

## St. Louis, MO – Guardian Angel Settlement Home

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 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul  
 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul--United States  
 Orphanages  
 Orphan asylums  
 Social service agencies  
 Social service--Religious aspects--Catholic Church  
 Social service--Missouri

### Historical Note

Guardian Angel was founded in 1859 when three Daughters of Charity arrived at the request of Archbishop Kenrick to start a home for orphan girls over age 12. Although the first few years were difficult, a project sewing buttons and braids for army uniforms during the Civil War started to create financial stability for the

institution. Over the next several decades, a variety of community services were added, including daycare, medical and dental clinics, job placement for new immigrants, senior services, housing assistance, and a thrift store. In 1963, the old building on Marion Street was demolished for a park, and Guardian Angel moved into the nearby Darst-Webbe public housing complex, where it stayed until 1988. A merger with another social service agency, Hosea House, along with added locations and a new headquarters building have continued to add to the services provided by Guardian Angel.

## **Scope and Contents**

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

## **System of Arrangement**

Arranged in 11 series: 1) Administration, 2) History, 3) Correspondence, 4) Financial, 5) Legal, 6) Publications, 7) Newspaper Clippings, 8) Audio-visual, 9) Programs, 10) Personnel, 11) Daughter of Charity Documents

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## **Custodial History**

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## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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## Inventory

Some restricted materials not listed

### RG 11-4-1 - series - Administration

- Box 1 Folder 1 - file - Register of children - 1859-1906
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- Box 1 Folder 3 - file - Register of children - 1902-1910
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- Box 1 Folder 6 - file - Annual and other reports - 1913-2009
- Box 1 Folder 7 - file - Survey of Guardian Angel Day Nursery - 1940
- Box 1 Folder 8 - file - Study report-Guardian Angel Day Nursery - 1941
- Box 1 Folder 9 - file - Report to provincial archives - 1962-1965
- Box 1 Folder 10 - file - Agency narrative report
- Box 1 Folder 11 - file - Self-evaluation - 1972
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- Box 1 Folder 13 - file - Report of visit - 1975
- Box 1 Folder 14 - file - Self-evaluation - 1980
- Box 1 Folder 15 - file - Planning and feasibility study - 2007
- Box 2 Folder 1 - file - Property-Deeds, correspondence and related documents - 1848-1964
- Box 2 Folder 2 - file - Property-City tax receipts - 1853-1916
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- Box 2 Folder 4 - file - Property appraisal - 1950
- Box 2 Folder 5 - file - Property-Sale and relocation - 1960-1965
- Box 7 - file - Register of children - 1911-1933
- Box 8 - file - Register of children - 1859-1928
- Box 9 - file - Register of children - 1911-1939
- Box 10 - file - Register of children - 1911-1920
- Box 10 - file - City proclamation on 140th anniversary - 1999

### RG 11-4-2 - series - History

- Box 2 Folder 6 - file - Historical notes written by Sisters
- Box 2 Folder 7 - file - History by Mary Gorman - 1896-1900
- Box 2 Folder 8 - file - History-General

### RG 11-4-3 - series - Correspondence

- Box 2 Folder 9 - file - Correspondence - 1911-1998
- Box 2 Folder 10 - file - Correspondence-Donations - 1911-1982
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- Box 2 Folder 12 - file - Correspondence-Children - 1892-1949

## RG 11-4-4 - series - Financial

- Box 3 Folder 1 - file - Financial statements and reports - 1979-1981
- Box 3 Folder 2 - file - Certificates of stocks and bonds - 1909-1946
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- Box 3 Folder 4 - file - Financial audit reports - 1977-1979
- Box 3 Folder 5 - file - Financial reports and statistics - 1880-1904
- Box 3 Folder 6 - file - Financial reports and statistics - 1924-1946

## RG 11-4-5 - series - Legal

- Box 3 Folder 7 - file - Bylaws, articles of incorporation - 1857-2005
- Box 3 Folder 8 - file - Board manual - 1972
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- Box 3 Folder 10 - file - Board minutes and related correspondence - 1914-1971
- Box 3 Folder 11 - file - Board minutes and related correspondence - 1972-1986
- Box 4 Folder 1 - file - Agreements with St. Louis Housing Authority - 1964-1980
- Box 4 Folder 2 - file - Contracts - 1985-1993
- Box 4 Folder 3 - file - Wills and bequests - 1916-1984

## RG 11-4-6 - series - Publications

- Box 4 Folder 4 - file - Newsletter-The Messenger - 1979-1997
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- Box 4 Folder 6 - file - Various newsletters - 1939-2011
- Box 4 Folder 7 - file - Brochures
- Box 4 Folder 8 - file - Homecoming book - 2005

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- Box 5 Folder 1 - file - Newspaper clippings - 1971-1999

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- Box 5 Folder 4 - file - Photographs-Children
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- Box 5 Folder 6 - file - Photographs-Children and staff
- Box 5 Folder 7 - file - Photographs-Commissioning of board, staff, and volunteers by Archbishop Rigali - 1994
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- Box 5 Folder 11 - file - Photographs-Day with Sisters in their home
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Box 6 Folder 5 - file - 125th anniversary - 1984

Box 6 Folder 6 - file - 130th and 140th anniversaries - 1989-1999

Box 6 Folder 7 - file - Various events

RG 11-4-10 - series - Personnel

Box 6 Folder 8 - file - List of personnel

Box 6 Folder 9 - file - Information on Sisters