Natchez, MS - St. Mary's Asylum." Other materials located with the Diocese of Jackson, MS archive.

Preferred Citation Format

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Inventory

This inventory does not include restricted materials.

RG Number	Title	Series	Subseries	Box / Drawer	Folder	Item	Collection Type	Date From	Date To
11-0	Convent - Plot Plan 1					1	Flat File	1963	
11-0	Floor Plans 1					2	Flat File	1954	

11-1-1-1	Course Description Booklet & Handbook for Parents	Administration	Policies	1	1		Manuscript		
11-1-1-1	Faculty Handbook	Administration	Policies	1	2		Manuscript		
11-1-1-2	Ministry Profile / Survey	Administration	Reports	1	3		Manuscript		
11-1-1-2	Visiting Committee Report	Administration	Reports	1	4		Manuscript	1975	
11-1-1-2	Report for Marillac Provincial Archives	Administration	Reports	1	5		Manuscript	1962	1971
11-1-1-2	Self-Study Report	Administration	Reports	1	6		Manuscript		
11-1-1-2	Various Reports	Administration	Reports	1	7		Manuscript		
11-1-1-2	Self-Evaluation Report	Administration	Reports	1	8		Manuscript	1975	1976
11-1-1-2	Self-Evaluation Report	Administration	Reports	1	9		Manuscript	1985	1986
11-1-1-3	Minutes of Meetings of Sisters & Clergy	Administration	Meetings	2	1		Manuscript		
11-1-1-3	Various Faculty Meeting Minutes	Administration	Meetings	2	2		Manuscript		
11-1-2	Various Histories	History		2	3		Manuscript		
11-1-3	Correspondence	Correspondence		2	4		Manuscript		
11-1-4-3	Financial Reports / Statements	Financial		2	5		Manuscript		
11-1-6-1	Various Newsletters	Publications	Newsletters	2	7		Manuscript		
11-1-6-1	Newsletters - the Wave	Publications	Newsletters	5	1		Manuscript		
11-1-6-2	Brochures	Publications	Brochures	2	8		Manuscript		
11-1-6-3	Alumni Directory	Publications	Directories	2	9		Manuscript	2008	
11-1-6-4	Yearbook: The Idyll	Publications	Other Publications	2	10		Manuscript	1929	
11-1-6-4	Celebrating Our First 150 Years - A publication of The Natchez Democrat	Publications	Other Publications	5	2		Manuscript	1997	
11-1-7	Newspaper Clippings (some no dates)	Newspaper Clippings		2	11		Manuscript	1897	
11-1-8-1	Photos of Sisters - Donated by Campbell Brown (alum)	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	12		Manuscript		

11-1-8-2	Slides of Buildings and Sisters donated by Sr. Sharon Haskins	Audio-Visual	Slides	6	1		Manuscript		
11-1-8-4	April 2000 Evaluation	Audio-Visual	VHS	5	5		Manuscript	2000	
11-1-8-5	Copy of a television news report featuring a former student at Cathedral School, Spring 2004	Audio-Visual	CD	5	6		Manuscript	2004	
11-1-9	2012 Cathedral School Retreat	Programs / Ministries					Born-Digital	2012	
11-1-9	Various programs	Programs / Ministries		2	13		Manuscript		
11-1-12	Scrapbook (copy)	Artifacts / Memorabilia		5	3		Manuscript	1953	1964
11-1-12	Scrapbook	Artifacts / Memorabilia		5	4		Manuscript	1847	2003
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Correspondence	Closing of Mission		3	10		Manuscript		
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Copies of photos used for display	Closing of Mission		3	11		Manuscript		
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Programs	Closing of Mission		3	12		Manuscript		
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Resolutions	Closing of Mission		4	1		Manuscript		
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Notes & Artwork from Teachers & Students	Closing of Mission		4	2		Manuscript		
11-1-13	Withdrawal - Newspaper Clippings	Closing of Mission		4	3		Manuscript		