

**Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Records
General Government Group Papers
Finding Aid**

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Collection Summary

Title: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur General Government Group Papers

Accession Number: 2013.25

Dates: 1978 to 1990

Bulk Dates: 1980 to 1990

Location: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Boston/Ipswich/Connecticut [BIC] Archives.

Physical Description: 2 boxes, 25 color slides, 1 photograph.

Abstract: The General Government Group was formed during the 1978 General Chapter meeting. Its objective was "to provide for congregational organization, planning and development." Part of their work entailed drafting a new Constitution to be presented to the 1984 General Chapter. These papers include any records for workshops, meetings and efforts to envision the changes mandated by Vatican II. For a better understanding of the entire process, the Finding Aid for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Constitutions Papers should also be consulted.

Search Terms:

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Government

GGG

General Government Group

Constitutions

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - History - Government

Provenance: These papers were accumulated by members of the GGG, including Sisters Peggy Loftus, Marlene de Nardo and Dorothy Connelly.

Processing: A preliminary arrangement was done by the Connecticut Province. The papers were moved from acidic folders and boxes and information entered into Past Perfect. Some rearrangement was necessary.

Conservation Work: Staples removed, some papers unfolded.

Restrictions: The collection is available for research only in the BIC Archives.

Scope and Content Note: In 1978, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur charged the newly formed GGG or General Government Group with the task of preparing a plan to implement reorganization of the Congregation's government. As part of this, they were to draft a new Constitution for the 1984 Chapter. This involved the Sisters coming together as a Congregation for workshops, retreats and meetings to explore the best options for their Order. The central goal, besides drafting a new Constitution, was to implement shared leadership and a broad participation in decisions for the Congregation. The workshops and responses to the surveys conducted were gathered by the GGG for consideration in their 5 year plan.

The bulk of the General Government Group papers contain formal correspondence necessary for the process of reorganization. In addition, reports on various systems and the best way to address the congregational mission are included, as well as discussions of events and the work within the GGG. Meetings in all the provinces were held and local church gatherings were planned as a way to aid the GGG with their mission. Also filed with these records is the Sisters' response to SCRIS's [the Sacred Congregation for Religious and for Secular Institutes] statement regarding their proposed Constitution.

The GGG papers also include: the Government for Mission Papers, a subgroup charged with focusing on the Congregation's prime goal of finding the best means to carry out their Mission as Sisters of Notre Dame; the Renewal for Mission Papers detailing the work of the Sisters to offer renewal to all involved in Missions; and the Local Church Assembly papers, which outline the Sisters efforts between 1978 to 1983 to experience the life of a local church where some of their sisters worked with and among poor and oppressed people in urban and rural education, as well as in social and pastoral ministries. Lastly, the papers for the Southern Group meetings include correspondence and documents detailing the meetings held in South Carolina.

Organization and Container List

GGG Papers Box 1

Folder 1	Workshop Papers, 1979.
Folder 2	Group Papers, 1978-1982.
Folder 3	Correspondence, 1978-1979.
Folder 4	Correspondence, 1980.
Folder 5	Correspondence, 1981.
Folder 6	Correspondence, 1982.
Folder 7	Correspondence, 1983-1984.
Folder 8	Correspondence, 1985.
Folder 9	Correspondence, 1986-1987.
Folder 10	Correspondence, 1988-1990.
Folder 11	Reports, 1980-1986.
Folder 12	Reports, 1987-1990.
Folder 13	Feast Day Greetings, 1985-1990.
Folder 14	Newsletters, 1985-1989.
Folder 15	Barbara Ferraro and Patricia Hussey Papers, 1986-1988.
Folder 16	Southern Gathering, 1982-1984.

GGG Papers Box 2

Folder 1	Sr. Mary Daniel Turner Letters, 1979-1981.
Folder 2	Sr. Marlene DeNardo Letters, 1980-1984.
Folder 3	Government for Mission Papers, 1978.
Folder 4	Government for Mission Papers, 1978-1979.
Folder 5	Government for Mission Papers, 1979.
Folder 6	Government for Mission Papers, 1979.
Folder 7	Government for Mission Papers, 1979-1980.
Folder 8	Government for Mission Papers, 1980.
Folder 9	Renewal for Mission Papers, 1979, March-May.
Folder 10	Renewal for Mission Papers, 1979, October-1980.
Folder 11	Renewal for Mission Papers, 1981, January-March.
Folder 12	Renewal for Mission Papers, 1981, April-December.
Folder 13	Renewal for Mission Papers, 1982.
Folder 14	Local Church Assemblies Papers, 1981-1982.
Folder 15	Local Church Assemblies Papers, 1983.
Folder 16	Local Church Assemblies Papers, 1982-1983.
Folder 17	Local Church Assemblies Papers, 1979-1983.

Photo Box 14

Sr. Mary Daniel Turner Photograph, c. 1980.

Slide Box 1

Local Church Assemblies Slides, c. 1980. 25 slides.