

**Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women Collection**  
Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library

ACCESSION #: 2011-34

**ACQUISITION:** Collection was donated by Claire Harbarger of the Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women in 2011. Accruals were added to the collection in 2018.

**ACCESS:** Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections Division only.

**EXTENT:** Seven three-ringed notebooks and paperbound documents; three boxes of scrapbooks, approx. 1.5 linear feet.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** The Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women was an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women and an organization within the Cleveland Diocese. The council encouraged community work for Catholic women within the Cleveland Diocese. Formed in 1925, as the Akron Deanery of the Cleveland Diocesan Council, community service projects included programs that assisted new immigrants, established scholarships for students of social work at the National Catholic School of Social Service, and supported the general mission of the Cleveland Diocese. The Summit Council also served as an affiliate of the Women's Board to the Summit county Juvenile Court and donated funds to local nonprofit organizations. The Summit Council presented the Nativity display in Akron's Cascade Plaza for decades. Eventually, the Summit Council expanded to include Summit, Wayne, Ashland, and Medina counties. The Summit Regional Council disbanded on May 31, 2011.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The collection contains newsletters, meeting minutes, and the Cascade Plaza Nativity scrapbook from the 1970s-2011. An accrual in 2018 included six scrapbooks spanning from 1944-2011.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Three series: 1) Meeting Minutes, 2) Newsletters, 3) Miscellaneous Arranged between seven notebooks, three envelopes, and three boxes.

**INVENTORY:**

**SERIES 1: MEETING MINUTES**

**DESCRIPTIVE NOTE:** Reverse order was retained when possible. Contains a mix of general, executive and other meeting minutes.

Envelope 1: North Summit Deanery Minutes, Executive & General, 1970 – 1976

Envelope 2: South Summit Deanery Minutes, Executive & General, June 1972 - 1979)

Notebook 1: 1988-2000 (notebook originally marked 1989 -1990, 1998 - 2000)  
The first part arranged in reverse order starting with the end of 1989, then 1988, 1990. Years 1996 and 1997 are in chronological order. Then, 1998 is in reverse order; a couple from 2000; and 1999 is in no particular order.

Notebook 2: 1991 - 1994  
Dates within years filed in reverse order.

Notebook 3: 2005 - 2006.  
Also includes council officer job descriptions, attendance sheets, programs and other documents.

Notebook 4: 2006 – 2007

Notebook 5: 2006 – 2011  
Also includes two brochures commemorating the end of the Summit Regional Council and the last council newsletter.

#### SERIES 2: NEWSLETTERS

Notebook 6: 2004 – 2011

#### SERIES 3: MISCELLANEOUS

Notebook 7: Cascade Plaza Nativity Display Scrapbook

Envelope 3: 1978 – 1980 Directory, Cleveland Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women

#### **Box 1:**

Scrapbook, 1944-1946  
Scrapbook, 1948-1958  
Scrapbook, 1959-1962

#### **Box 2:**

Scrapbook, 1945-1948  
Scrapbook 1957-1959

#### **Box 3:**

Scrapbook, 1955-2011