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Summary Information

Repository	U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library
Creator - Creator	Baggett, Harriette Lane
Title	Harriette Lane Baggett papers
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Location:	U.S. Catholic Special Collections, 304 Roesch Library
Language	English
Abstract:	Collection of Harriette Lane Baggett's papers from her activism in Catholic feminist organizations.

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Biography of Harriette Lane Baggett

Harriette Lane Baggett was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1922. She graduated from Maryville University in 1942. While living in St. Louis, she was involved in the Catholic Worker movement and other lay ministries. In the late 1970s, she received her Master's Degree of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Exile (Seminex) in St. Louis. In a 1998 interview, she said she earned the degree at the Lutheran school in order to "be ready for ordination when the rules change in Rome." In 1989, Baggett represented St. Louis Catholics for Choice as a cosigner on an amicus curiae brief in the Supreme Court case of Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, supporting the latter. Baggett became involved with the Women's Ordination Conference in 1978. In 1984, Baggett was appointed a Core Commissioner of the WOC, requiring her to attend meetings around the country. She served as the Convenor for the working group for the 1985 national meeting, held in St. Louis, as well as the logistics liaison for the meeting. In 1988, she was among those honored as a "Prophetic Figure" in the Catholic feminist movement at the WOC's National Awards Dinner and Reunion. Baggett moved to Tallahassee, Florida in the 1990s.

Scope and Contents

The first series is Baggett's papers regarding the Women's Ordination Conference (WOC). The second series contains informational mailings from Catholics Speak Out, a project of the Quixote Center in Hyattsville, Maryland. The third series contains documents related to the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China in 1995.

Statement of Arrangement

This collection retains the overall organizational scheme given to it by the creator, who had organized the materials by subject matter.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library, 2011

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Related Materials

Related Material

The rest of Baggett's papers are held in the Jean Gould Bryant Library of Women's Studies at Florida State University.

Search Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Catholics for a Free Choice (Organization)
- Center of Concern (Washington, D.C.)
- National Organization for Women
- Quixote Center
- Women's Ordination Conference

Subject(s)

- Catholic Church--Pastoral letters and charges
- Ordination of women--Catholic Church
- Women's rights--Religious aspects--Catholic Church
- World Conference on Women (4th : 1995 : Beijing, China)

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Women's Ordination Conference, 1978-1995

Scope and Contents

These papers include newsletters, memos, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and pamphlets concerning the Women's Ordination Conference's actions between 1978 and 1995. One folder focuses on the 1985 "Ordination Reconsidered" conference held in St. Louis, the planning of which Baggett was heavily involved in.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Newsletter, 1978
1	2	Correspondence and publications, 1984-1985
1	3	Correspondence and publications, 1988-1989
1	4	Correspondence and publications, 1990-1995
1	5	"Ordination Reconsidered" conference, 1984-1985
1	6	<i>We are Called</i> newspaper and clippings, 1978-1989
1	7	Miscellaneous, undated

Series 2: Catholics Speak Out, 1992-1995

Scope and Contents

These documents contain information about efforts by the organization Catholics Speak Out to campaign against the fourth draft of the Pastoral Letter on Women's Concerns.

Box	Folder	
1	8	Mailings, 1992
1	9	Mailings, 1995

Series 3: Beijing Conference on Women, 1995-1996

Scope and Contents

This series includes publications from the National Organization for Women, Catholics for a Free Choice, the U.S. Ecumenical Women's Network, Center of Concern, and the Women-Church Convergence about the Beijing Conference on Women.

Box	Folder	
1	10	Correspondence and publications about the conference, 1995-1996
1	11	Newspapers about the conference, 1995