

Finding aid

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EAD Header

***Title Proper:** A Guide to the St. Mary's school, Taylor, Texas collection, 1905 -- 2021

Sponsor:

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Collection Summary

***Creator:** Congregation of the Sacred Heart (Houston, Tex.)

***Title:** St. Mary's school, Taylor, Texas, collection

***Dates:** 1905-2021

***Quantity:** .417 Linear feet

***Abstract:** This collection contains photographs, programs, short histories, news clippings, speeches and sermons, reports, and booklets related to St. Mary's school in Taylor Texas.

***Identification:** 00014

Location: [Collecting unit(s) where materials are located.]

***Language:** The materials are in English.

***Repository:** Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives

Biographical Sketch or Administrative History

St. Mary's school was established in Taylor, Texas, in September of 1896, when Father Malachy Crowe, the priest at St. Mary's parish, invited the Dominican Sisters to establish the school in his parish. Sisters Mary Louse Curran, Vincentia Lilly, Bernadine Carey, and Loretta Casey made up the school's first staff. In 1911, St. Agnes Convent was completed and was used by the sisters at St. Mary's until 1973 when another convent was built at the same location. The High school was discontinued in 1928 only to be restarted in 1931. In 1933, a new school building was dedicated. Over the years, the school continued to grow under the sisters' leadership and administration. As of 2020, no Dominican Sisters staff the school, but it continues to operate.

Scope and Contents Note [\[Highly preferred\]](#)

This collection contains photographs, programs, short histories, news clippings, speeches and sermons, reports, and booklets related to St. Mary's school in Taylor Texas. The collection is divided into three series: Histories and celebrations, References and reports, Photographs and news clippings. The Histories and celebrations series contains histories written about St. Mary's school and parish and programs, speeches, sermons, booklets, news clippings, and photographs from school events. References and reports consist of financial reports, lists of graduates, and sisters who taught at St. Mary's, self-study reports, and an insurance policy. Photographs and news clippings contain various photographs of sisters and the buildings at St. Mary's as well as news clippings about school activities.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into three series:

- Histories and celebrations
- References and reports
- Photographs and news clippings

Restrictions

Access Restrictions [\[Highly preferred\]](#)

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Use Restrictions [\[Highly preferred\]](#)

Written permission from donor is required for photocopying or duplicating material.

Related Material [\[Highly preferred if applicable\]](#)

School reports and statistical records, Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives, Houston, Texas

Separated Material [\[Highly preferred if applicable\]](#)

Enrollment statistics separated to School reports and statistical records.

Index Terms [\[Highly preferred\]](#)

Subjects: [650]

Education [FAST]

Catholics—Education [FAST]

Commencement ceremonies [LCSH]

History [FAST]

Places: [651]

Taylor (Tex.) [LCSH]

Administrative Information

***Preferred Citation**

St. Mary's school, Taylor, Texas, collection, 1905-2021, Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives, Houston, Texas

Acquisition Information: [Highly preferred]

Source of acquisition unknown. Materials likely received from various sisters over time.

Processing Information: [Highly preferred]

Collection processed by Laura Grove, November 2021.

Accession Number:

2022-051

Detailed Description of the Collection [Highly preferred]

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description	Date
		Histories and celebrations	
		<u>Histories</u>	
1	1	History of St. Mary's school and chapel	1956
1	2	Histories and research materials	1935-1942
1	3	History of St. Mary's school	Undated
1	4	125 th Anniversary booklet excerpt	2021
		<u>Celebrations</u>	
1	5	Graduation speeches, programs, sermons, and class wills	1905-1966
1	6	An Evening at Washington's Home program	February 22, 1932
1	7	School dedication souvenir booklet	April 23, 1933
1	8	Centennial celebration news clippings and correspondence	1996
1	9	Centennial celebration booklets	1996
1	10	Student photographs from centennial booklet	Undated
		References and reports	
1	11	Home insurance policy	November 22, 1933
1	12	Quarterly financial reports	January 1935- April 1938

1	13	Self-study reports	1985-1986
1	14	List of graduates	Undated
1	15	List of sisters who taught in Taylor	Undated
		Photographs and news clippings	
1	16	News clippings	1937-1991
1	17	Photographs	undated