

Kansas City, MO – Kansas City Orphan Home and School

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Historical Note

Three Daughters of Charity arrived in 1897 to begin administering the Kansas City Orphan Boys' Home, a diocesan institution that had been founded the previous year. John Perry provided a building and expansion money for the home, and it was known informally as the Perry Memorial Home for many years. From 1913-1940, classes were taught by teachers from the public school system, although it continued to be administered by the Daughters of Charity. By the 1950s, the number of orphans entering the home was greatly reduced, so in 1952, the name was changed to St. Pius X Boarding School. In 1958, the school merged with St. Joseph's Orphan Girls Home and the Children's Home of St. Joseph, MO. St. Pius X School of Special Education was opened at this time. In 1961, a new building was opened under the name of Marillac School and Home. This changed to the Marillac Center for Children in 1978. Now focused on children with emotional and behavioral problems, it became a private agency no longer affiliated with the diocese.

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, Reports, History, Correspondence, Financial and Legal Documents, Publications, Photos, Artifacts

System of Arrangement

Arranged in 12 Series: 1) Administration, 2) History, 3) Correspondence, 4) Financial, 5) Legal, 6) Publications, 7) Newspaper Clippings, 8) Audio-Visual, 9) Programs, 10) Personnel, 11) Daughters of Charity Documents, and 12) Artifacts and Memorabilia

Conditions Governing Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Inventory

Restricted files not listed in this inventory.

RG 11-4-1 - series - Administration

Box 1 Folder 1 - file - Administrator's guide - 1963

Box 1 Folder 2 - file - Study report - 1897-1939

Box 1 Folder 3 - file - Report of Marillac School - 1955

Box 1 Folder 4 - file - Memorandum to Bishop Cody - 1957

Box 1 Folder 5 - file - Report of St. Pius X School

Box 1 Folder 6 - file - Report of St. Pius X School - 1962

Box 1 Folder 7 - file - Report of annual visit - 1965

Box 1 Folder 8 - file - Report to provincial archives - 1962-1971

Box 1 Folder 9 - file - Evaluation report - 1977

Box 1 Folder 10 - file - Report of Marillac Center for Children - 1979-1981

Box 1 Folder 11 - file - Market study report - 1980

Box 1 Folder 12 - file - Campaign plan for Marillac Center - 1980

Box 1 Folder 13 - file - Property-related correspondence - 1923-1982

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RG 11-4-2 - series - History

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Box 1 Folder 18 - file - History-General

Box 2 Folder 1 - file - History-Name changes - 1897-1962

Box 2 Folder 2 - file - History-Notes by former students

RG 11-4-3 - series - Correspondence

Box 2 Folder 3 - file - Correspondence - 1856-1960

Box 2 Folder 4 - file - Correspondence - 1961-1997

RG 11-4-4 - series - Financial

Box 2 Folder 5 - file - Special tax bills - 1901-1912

Box 2 Folder 6 - file - Financial statements - 1911-1983

Box 2 Folder 7 - file - Financial correspondence - 1927-1939

Box 2 Folder 8 - file - Financial-Carrie J. Loose Fund - 1937-1942

Box 2 Folder 9 - file - Financial statements and auditor's reports - 1958-1982

Box 2 Folder 10 - file - Financial reports and statistics - 1897-1946

RG 11-4-5 - series - Legal

Box 3 Folder 2 - file - Bylaws, articles of incorporation, charter - 1896-1948

Box 3 Folder 6 - file - Agreement with Daughters of Charity - 1980

Box 3 Folder 7 - file - Court cases - 1902-1907

RG 11-4-6 - series - Publications

Box 3 Folder 8 - file - Newsletters - 1959-2002

Box 3 Folder 9 - file - Brochures

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Box 3 Folder 10 - file - Newspaper clippings - 1897-2004

Box 3 Folder 11 - file - Newspaper clippings

Box 5 Folder 2 - file - Newspaper clippings - 1938-1993

RG 11-4-8 - series - Audio-visual

Box 4 Folder 1 - file - Photographs-Buildings

Box 4 Folder 2 - file - Photographs-Children and Sisters

Box 4 Folder 3 - file - Photographs-Marillac School-Classroom activities

Box 4 Folder 4 - file - Photographs-Miscellaneous

Box 4 Folder 5 - file - Photographs-Sisters

Box 5 Folder 3 - file - Photographs-St. Pius X School Grades 1-5 - 1955-1956

Box 5 Folder 4 - file - Photographs - 1997

Box 5 Folder 5 - file - Photographs-Sisters' Home - 2003

Box 5 Folder 6 - file - Photographs-Daughters of Charity leaving Kansas City - 2006

Box 5 Folder 7 - file - Photographs-Negatives and group photo of Sisters - 1979

Box 5 Folder 8 - file - Video-Marillac: 1897-1997 - 1997

Box 5 Folder 9 - file - Cassette-Interview of Sr. Gertrude Vandenberg - 1982

RG 11-4-9 - series - Programs

Box 4 Folder 6 - file - Various events - 1906-1981

Box 4 Folder 7 - file - 50th anniversary - 1946

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Box 4 Folder 9 - file - Information on Sisters - 1897-1996

RG 11-4-12 - *series* - Artifacts and Memorabilia

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