

**Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Records
St. Mary Star of the Sea School, Beverly MA**

Finding Aid

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Collection Summary

Title: St. Mary Star of the Sea School Papers

Accession Numbers: 2013.47

Dates: 1925-1999

Bulk Dates: 1925-1970

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

Physical Description: 1 box, 20 volumes, 103 photographs.

Abstract: The St. Mary's School Papers include annals, journals, financial records, news clippings, histories, yearbooks, sisters' registers and photographs of school and convent events.

Search Terms:

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - History

Religious life - History

Women's Religious Orders - History

Provenance: The papers were collected by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Processing: The collection was arranged in 2013.

Conservation Work: Staples removed, some papers unfolded.

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

Scope and Content Note: The Sisters of Notre Dame had begun teaching Sunday School in Beverly in 1898. The pastor of St. Mary's Church organized the efforts to have a school built. Construction began in 1924 and was completed the following June. St.

Mary's School opened on September 14, 1925 with 81 children in the first and second grades. At present, the school has an enrollment from pre-K to the 8th grade.

The papers include the Annals and Journals kept by the Sisters, a register of gifts made to the Chapel by parishioners, legal contracts and wills for those leaving money to the school, brochures and news clippings of events, school history written in 1950, financial accounts, minutes of Councillor's meetings, vow renewal and transfer records for Sisters, the commemorative book published on the 125th anniversary of the parish, and high school yearbooks.

Photographs are filed in School Box 15 and include pictures of school events, the church and chapel, the 25th anniversary celebration of the opening of the school, images from August 1977 of the vacation summer school and of the Sisters and students at various events.

Organization and Container List

St. Mary Star of the Sea Box

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| Folder 1 | Annals, 1925-1960. |
| Folder 2 | Gifts to the Chapel, 1927-1958. |
| Folder 3 | St. Mary's Papers, 1928-2008. |
| Folder 4 | Anniversary brochures and bulletins, 1942-1995. |
| Folder 5 | School History, 1950. |
| Folder 6 | Financial Accounts, 1968-1970. |
| Folder 7 | News Clippings, 1994-1999. |

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Annals, 1933-1976.
Convent Journal, 1927-1943.
Convent Journal, 1944-1968.
Convent Journal, 1968-1969.
Accounts, 1927-1944.
Accounts, 1945-1956.
Accounts, 1956-1968.
Councillor's Meetings, 1927-1935.
Councillor's Meetings, 1936-1951.
Councillor's Meetings, 1951-1966.
Vow Renewals, 1931-1970.
Transfer Records, 1927-1999.
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church Celebrating 125 Years of Faith, 1870-1995.

Yearbooks, 1954-1959.

School

Photo Box 15

103 photographs of school, church and events.