

Church of Saint Maria Goretti, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Records

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Church of Saint Maria Goretti, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Records
Date [inclusive]	1958-1977
Extent	0.5 Linear feet 1 half-size document box
Location note	CMS.057 is housed at the Provincial Office of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians Saint Charles Province, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	The materials in CMS.057 are in English and Italian.
Abstract	CMS.057 documents, through weekly parish bulletins, photographs and ephemeral publications the 1958 foundation and 1960s activities at Saint Maria Goretti, a Roman Catholic parish for Italian-speaking residents of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Saint Maria Goretti was founded in 1958 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Its founding clergy were members of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinian, a congregation of male religious founded in 1887 to minister to migrants in transit and in their new homes. Through the early 1960s, the Scalabrinians led the community in building a church, rectory and community center. After a generation of service, the Scalabrinians withdrew from the parish in favor of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, another congregation of male religious.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.057 documents in a fragmentary way the history of Saint Maria Goretti, a Roman Catholic parish in Edmondton, Alberta, Canada, founded by clergy from the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians to serve Italians who had settled there, most of them after World War II. The collection contains a souvenir journal released for the dedication of the church and its community center on December 21, 1958, which gives an early history of the parish and provides, through the advertisements in the book, names of early supporters. The collection includes bulletins, photographs and miscellaneous publications that document parish activities through the 1960s.

Arrangement note

CMS.057 is arranged in three Series:

Series I: Church Bulletins

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Miscellaneous Documents

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

CMS.057 is available to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

Copyright is owned by Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles/Scalabrinians. Permission to publish materials must be requested before use.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

CMS.057 documents activities in a parish that was founded in the Scalabarinian Province of Saint John the Baptist, known colloquially as the "western province," because it covers the western part of the Wester Hemisphere. Most of the other CMS collections documenting the Scalabrinians' work come from institutions in the "eastern" Province of Saint Charles, or from parishes that were founded when the Saint Charles Province covered the United States and Canada and were subsequently assigned to the western province. It is possible that the clergy at Saint Maria Goretti learned in the 1970s that the Provincial Superior of the Saint Charles Province, Father Silvano M. Tomasi, was calling on his confreres to deposit items from their parishes in the new CMS archives, and so sent materials. It is also possible that at least some of the photographs were sent to accompany articles about the parish in the magazine Scalabrinians, which was published out of offices in the Saint Charles Province.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- Edmonton (Alta.)
- Italian Canadians |z Alberta

Other Finding Aids note

A copy of the original print finding aid is available on request.

Series I: Church Bulletins

Collection Inventory

Series I: Church Bulletins	Box 1
	Box
Bulletin December 1961	1
Bulletins 1962	1
Bulletins 1963	1
Bulletins January-November 1964	1
Bulletins October-December 1968	1
Bulletins June-December 1974	1
Bulletins January-September 1975	1
Series II: Photographs	Box 1
Founding pastor undated	

Series II: Photographs

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	1

Father Reno Zelotto undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	2

Four priests saying Mass; credit Roma Studios, Edmonton, Alberta undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	3

Four priests at front steps of house; credit Roma Studios, Edmonton, Alberta undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	4

Nine men on platform; one holding trophy undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	5

Series II: Photographs

Priest and layman with First Communion class; nine boys and eleven girls April 1959

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	6

Men drinking beer from bottles undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	7

Two laymen and 2 priests around a lecturn with a microphone; nuns and children in background undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	8

Large First Communion class posed under crucifix undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	9

Male chorus singing in the Department of Parks and Recreation Windsor Jaycee Showmobile undated

Series III: Miscellaneous Documents

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	10

First Communion class posed outdoors around statue of Saint Maria Goretti June 1960

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	11

Two girls bearing candles flanking a third girl in a cape, a priest behind the girls and an Infant Jesus in a manger behind and above them. Credit Roma Studio undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	12

Father Giuseppe Vicentini at table at a parish event. undated

	Box	Object
Graphic materials	1	13

Series III: Miscellaneous Documents	Box
	1

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La Voce Italiana July 1966, May 1968	1
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Series III: Miscellaneous Documents

Messaggio Cristiano February-March 1977 1

Catholic Information Centre marriage course enrollees 1975 1

Souvenir journal, dedication of church and community center 21 December 1958 1