

Philadelphia, PA / Drexel Hill, PA - St. Vincent's Asylum: St. Vincent's Home

Archives of the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise

2026



Creator:	St. Vincent's Asylum (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Title:	Philadelphia, PA / Drexel Hill, PA - St. Vincent's Asylum: St. Vincent's Home
Dates:	1850-2004
Extent:	3 Boxes, 2 linear feet
Identification:	NE-SVADHPPA
Language:	English
Subjects:	St. Vincent's Asylum (Philadelphia, PA)

Catholic history - history
 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul - United States
 Orphan Asylum (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 Orphan Asylums
 Orphanages
 Orphanages - Pennsylvania
 Social service agencies
 Social service - Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
 Social service - Religious aspects - Catholic Church

Historical Note

St. Vincent's Home for dependent and neglected children was originally managed by a group of lay people. In 1855 the Daughters of Charity took over, and it was incorporated on February 20, 1858. It began on Stiles Street, moved to Freeland Street in 1856, and Eighteenth and Wood Streets in 1857. By 1903 more space was needed and the Home secured property at Twentieth and Wood Streets. In 1915, the city expropriated the property. Sisters and children lived at the summer home in Point Pleasant, NJ, until their new home on the former Drexel estate was ready. This was dedicated on May 9, 1920. In 1953 due a decline in the number of children, they were transferred to Our Lady of the Way, St. David's. The Home closed in 1958 and the remaining children were sent to Gonzaga Home in Germantown.

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, Reports, History, Correspondence, Publications, and Photographs

System of Arrangement

Arranged into 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, 12) Artifacts and memorabilia

Conditions Governing Access

Information related to former residents subject to staff use only. Information related to bequests restricted for 100 years. Series 11 "Daughters of Charity Documents" restricted to community members only.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission for any type of publication of archival materials, including text, photographs, video, or audio must be secured from the Daughters of Charity Communications Director before publication. Contact archives staff for appropriate forms and contact information.

Custodial History

Collection originally part of the Archives of the Northeast Province of the Daughters of Charity, Albany, NY.

Additional acquisition 201907002 added and processed into collection in July 2019. Materials from this additional accession noted in Inventory.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred to Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise during provincial merger of 2011

Preferred Citation Format

Document/File Name, RG #, Collection Name, Daughters of Charity Archives, Province of St. Louise, Emmitsburg, MD

11-4-8-1	May Procession- Bell Telephone of Philadelphia Christmas Party- buildings chapel at Christmas	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	7	Manuscript	1953	1955	
11-4-8-1	Reunion	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	8	Manuscript	1976		
11-4-8-1	Reunion	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	9	Manuscript	2001	2004	
11-4-8-1	"We Called It Home"	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	10	Manuscript	2003		
11-4-8-1	Photo album Index	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	11	Manuscript			
11-4-8-1	Additional photo prints of those contained in the large photo album/ sorted by page #'s where they appear	Audio-Visual	Photos	2	12	Manuscript			
11-4-9	St. Vincent's Association	Programs / Ministries		2	13	Manuscript	2002		
11-4-9	St. Vincent's Association	Programs / Ministries		2	14	Manuscript	2004		
11-4-9	St. Vincent's Association	Programs / Ministries		2	15	Manuscript	2004		
11-4-10- 1	Listing of Sister Servants 1855- 1957	Personnel		2	16	Manuscript	1855	1957	
11-4-12	Scrapbook of copies of photographs	Artifacts / Memorabilia		3	1	Manuscript	1950	1951	