



## Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

### Catholic Deaf Ministry Records, 1962-2014

#### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Catholic Deaf Ministry

**Title:** Catholic Deaf Ministry

**Dates:** 1962-2014

**Abstract:** The Ministry of the Deaf Records contain the contains administrative and operational records, including correspondence, publications, finances, meeting minutes, programs, topical files, student transcripts and employee information.

**Extent:** 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Language of Materials:** English

**Record Group Number:** RG 03 C 25

#### Access

Records are closed to the public for 25 years after date of creation. Access is restricted to *Series 2: Restricted Files*. The Archives reserves the right to restrict any materials.

#### Historical Note

The deaf ministry can trace its roots back to 1836, when Bishop Joseph Rosati invited the Sisters of St. Joseph to St. Louis to teach the deaf. The Sisters' ministry evolved into St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf.

The Redemptorists at St. Alphonsus Ligouri "Rock" Parish had a deaf ministry in place since 1937, establishing the St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society in 1941. The Society has been an integral part of the archdiocese's ministry to the deaf ever since. In 1966, construction was started on the Community Center for the Deaf building adjacent to St. Alphonsus Ligouri "Rock" Parish. The non-sectarian center was financed in part by a gift by Cardinal Joseph Ritter from the Annual Expansion Fund.

In 1987, the Catholic Commission for the Handicapped suggested an archdiocesan ministry for the deaf. Archbishop John May created the Catholic Deaf Ministry through Catholic Family Services with Rev. Jim Byrnes as director. Soon after Rev. Raymond D. Gruenke, C.S.S.R., who was instrumental in the creation of the non-sectarian center passed away in 1988. At the same time, another key figure in the deaf ministry Sr. Rita Pickhinke, R.S.M., moved to the Philippines to minister to the deaf.

The center's name was changed to the Catholic Center for the Deaf in 1988. A Board of Directors was formed, as well as a Deaf Advisory Committee comprised solely of deaf persons to raise issues important to the deaf community. The ministry provided retreats and events for deaf Catholics, masses in American Sign Language, religious education for adults and children and sacramental preparation and celebration. Sr. Campion Breske, S.C.C., came to St. Louis from the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of the Deaf to serve as pastoral worker until 1991. In 1989, JoAnn Nichols retired after 23 years of service as secretary for the center. Ann Pudlowski became Pastoral Worker in 1991.

In 1994, Rev. Jim Byrnes was reassigned to a new parish, and Rev. Victor Barnhart succeeded him as Director of the deaf ministry and Administrator of St. Catherine of Sienna parish, where the ministry was based since 1990. The office moved locations several more times over the years. In 2007, Rev. Barnhart resigned, and Archbishop Robert Carlson placed the ministry under the Archdiocesan Apostolic Services.

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He also invited the Dominican Missionaries of the Deaf Apostolate to continue Catholic Deaf Ministry in the Archdiocese.

## Scope and Content

**Series 1: Alphabetical Files** contains the administrative and operational records, including correspondence, publications, finances, meeting minutes, programs and topical files. The files are arranged alphabetically within the box.

**Series 2: Restricted Files** includes prenuptial files, background investigations and student transcripts. These files are restricted to the general public.

## Related Materials

Office of Archbishop Correspondence Agency Files, Catholic Deaf Ministry (RG 01)

Office of Archbishop Correspondence Agency Files, Cursillo Movement (RG 01)

Catholic Organizations, Cursillo (RG 07 C 43)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Records, Photographs of Deaf and Blind Ministries (RG 11)

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** St. Richard Parish

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