



A Guide to the Congregational jubilees collection, 1907-2008

Collection Summary

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

Title(s): Congregational jubilees collection

Date(s) (Inclusive): 1907-2008

Abstract: This collection contains photographs, planning materials, invitations, reports, correspondence, promotional materials, historical sketches, and news clippings related to congregational jubilee celebrations of the Dominican Sisters of Houston.

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Collection Details

Administrative History

Every 25 years, the Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrate the anniversary of the congregation's arrival in Galveston, Texas. Beginning in 1907, these celebrations, or jubilees, were hosted and attended by the sisters, alumnae, and friends wherever sisters served. These celebrations serve as opportunities to remember the sisters' good works, for alumnae to reunite, and for all to gather in community.

Scope and Contents Note

This collection contains photographs, planning materials, invitations, reports, correspondence, promotional materials, historical sketches, and news clippings related to congregational jubilee celebrations of the Dominican Sisters of Houston. The collection chronicles the sisters' Silver Jubilee (25 years), Golden Jubilee (50 years), Diamond Jubilee (75 years), centennial celebration and the 125th anniversaries of the congregation's founding and of its arrival in Galveston, Texas.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into six series:

- Silver Jubilee
- Golden Jubilee
- Diamond Jubilee
- Centennial Celebration
- 125th Anniversary of the founding
- 125th Anniversary year jubilee

Collection Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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

Use Restrictions

Written permission is required for photocopying or duplicating material.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

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Other Resources

Related Material

Photo albums and Scrapbooks, Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives, Houston, Texas.

Seasonal meetings records, Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives, Houston, Texas.

For Golden Jubilee papers see: Dominican Alumni Association papers, 1908-1964, Dominican Sisters of Houston Archives, Houston, Texas.

Subject Terms

Index Terms :

- **Subjects (Organizations) :**
 - Dominican Alumnae Association
- **Subjects :**
 - Anniversaries
 - Class reunions
- **Places :**
 - Houston (Tex.)
 - Galveston (Tex.)

Inventory

Inventory Information

Description of Series

Title: Silver Jubilee, 1907

Administrative Information

Scope and Contents

Historical Note: In September of 1907, the Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrated their Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of ministry since the community arrived in Galveston, Texas. The celebration began with a special banquet meal on September 13th, 1907. A few weeks later, the sisters celebrated with a Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving at the motherhouse in Galveston, Texas. Bishop Gallagher, the Bishop who brought the sisters from Ohio to Texas, celebrated the Mass. After the Mass, former pupils and friends of the sisters gathered at the motherhouse for the reception. During the reception the Dominican Alumnae Association was formed.

Scope and Content: This series contains materials related to the Dominican Sisters of Houston Silver Jubilee celebration in Galveston, Texas. The series includes a historical sketch detailing the history of the Dominican Sisters of Houston and written for the occasion. Also included are invitations, news clippings, and a sub-series consisting of correspondence related to the celebration.

Title: Historical sketch, 1907

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Title: Invitations, programs, and song lyrics, 1907

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Title: News clippings, 1907

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Title: Incoming correspondence, 1907

Title: From former students, 1907

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Title: From priests, 1907

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Title: From friends of the community, 1907

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Title: From other religious communities, 1907

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▼ **Title:** **Golden Jubilee**, 1932

Title: Photographs, 1932

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Administrative Information

Scope and Contents Historical Note: The Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrated their Golden Jubilee in Galveston, Texas, in 1932. The celebration was planned and executed by the Dominican Alumnae Association via its Central Golden Jubilee committee in concert with the congregation.

Scope and Content: This series contains photographs from the Golden Jubilee celebration in Galveston, Texas, in 1932.

▼ **Title:** **Diamond Jubilee**, 1957

Administrative Information

Scope and Contents

Historical Note: On September 29th and August 2-5th, 1957, The Dominican Sisters of Houston hosted events to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. The September 19th celebration took place in Galveston, Texas, and included a Pontifical High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and a reception at Dominican High School. The Houston celebration took place a week later, beginning on August 2nd with a special Mass for the sisters' benefactors. The following day, Mass was said for all deceased sisters, and sisters received copies of Sister Andrew Jackson's new community history, "Lest we Forget ". On August 5th the community celebrated with a special private Mass followed by a reception for the public at the Motherhouse.

Scope and Content: This series contains materials related to the Dominican Sisters of Houston's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Houston and Galveston. It includes news clippings, correspondence, event schedules and invitations, a sermon, songs and poems, memorabilia, and a guestbook.

Title: News clippings, 1957

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Title: Correspondence, 1957

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Title: Schedule, 1957

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Title: Sermon by Reverend Vincent Harris, 1957

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Title: Song and poem by Elinore McDonough, 1957

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Title: Invitation and memorabilia, 1957

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Title: Guestbook, 1957

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▼ **Title:** Centennial Celebration, 1980-1983

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Scope and Contents

Historical Note: From 1982 through 1983, the Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrated its centennial year anniversary of their arrival to Galveston in 1882. Preparations for the year began in 1980 when the centennial planning committee was formed. Chaired by Sister Heloise Cruzat, the committee and its several sub-committees planned and organized many of the year's celebrations. Throughout the year, special reunions and celebrations were held in Texas and California at the many schools and parishes where the Dominican Sisters of Houston served. Celebrations were preceded by a special symposium at the motherhouse in Houston focused on Dominican history and charism. In June of 1983, a group of sisters set out on a pilgrimage trip, visiting sites with a strong connection to the congregation and retracing the path that the original 20 sisters took when they relocated to Galveston, Texas, in 1882. The year of celebrations ended with a closing Mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Spring, Texas, and then with the burying of a time capsule on the motherhouse grounds to be opened during the sisters' 150th jubilee celebration.

Scope and Content: This series is comprised of 5 subseries: Centennial planning committee, celebrations, promotional materials, recognitions, and pilgrimage. Centennial planning committee contains materials related to the planning and execution of the centennial celebration events. It contains chairwoman, Sister Heloise Cruzat's, personal binder, minutes, subcommittee minutes, correspondence, contracts, and reports. The celebration subseries contains invitations, planning materials, photographs, and memorabilia from centennial events. It also contains a guestbook with the signatures of those who attended the events. Promotional materials contain invitations, liturgies, news clippings, a calendar, a press kit, a poem, posters, photographs, and medals used to promote celebration events. Recognitions contains copies of proclamations from the cities of Houston and Galveston, and letters of congratulations from the many friends of the sisters. Lastly, Pilgrimage contains planning materials, worship aids, music, a group photograph, and Sister Heloise Cruzat's reflections regarding the pilgrimage in June, 1983.

Title: Centennial planning committee, 1980-1983

Title: Sister Heloise's Centennial binder, 1980-1983

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Title: Minutes, agendas, and correspondence, 1981-1983

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Title: Centennial heritage subcommittee, 1980-1982

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Title: Publicity committee, 1982

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Title: Sisters' scrapbook for the centennial committee, 1982

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Title: Dominican Works display committee, 1982

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Title: Budget and financial reports, 1981-1983

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Title: Correspondence and agreements with LML Communication, INC., 1980-1983

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Title: Celebrations, 1982-1983

Title: Symposium, July 26, 1982-July 31, 1982

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Title: Saint Francis de Sales, Houston, Texas, August 8, 1982

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Title: Galveston, Texas, memorial service, September 25, 1982

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Title: Saint Anthony's Cathedral, Beaumont, Texas, November 7, 1982

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Title: Saint Francis de Sales parish, Riverside, California, November 7, 1982

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Title: Saint Mary of the Assumption parish, Whittier, California, November 14, 1982

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Title: Sacred Heart Dominican College Alumnae, Houston, Texas, November 14, 1982

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Title: Saint Dominic Diocesan Center, Houston, Texas, January 13, 1983

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Title: Sacred Heart parish, Austin, Texas, March 19, 1983

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Title: Saint Mary's parish, Taylor, Texas, April 24, 1983

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Title: Closing liturgy at Church of the Good Shepherd, Spring, Texas, November 11, 1982-August 7, 1983

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Title: Time capsule, September 25, 1983

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Title: Guestbook, 1982-1983

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Title: Event memorabilia, undated

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Title: Promotional materials, 1982-1983

Title: Pamphlets, liturgies, and invitations, 1982-1983

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Title: Programs and posters, 1982

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Title: Photographs from Centennial poster, 1982

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Title: Centennial calendar, 1982-1983

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Title: Centennial calendar pictures, undated

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Title: News clippings, 1982-1983

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Title: Press kit, 1982

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Title: Out Lady of Truth medals, 1982

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Title: Poem, 1982

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Title: Saint Dominic medal order form, 1982

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Title: Recognitions

Title: Proclamation, 1982

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Title: Letters of congratulations, 1982

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Title: Pilgrimage, 1982-1983

Title: Planning materials (within Pilgrimage), 1982-1983

Title: Pilgrimage updates, 1982-1983

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Title: Itineraries, 1983

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Title: Correspondence, February 16, 1983-July 4, 1983

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Title: (End of Planning materials subseries)

Title: Worship aids, June 1983

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Title: Group photograph, 1983

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Title: Music, undated

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Title: Highlights by Sister Heloise Cruzat, July 7, 1983

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▼ **Title:** 125th Anniversary of the founding, 1998-1999

Administrative Information

Scope and Contents

Historical Note: On the evening of December 31, 1998, members of the Dominican Sisters of Houston, both former and present, as well as a few sisters from Columbus, Ohio, and Kentucky congregations, gathered at St. Dominic Villa on the motherhouse grounds to celebrate 125 years since the congregation's founding in 1874. The event was concluded early the following morning after a midnight Mass and breakfast.

Scope and Content: This series is comprised of a single folder with an event program and photographs.

Title: Programs and photographs, 1998-1999

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▼ **Title:** 125th Anniversary year jubilee, 2007-2008

Administrative Information

Scope and Contents

Historical Note: From September 2007 to September 2008, the Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrated 125 years since the congregation arrived in Galveston, Texas. Several events took place throughout the year to mark the occasion including, a study series, reunions in Galveston and Houston, a prayer series, and a vesper evensong.

Scope and Content: This series is comprised of two subseries: Celebrations and Publicity and commendations. Celebrations contains committee reports and minutes, invitations, programs, and photographs related to celebration events. Publicity and commendations contain news clippings, awards, and notes from friends and family.

Title: Celebrations, 2007-2008

Title: Planning committee reports, minute, and agendas, 2007-2008

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Title: Invitations, 2007-2008

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Title: Opening Mass and jubilee celebration, September 30, 2007

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Title: Study series brochures and speeches, November 10, 2007

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Title: Galveston, Texas, reunion programs, photographs, and invitations, March 1, 2008

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Title: Houston, Texas, reunion programs, photographs, and invitations, April 13, 2008

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Title: Prayer series proposal and program, 2007-2008

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Title: Vesper evensong program and photographs, June 6, 2008

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Title: Closing Mass and jubilee celebration program, September 28, 2008

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Title: Publicity and commendations, 2007-2008

Title: Awards and recognitions, 2007

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Title: News clippings, 2007-2008

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Title: Comments from our friends and family, 2008

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