



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

Collection Summary

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

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

Date(s) (Inclusive): 1905-2021

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

Extent(s): .417 Linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository: [Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives](#)

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Collection Details

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

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

Collection Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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

Use Restrictions

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

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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

Acquisition Information

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

Accession numbers: 2022-051

Other Resources

Related Material

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

Separated Material

Enrollment statistics separated to School reports and statistical records.

Subject Terms

Index Terms :

- **Subjects :**
 - Education
 - Catholics--Education
 - Commencement ceremonies
 - History

- **Places :**
 - Taylor (Tex.)

Inventory

Inventory Information

Description of Series

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Title: History of St. Mary's school and chapel, 1956

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