

Mary's Pence Records,
1985-2005, n.d.

Creator: Mary's Pence

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Administration Information

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Provenance: The National Coordinator for Mary's Pence, Maureen Gallagher, donated these materials to the Women and Leadership Archives. These materials were accessioned on June 16, 1997 (WLA1997.22), July 22, 2002 (WLA2002.30), December 19, 2006 (WLA2006.32), and January 23, 2007 (WLA2006.73). Archiving of the website began in May 2017.

Separations: .5 linear feet of duplicate and extraneous material was removed.

See Also: Chicago Catholic Women Records, held at the WLA.

Administrative History

Mary's Pence, named for Mary of Nazareth, Mary of Bethany, and Mary of Magdala, is an organization that directs funds to programs that serve women in need of education, shelter, legal advice, and psychological and spiritual development. The name "Mary's Pence" arose as a play on "Peter's Pence," the Pope's annual church collection.

The Mission Statement in the spring 1991 Newsletter reads, "Mary's Pence is a Catholic women's organization that collects and distributes funds for the self-empowerment of women. Mary's Pence provides an opportunity for women and men to direct resources to the least powerful in our society, and to Catholic women working in their interests. In this way, Mary's Pence links donors and grantees in the work of social transformation." The idea of Mary's Pence developed in Chicago from a group of women at a shared prayer service in August 1985. A few months later these women approached Chicago Catholic Women, an organization to which they belonged, and set up an Initiating Committee of nine women who met during 1986-1987. Two years of discussion, study and challenge followed. On April 29 and 30, 1987 the Board of Directors met to create Mary's Pence. On July 2, 1987 Mary's Pence was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and received tax-exempt status in September 1988.

Mary's Pence is managed by its Board of Directors. The National Coordinator, an ex-official member of the Board, manages the day-to-day operation of the organization. The board is divided into committees (Administration, Grants, Fund-raising, and Governance) and meets twice a year. In 1988 Mary's Pence gave its first grants with 23 in the amount of \$26,000. Funds requested were \$986,212. In 1989, 32 grants in the amount of \$35,000 were awarded; in 1992, 41 grants in the

amount of \$55,000; and in 1996, 35 grants in the amount of \$130,000. As of 1996 a total of \$401,828.21 had been distributed. The grant application form was refined and revised through the years.

Fund-raising became the major task of the Board and the Coordinator. The type of ministries funded in and out of the United States included Advocacy, Child Care, Community Organization, Economic Development, Education and Training, Health, Housing, Pastoral, Prison Ministry, Refugee Advocacy, Shelter, Spirituality and Theological Study. The National Coordinator and Board developed many ways to make Mary's Pence well known and to raise the necessary funds for grants. Along with regular appeal mailings, advertisements, yearly presence at the Call to Action Fall meetings, a yearly Prayer Day was developed. It was to be held in parish churches or in private homes with a collection for Mary's Pence.

As 1998 approached, plans were begun to have a 10th Year Anniversary celebration with a goal of one major grant award of \$25,000. Maureen Gallagher, the National Coordinator, announced her plans to resign at a Board meeting in February 1996, effective for 1998. She then planned to remain with Mary's Pence to coordinate the 10th Anniversary celebration. On April 23, 1997, the Board decided to hire Anna Marie Aldave to begin as coordinator in January 1998.

Maureen Gallagher wrote a May 7, 1997 letter to the Board expressing her thanks and her hopes for the continuing success of Mary's Pence as a vital assistance to women in the Church. The January 31-February 2 1997 Board minutes reflects a self-examination by the Board of Mary's Pence. The question "Has Mary's Pence run its course?" was asked and answered with a "No."

In the 1999 Spring Newsletter Aldave announced her resignation as coordinator. The new national coordinator Karen M. Flatte was announced along with the relocation of the office to Metuchen, New Jersey.

Scope and Content

The Mary's Pence Records are divided into four series with two subseries. This collection consists of ten boxes, spanning the years 1985 to 2005. These records deal primarily with the administration of the organization. This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Series 1: Administration, 1985-2005, n.d., Boxes 1-5

Contains material related to the Board of Directors, meeting minutes, by-laws, and early organization material. This series contains two subseries. Materials arranged alphabetically.

Series 1A: Media & Public Relations, 1985-2003, Box 4

Contains news clippings, press releases, and additional publicity related to Mary's Pence.

Series 1B: Publications, 1988-2005, n.d., Boxes 4-5

This subseries primary consists of Mary's Pence newsletters, but also contains publications from other organizations, including Call to Action.

Series 2: Finances and Fundraising, 1987-2004, n.d. Boxes 5-6

Contains information on donor mailings, grants, correspondence, and fundraising initiatives. Also included is some financial information regarding advertising, accounting, and employee information.

Series 3: Memorabilia, n.d., Boxes 7-8

Contains various three dimensional objects related to Mary's Pence, including a shirt, pins, banners, stoles, and posters.

Series 4: Audio Visual Material, 1987-1999, n.d., Boxes 9-10

This series features various photographs, video and audiocassette tapes, and CDs.

Series 5: Maryspence.org, 2017-present

This series includes web archiving of the Mary's Pence website (maryspence.org). The website is crawled once a month starting in April 2017 using Archive-It. The web archive can be found at https://wayback.archive-it.org/7932/*/http://www.maryspence.org/.

Subjects:

Advocacy groups
Catholic Women
Chicago Catholic Women
Gallagher, Maureen, 1938-
Tobin, Mary Luke, 1908-

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Administration, 1985-2005, n.d.			
1	1	Advisory Circle	1989
	2	Awards	1989-1992, n.d.
	3	Board Development	1988-1995, n.d.
	4	Board Development: Correspondence	1986-1992, n.d.
	5	Board Development: Initiating Committee	1986-1991, n.d.
	6	Board Development: Members	1993
	7	Board Development: Officers	1987-1997
	8	Board of Directors: Applications	1992-2000
	9	Board of Directors: Correspondence	1987-1993
	10	Board of Directors: Correspondence	1990-2001
	11	Board of Directors: Members	1990-1997

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	12	Board of Directors: Packet for new members	1992-1998
	13	Board Member: Carol Coston	2001
	14	Board Membership	n.d.
	15	Brochures and Cards	n.d.
	16	By-Laws	1987-1992
	17	Early Organization	1985-1996, n.d.
	18	Early Organization	1986-1990, n.d.
	19	Event: Cleveland, Ohio	1990
	20	Event: Jubilee Celebration	1998
2	1	Event: Jubilee Celebration Correspondence	1994-1998, n.d.
	2	Event: Jubilee Celebration Planning	1996-1998, n.d.
	3	Event: Mary's Pence Day	1993-1999, n.d.
	4	Event: Mary's Pence Day Correspondence	1993-1997
	5	Event: Religious Network for Equality for Women (RNEW)	1992-1993
	6	Event: Rosary College	1989
	7	Correspondence	1987, 1990-1991
	8	Correspondence	1992-1994
	9	Correspondence	1990-1992
	10	Correspondence	1993
	11	Correspondence	1994
	12	Correspondence	1995, 1997, n.d.
	13	Correspondence: Bishop	1994
	14	Correspondence: Christmas	1998
	15	Correspondence: Donors	1993-2001
	16	Correspondence: Miriam Winters	1993-1994
	17	Correspondence: Office	1992-2000
	18	General Information	1988-1998, n.d.
3	1	Kay Ashe: Correspondence	1987-1992
	2	Kay Ashe: Woman of Power Article	1989
	3	Local Links Directory	1999-2000
	4	Mary's Pence Song	1992
	5	Minutes	1987
	6	Minutes	1988
	7	Minutes	1989
	8	Minutes	1990
	9	Minutes	1991
	10	Minutes	1992
	11	Minutes	1993
4	1	Minutes	1994
	2	Minutes	1995
	3	Minutes	1996
	4	Minutes	1997

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5	Miscellaneous	1996-1998, n.d.
6	National Coordinator Search	1997-1999
7	Office Reorganization: "State of the Art"	1997-1998
8	Program: Spiritual Reflection Group	1997-2004
9	Work Plan	1991

Series 1A: Media & Public Relations, 1985-2003

10	<i>Call to Action News</i>	1985-1987
11	Media	1987-1997
12	Media/Early Public Relations	1995-1990
13	Media/Public Relations	1992
14	News Clippings	1999-2001
15	Press Releases	1988-1997
16	Publicity	1993-2003

Series 1B: Publications, 1988-2005, n.d.

17	"Bits of Wit and Wisdom"	1997
18	Call to Action Publications	1997, 2003
19	"National Gathering for Black Catholics"	2001
20	Newsletters	1988-1999, n.d.

5	1	Newsletters	2000-2005
	2	New Ways Ministry	2002

Series 2: Finances and Fundraising, 1987-2004, n.d.

3	Donations: Information	1991-1993
4	Donations: Mailings	1988-2003, n.d.
5	Early Contributors	1987-1991, n.d.
6	Employment Contract	1997, n.d.
7	Financial Information	1991-1997
8	Financial Information: Accounting	1992-1993
9	Financial Information: Advertising	1989
10	Fundraising	1995-2001
11	Fundraising: Calendars	1993-2002
12	Fundraising: Calendars	1993-1996
13	Fundraising: Calendars	1997-2002
14	Fundraising: Christmas Cards	1995
15	Fundraising: Graphics	n.d.

6	1	Fundraising: Letters	1987-1999, n.d.
	2	Fundraising: Mother's Day Project	1997-2000

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3	Fundraising: Parishes	1988-1997
4	Fundraising: Sales	1992-1995, n.d.
5	Fundraising: United Way	1992-1997
6	Grant Recipients	1992-2004, n.d.
7	Grants	1988-2001, n.d.
8	Grants: Application Forms	1988-1997, n.d.
9	Grants: Brochures	1989-1990, n.d.
10	Grants: Correspondence	1988-2000, n.d.
11	Grants: Guidelines	1988-1998, n.d.
12	Grants: Racial /Ethnic Women's Literature	1993-1994, n.d.
13	Personnel Information	1988-1994, n.d.

Series 3: Memorabilia, n.d.

7	Banner	n.d.
	Pins (3)	n. d.
	Promotional Signs	n.d.
8	Cloth Sign	n.d.
	Shirt	n. d.
	Stoles (18)	n.d.

Series 4: Audio Visual Material, 1987-1999, n.d.

Photographs and Artwork

9	1	Art Work	n.d.
	2	Logos	n.d.
	3	Photographs: Adult Education Center, Toledo, OH	1993
	4	Photographs: Awakenings, Ossining, NY	1990
	5	Photographs: Board and Office Staff	1992
	6	Photographs: Board and Office Staff	1997
	7	Photographs: El Salvador, Guadalupe	1991
	8	Photographs: Emmaus House, Saginaw, MI	1993
	9	Photographs: House of Bread and Peace, Evansville, IN	1993
	10	Photographs: Josephinum High School, Chicago, IL	1991
	11	Photographs: Marian House, Clearfield, PA	1991
	12	Photographs: Mary's Pence Day	1993
	13	Photographs: Mercy Learning Center, Bridgeport, CT	1988
	14	Photographs: Mercy Learning Center, Erie, PA	1989
	15	Photographs: Mercy Manor, Dayton, OH	1993
	16	Photographs: N.C.A.N	1993
	17	Photographs: New Steps, Detroit, MI	1993
	18	Photographs: Personnel	1989-1994
	19	Photographs: Project Regina, Minnesota	1993

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20	Photographs: Q'eqchi Women, Guatamala	1993
21	Photographs: Remedial Education Program, Literacy Inc., Lorman, MS	1993
22	Photographs: Rosary Luncheon	1987, 1989
23	Photographs: Sanctuary Project, Erie, PA (El Salvador)	1994
24	Photographs: Seton House, Caspar, WY	1990
25	Photographs: Shade Tree, Milwaukee, WI	1991
26	Photographs: Spring Newsletter	1993
27	Photographs: St. Joseph Hispanic Program, Chehalis, WA	1993
28	Photographs: Urraco Pueblo, Honduras	1988-1991
29	Photographs: Welfare Warriors, Milwaukee, WI	1991
30	Scrapbook: Board	1996
31	Scrapbook: The Dwelling Place	1987-1991

Cassettes and C.D.s

10	Audiocassette: Contemplation and Resistance (2)	1992
	Audiocassette: Contemplation and Resistance #1	1992
	Audiocassette: Contemplation and Resistance #2	1992
	Audiocassette: Executive Board #1	1993
	Audiocassette: Executive Board #2	1993
	Audiocassette: Las Rosas de Maria	1997
	Audiocassette: Tape #1 Evening	1987
	Audiocassette: Tape #2	1987
	Audiocassette: Tape #3 A.M.	1987
	Audiocassette: Thursday A.M. and P.M.	n.d.
	Audiocassette: Thursday P.M. structure	n.d.
	Audiocassette: Thursday P.M.	n.d.
	Audiocassette: Wednesday Interest	1987
	C.D.: Voices That Listen	1992
	C.D.: Voices That Listen	1999
	VHS: Beyond Borders Working in Haiti	1995
	VHS: Contemplation and Resistance (3)	1992
	VHS: Financial Report	1993-1996
	VHS: HABLO—Proyecto Hablo	1994
	VHS: Joao Pessoa Brazil	n.d.
	VHS: Mary's Pence 1 st Generation	1990
	VHS: Promotional Video	1989
	VHS: Transitional Housing, Cleveland, OH	n.d.
	VHS: Tutwiler Quilters	1997

Series 5: Maryspence.org, 2017-present

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none

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