

# MG 557 Daughters of Wisdom collection

## Scope and Content

Records were created and accumulated by the Daughters of Wisdom during their activities as a Roman Catholic religious order in red Deer, including running a boarding school, teaching, nursing, running a convent, and volunteering within the community.

Records include yearbooks, religious education materials, photographs, home movies, architectural drawings for the new convent, St. Joseph's Convent Alumni Association records, copy of correspondence of Father Henri Voisin, list of students, and anniversary programs.

## Date of Records

1889, 1904-1998, 2002-2008

## Physical Description

2.2 cm of textual records

370 photographs

27 technical drawings

24 film strips

20 video reels

5 audio reels

5 audio discs

1 book

1 USB : PowerPoint

## Material Types (GMD)

Textual Records and Other Materials

Architectural and Technical Drawings

Graphic Materials

Moving Images

Records in Electronic Form

Sound Recordings

Textual Records

## Terms Governing Use, Reproduction, and Publication

Some restrictions identified: Copyright as noted on file list.

## Creator Information

**Authority Name** Daughters of Wisdom

**Authority History** The Daughters of Wisdom, a religious order from France, accepted the invitation of the Tinchelbray Fathers to offer Catholic schooling in Red Deer.

In 1909, they established a boarding school at St. Joseph's Convent and formed the Red Deer Regional Catholic Schools system. By 1960 the classrooms were closed and the boarding rooms in 1962. Several Sisters continued to teach in the Red Deer Separate School District or worked at the Red Deer Hospital until 1975.

The original convent building was torn down and replaced in 1978. The new

convent was closed in 2005 and demolished in 2007. The last Sister in Red Deer moved to Edmonton in 2012.

<b>Notes</b>
--------------

**Finding Aids**

File list available.

**Associated Materials**

MG 124 Red Deer Separate School District No. 17 fonds

**Physical Condition**

Most records are in good condition.

**Arrangement**

Order imposed by archivist.

**Language of Material**

English

French

**Location of Originals**

Daughters of Wisdom Western Canada archives (Ottawa)

**Custodial History**

Records were donated by members of the Order in 25 accessions between 1977 and 2016. Some records were found in the basement of St. Joseph's Convent by Laebon Homes after the building was vacated. Those 2 accessions were donated by Laebon Homes in 2006 and 2007.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Accession Numbers**

1977-024

1982-065

1983-011

1985-006

1999-085

2002-005

2003-036

2003-155

2005-009

2006-155

2007-020

2009-022

2012-009

2013-064

2013-136

2014-145

2015-035

2015-167

2015-201

2015-202

2015-219

2015-382  
2015-934  
2016-347  
2016-470  
2016-529

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1977-024	1	1	The Catholic Chimes	1922	0.1		Copy of the last edition of the Catholic Chimes newspaper.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1982-065	Reference library		Ordinary Heroes: The Journal of a French Pioneer in Alberta, by Marcel Durieux	1980	1 book	Copyright	

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1983-011	1	1	Scintilla	1958	1.3	Copyright	St. Joseph's Convent yearbook.
1983-011	1	2	Can. Catech. Questionnaire Gr. 11	[before 1983]	0.1	Copyright unknown	Copy of an essay on English and French history and literature in Canada.
1983-011	1	3	Clippings	1975-1981, 1990	0.2	Copyright	Newspaper clippings about children and the Sacred Heart Church fire; notice from Parish Council on the rebuilding of Sacred Heart Church
1983-011	1	4	Events	1977-1982	0.2		Program dedication and blessing of St. Patrick's Community School; retirement of Reverend Henri Routhier; speech given by Douglas Cardinal; sod turning and blessing for St. Mathew's Roman Catholic Church in Rocky Mountain House
1983-011	1	5	Publications	1975-1984	1.2	Copyright	Includes Edmonton Magazine article on Douglas Cardinal; Albert Report featuring Douglas Cardinal; The Review magazine; Heritage magazine
1983-011	2	6	Scrapbook	1971-1983	2.5	Copyright	Newspaper clippings on Pierre Trudeau and family

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1985-006	1	1	Photographs	1904 - 1983	79 photographs : b&w and col.		Copy images. Includes St. Joseph Convent, students, North Red Deer, Daughters of Wisdom, Fathers of St. Mary of Tinchebray, Montfort School, Apostolic College, and Sacred Heart Church.
1985-006	1	2	Pilgrims of the night	1889	0.9		Illustrated hymn book.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1999-085	1	1	Sr. Barbara	1983, 1999	0.2		Booklet The Call of Wisdom 1904-1983; homily for Sr. Barbara Dickinson funeral



Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2002-005	1	1	Photographs	1923, [ca. 1950] 1958	14 photographs	Copyright	Photos of students, Sisters, rallies and classrooms at St. Joseph's Convent

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2003-036	1	1	300th Anniversary	2003	0.2		Correspondence; booklet 300 Years of Service

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2003-155	OS 76	1	Blueprints	1919, 1925	1 technical drawing		Sewer plans for St. Joseph's Convent

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2005-009	1	1	Alumni Association	1958-1961	0.4		Includes Alumni Association of St. Joseph's Convent. Constitution, budget, correspondence, contact list

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2006-155	1	1	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook 1941	1941	0.3	Copyright	3 copies, fragile Partial scan - K3326_1
2006-155	1	2	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook 1943	1942-1943	0.6	Copyright	The Scintilla, 1942-1943
2006-155	1	3	St. Joseph Convent Scintilla Annual 1944	1943-1944	0.4	Copyright	By the Pupils of Saint Joseph's Convent 2 copies, one with sticker "Sister Paul Marie du S.C."
2006-155	1	4	St. Joseph Convent Scintilla Annual 1945	1944-1945	0.9	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	1	5	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Sijaco 1954-55	1954-1955	1.8	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	1	6	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Sijaco 1955-56	1955-1956	1.8	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	1	7	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1957	2.5	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	2	8 (1 of 2)	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1958	3.0	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	2	8 (2 of 2)	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1958	1.5	Copyright	1 copy
2006-155	2	9	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1959	2.5	Copyright	3 copies
2006-155	2	10	St. Thomas Aquinas School Yearbook The Aquinian	1963	1.1	Copyright	
2006-155	2	11	St. Thomas Aquinas School Yearbook The Aquinian	1965	1.0	Copyright	
2006-155	3	12	Camille J. Lerouge Collegiate Yearbook "All Together"	1972	0.9	Copyright	
2006-155	3	13	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 1	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	14	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 2	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	15	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 3	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	16	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 4	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	17	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 5	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	18	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 19 No. 6	1941-1942	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	19	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 20 No. 1	1942-1943	0.4	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	3	20	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 20 No. 2	1942-1943	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	21	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 20 No. 3	1942-1943	0.3	Copyright	

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2006-155	3	22	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 20 No. 4	1942-1943	0.4	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	3	23	St. Joseph's Convent Newsletter Convent Tribute Vol. 20 No. 5	1942-1943	0.3	Copyright	
2006-155	3	24 (1 of 2)	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1960	2.0	Copyright	2 copies
2006-155	3	24 (2 of 2)	St. Joseph Convent Yearbook Scintilla	1960	2.0	Copyright	1 copy
2006-155	3	25	The Convent Tribute	1945-1954	2.3	Copyright	Incomplete (missing issues)
2006-155	3	26	The Convent Tribute	1942-1949	3.0	Copyright	Incomplete (missing issues)
2006-155	4	27	Sister Denise Mounted Slides	19-	10 photos : 35 mm	Copyright	Photos of European artwork in slide holders
2006-155	4	28	Sister Paul-Marie Slides	1966, 1974	119 slides : col.	Copyright	Set 1 - includes France (Versailles, Cheverney), interiors and exteriors of houses Set 2 - includes France, airplane ride Set 3 - includes people and places in Red Deer, 1974 Set 4 - includes people, home interiors, and alters, possibly Red Deer 1974 Set 5 - includes Bermuda, Gifford, Quebec, exterior of House (mostly 1950-1954), Edmonton (1969)
2006-155	4	29	Unknown Slides	[likely between 1950 and 1970]	9 slides : col.	Copyright	Made in France
2006-155	4	30	Vaticano Slides	[196-?]	60 slides : col.	Copyright	Commercially produced
2006-155	5	31	Audio Reels	n.d.	2 audio reels		Unidentified, small reels
2006-155	5	32	Audio Reel - Music	n.d.	1 audio reel	Copyright	Appear to be music but may be Bible stories; track list available
2006-155	5	33	Audio Reel - Sister Denise du St Esprit (Cecile Sirois) Travail #2	n.d.	1 audio reel	Copyright	Instrumental Teaching / Didactique intstrumentale
2006-155	5	34	Audio Reel - Music	n.d.	1 audio reel	Copyright	Appear to be music but may be Bible stories; track list available

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2006-155	5	35	Student Records for voix et images de France	[196-?]	5 audio discs : 33 1/3 vinyl	Copyright	Units 1 to 16, Part 1 Created by Chilton Books Philadelphia, USA
2006-155	4	36	Lourdes - "Lestrade"	n.d.	6 stereograph cards	Copyright	Images of Lourdes, France. 10 images per card.
2006-155	4	37	Sacred Heart Church	1978	0.1		Sunday bulletin/ service.
2006-155	5	38	Catechism	n.d.	24 filmstrips	Copyright	Units 11 - 20 in a Catechism education set. Two copies of Units 12-20; The Passion Part 1-3
2006-155	5	39	Commercial films	n.d.	18 video reels : 16mm and 8mm	Copyright	Disney and Castle Films productions. Includes: Merry Christmas - A Yuletide Movie; Battle for France; Grand Uproar; Scotland [Snow Thrills]; Coronation Pius XII; Moving Day; Chimp on the Farm; New York - The Wonder City; Snookum Bears on a Rampage; 127 Br. Commandos in Action; Donald Duck Gets Stung; The Big Fight; Cleaned Out; Boy Meets Dog [incomplete]; Cowboy Mickey; Kat Kartoon - Having Fun; World's Oldest Mountains - Alabama Hills; untitled
2006-155	5	40	Films	[1955-1956]	2 video reels : 8mm	Copyright	Home movies. First communion at church and Sisters; children in the yard in winter and Spring.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2007-020	2007-020 OS Folder 1	1	Plans	1976	25 plans	Copyright	Set of plans for new convent.
2007-020	1	2	Mechanical System	1978	1.3		Includes mechanical specs, drawings, brochures for the new convent.
2007-020	1	3	Maintenance	1978, 1992-2002	0.8		Includes certificates, correspondence, invoices and quotes for maintenance on the new convent.



Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2009-022	1	1	Day Scholars 1940s-1960	1949-1992	22 photographs : b&w and col.	Copyright	Portraits of day students at St. Joseph's Convent. Most not taken during school years. Includes: Berthe (Pomerleau) and Dino Truant; Eileen Rogers; Doug Stobee; Eva (Moreau) and George Marcil; Teresa (Kennedy) and Mario Truant; Tony Beaudry; Marguerite Lerouge; Vivian Boomer; Lucie Vick; Agnes Vick; Chuck Landry; Ken Stewart; Mary Moreau; Grace Kennedy; Mary (Kennedy) and Elmer Metzger and family; Loree Martin; Joey Martin; Patricia MacParland; Frances MacParland; Rosie Roth
2009-022	1	2	Boarders 1940s-1960	1941-1963	14 photographs : b&w and col.	Copyright	Portraits of boarding students at St. Joseph's Convent. Most not taken during school years. Includes: Jean Trimmel; Joan Trimmel; Elsie Genetti; E. Lauer; Muriel Dennett; Eileen Becker; Kathleen Wright; Janet O'Neil; Dawn-Eve Agnew; Moira Scott; Simone Sonet; Alice Lachance; Louise Gutterson; Charlotte Gutterson; Ria Murphy (Gutterson); Vic Murphy
2009-022	1	3	Correspondence	[ca. 1904-1912]	0.8		Copy of transcription of letters by Father Henri Voisin to his superiors in France. Written in French.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2012-009	1	1	100th Anniversary	2008	1 USB key : PowerPoint		Slide show celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Daughters of Wisdom in Red Deer

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2013-064	1	1	Henri Voisin biography	1934	0.1	Copyright	Booklet - biography of Father Henri Voisin.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2013-136	1	1	Sacred Heart Church	1959, 1990, 1992	23 photographs		Construction of the original Sacred Heart Church; church after arson fire; blessing of Sacred Heart Centre

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2014-145	1	1	Sacred Heart Church	[ca. 1950]	2 photographs		Sacred Heart Church and rectory.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-035	1	1	Catholic Church history	1909-1973	0.2		Copies. History of Red Deer, n.d.; History of the Catholic Church in Central Alberta, Recent Parishes and Missions on the CPR, 1914; Red Deer Advocate letter to the editor on Father Henry Voisin, Nov. 28, 1973; images of priests, fathers, churches and short biographies from various publications

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-167	1	1	Sacred Heart Church	1908	1 photograph		Sacred Heart Church

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-201	1	1	Photographs	1945-1947	3 photographs		Rosary Rally at the outdoor grotto at St. Joseph's Convent; Grade 6 and 7, St. Joseph's Convent, 1945-1946; Grade XII (12) graduation, St. Joseph's Convent, 1947.



Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-202	1	1	Father Kroetch	[before 1950]	1 photograph		Portrait of Father Tom Kroetch.
2015-202	1	2	Bright Story Readers	[1910?]	0.5		Bright Story Readers Grade VI, Further Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare"
2015-202	1	3	Annie Bruce	1902, 1981	0.1		Copy of memoir by Annie Bruce. Original dated 1902.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-219	1	1	Tinchebray Fathers	1955	0.1		Copy of Sprit? Newsletter detailing the story of Father Leconte and the early history of the town of Castor; biography of Father Henri Voisin, n.d.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-382	1	1	Invitation	1982	0.1		Invitation to the Daughters of Wisdom 75th anniversary event

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2015-934	1	1	Junior Schools	[ca. 1955?]	1 photograph	Copyright	Red Deer Intermediate School, Central Public School and field.

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2016-347	1	1	Church Altar	[cs. 1920, ca. 1970]	2 photographs		Our Lady of Sorrows Church altar, North Red Deer, ca. 1920 ; Sacred Heart Church altar, ca. 1970s

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2016-470	1	1	Red Deer	1927, 1978	0.3		Photocopies. Pamphlet on Colonization, Assoc. Canadienne Francaise D'Alberta, 1927; newspaper clipping from Le Franco-Albertain on the Emile Hermary family; list of Bishops and Calgary and Bishops of St. Albert and Archbishops of Edmonton

Accession #	Box #	File	File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2016-529	1	1	Alberta Vocational College	1993	4 photographs	Copyright	Alberta Vocational College library