Crossword puzzle commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Little Franciscans of Mary
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Collection Overview

Creator

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Dates

2014

Extent

1 folder (.05 cubic feet)

Provenance

Material was brought in by Ronald LeClair of Fort Kent

Language

French

Conservation notes

Documents were placed in an archival folder

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

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Collection Description

Biographical Information

The Little Franciscans of Mary (P.F.M.) is a Catholic congregation founded by 11 women in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1889. Their mission was oriented toward education and charitable works that brought them to Canada where they found a wise advisor in Father Ambroise-Martial Fafard, pastor at Baie-Saint-Paul, who guided them to the realization of their mission. On August 12, 1892, with the approval of the Bishop of Chicoutimi, they officially became "Les Petites Franciscaines de Marie". Father Fafard was placing no limits on the apostolate of the Little Franciscans of Mary foreseeing their future in charitable works such as primary and secondary education, boarding schools, nurseries, hospitals, and asylums, all this undertakings in conformity with the society's charter.

On June 23, 1898, Sister Marie-Anne-de-Jésus, PFM, of Baie St-Paul received a letter from Father Joseph Marcoux, pastor of Saint Joseph's Church in Wallagrass, Maine, pursuing the services of a few Sisters for his parish. Father Marcoux had just finished building his convent, a frame building 60 x 40 feet, three stories high with a basement. The convent would be boarding and day school for the children of Wallagrass. Five Sisters left for Wallagrass to teach in a very uncomfortable and rudimentary setting. Another invitation was made to the Sisters in 1906 by Father Marcoux who needed nurses for a little general hospital he had built at Eagle Lake. In January 1907, four Sisters began their services of mercy at the Eagle Lake hospital (Northern Maine General Hospital, 1906-1966), which would be under the care of the Franciscan Sisters. That same year, Father Arthur Decary from the Saint Louis Parish of Fort Kent, went directly to Baie Saint-Paul asking for teaching Sisters for the children of Fort Kent. Four Sisters were sent to Fort Kent and started classes in September in the basement of Father Decary's church. In late October of 1916, St. Mary's Convent School in Eagle Lake opened after nearly 6 years of haggling over financial and administrative matters among Father Marcoux, Bishop Louis Walsh, and the Franciscan sisters. The Sisters continued to respond to the needs of the communities in the St. John Valley by

establishing the Peoples' Benevolent Hospital in Fort Kent in 1952 at the request of Father Aimé Giguère.

Scope and content

This collection consists of a 4-page document commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Little Franciscans of Mary containing a crossword puzzle and displaying the 11 founding mothers of this congregation. Also included are a religious image with prayer on the reverse side and a memorial bookmark for Sister Eva-Marie Gravel with prayer on the reverse side.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated materials

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Church and education
Crossword puzzles
Little Franciscans of Mary – History
Religious institutions

Related materials

MCC-00435 Correspondence of Fathers Joseph Marcoux and Aimé Giguere with the Little Franciscans of Mary

Collection Inventory

Item	Description
1	4-page document: front page has the picture of the Little Franciscans of Mary's mother house in Baie St-Paul, Province of Quebec; on page 2 are the clues for the crossword puzzle; page 3 has the grid for the crossword puzzle; page 4 has the pictures of the eleven founding mothers and the solution to the puzzle.
2	Religious image
3	Memorial card of Soeur Eva-Marie Gravel, pfm