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# **Guide to the Christine Mathieu Marian holy card collection, circa 1853-2001 ML.014**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute
<b>Creator - Collector</b>	Mathieu, Christine
<b>Title</b>	Christine Mathieu Marian holy card collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1880-1950
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	circa 1853-2001
<b>Extent</b>	5.25 Linear feet (18 binders)
<b>Language</b>	French
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Christine Mathieu Marian holy card collection contains approximately 1,700 Catholic holy cards, primarily depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary. The collection includes French Marian holy cards from circa 1853 through 2001. Holy cards in the collection document Marian devotional themes, iconography, titles, pilgrimage sites, and prayers.</p>

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## Biography of Christine Mathieu

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Based in Bordeaux, France, Christine Mathieu visited the Marian Library in 1994 and in circa 2002 donated her extensive collection of Marian holy cards.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Christine Mathieu Marian holy card collection contains approximately 1,700 Catholic holy cards, primarily depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary. The collection includes French Marian holy cards from circa 1853 through 2001. Holy cards in the collection document Marian devotional themes, iconography, titles, pilgrimage sites, and prayers. Themes in the collection include the Immaculate Conception, the life of Mary, Heart of Mary, Lourdes, Marian shrines in France, and others.

The collection is composed primarily of holy cards including cards for private devotion, souvenir cards from Marian shrines, cards distributed to commemorate a special occasion or Catholic sacrament, and prayer cards. The collection includes a small number of additional devotional and ephemera materials including postcards, brochures, and scapulars.

Most materials are French, but the collection includes several items from other western European countries including Belgium, Germany, and Italy. Many holy cards contain handwritten text or a prayer on the verso.

A large number of the cards represent the 'Sulpicien' style and were published in the Saint-Sulpice neighborhood of Paris by Maison Bouasse-Lebel and its successor, Bouasse-Jeune.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged into 9 series:

- Series 1: Immaculee Conception (Immaculate Conception)
- Series 2: Enfants de Marie (Children of Mary)
- Series 3: Coeur de Marie (Heart of Mary)

Series 4: Lourdes  
Series 5: La Vie de la Vierge (The Life of the Virgin)  
Series 6: Marie-Ses Titres (Titles of Mary)  
Series 7: Marie et Nous (Mary and Us)  
Series 8: Pelerinages Mariaux (Marian Pilgrimages)  
Series 9: Prières à Marie (Marian Prayers)

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute, 2011

### **Revision Description**

May 2013

### **Access to Materials**

This collection is open and available to the public for research in the Marian Library reading room. The materials are non-circulating.

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### **Acquisition Information**

The collection was donated to the Marian Library by Christine Mathieu circa 2002.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

The Marian Library also houses related materials including the Marian holy card collection (ML.031) and the August Martin collection (ML.028).

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## Search Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Holy cards

### Subject(s)

- Christian art and symbolism--France--19th century
- Christian art and symbolism--France--20th century
- Devotional objects
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Art
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Pictorial works

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Immaculée Conception / Immaculate Conception, circa 1853-2001

#### Scope and Contents

Apparition of St. Catherine Laboure  
Miraculous Medal  
Chapel of the Miraculous Medal  
Promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of 1854  
Confirmation of the dogma at Lourdes in 1858  
Longer prayers, offices, and novenas  
Iconography  
Immaculate Conception cards by date

#### Search Terms

##### Personal Name(s)

- Labouré, Catherine, Saint, 1806-1876

##### Subject(s)

- Miraculous Medal

Box

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Immaculée Conception, circa 1853-2001

### Series 2: Enfants de Marie / Children of Mary, circa 1853-2001

#### Scope and Contents

Cards from 1870-1943  
Life: Birth and death, the days of the children of Mary, the curriculum of the children of Mary  
Spirituality: Spirituality of the children of Mary, spiritual guidance, virtues of the children, practices of piety, prayers



Box

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | Enfants de Marie 1, circa 1853-2001 |
| 3 | Enfants de Marie 2, circa 1853-2001 |

### **Series 3: Cœur de Marie / Heart of Mary, circa 1853-2001**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Various names of the heart  
Iconography  
Prayers: Short invocations, and longer prayers, consecrations, counsels  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Box

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|---|--|
| 4 | Cœur de Marie / Heart of Mary, circa 1853-2001 |
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### **Series 4: Lourdes, circa 1853-2001**

#### **Scope and Contents**

History of the apparitions  
Words of the Virgin  
Souvenirs from Lourdes  
Stamps  
Places  
Prayers  
Bernadette  
Cards by date  
Postcards  
Iconography: Our Lady of Lourdes alone, Our Lady of Lourdes with Bernadette, Our Lady of Lourdes with other people

#### **Search Terms**

#### **Subject(s)**

- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Apparitions and miracles -- France -- Lourdes

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|---|----------------------------|
| 5 | Lourdes 1, circa 1853-2001 |
| 6 | Lourdes 2, circa 1853-2001 |

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Lourdes 3, circa 1853-2001

## **Series 5: La Vie de la Vierge / Life of the Virgin, circa 1853-2001**

### **Scope and Contents**

Joyful Mysteries  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Glorious Mysteries

Box

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La Vie de la Vierge 1, circa 1853-2001

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La Vie de la Vierge 2, circa 1853-2001

## **Series 6: Marie ses Titres / Mary's Titles, circa 1853-2001**

### **Scope and Contents**

Notre Dame (Alphabetical)  
Marie Mere  
Queen  
Virgin  
Litanies

### **Search Terms**

### **Subject(s)**

- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Titles

Box

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Marie ses titres - Notre Dame, circa 1853-2001

11

Marie ses titres - Mere et Vierge, circa 1853-2001

12

Marie ses titres - Litanies, circa 1853-2001

## **Series 7: Marie et Nous / Mary and Us, circa 1853-2001**

### **Scope and Contents**

Who she is, what she does  
Christian attitudes towards Mary

Mary and flowers

Box

13

Marie et Nous, circa 1853-2001

## **Series 8: Pèlerinages Mariaux / Marian Pilgrimages, circa 1853-2001**

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials that are arranged alphabetically by site of the pilgrimage.

Box

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Pèlerinages Mariaux 1, circa 1853-2001

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Pèlerinages Mariaux 2, circa 1853-2001

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Pèlerinages Mariaux 3, circa 1853-2001

## **Series 9: Prières a Marie / Prayers to Mary, circa 1853-2001**

### **Scope and Contents**

Ave Maria

Rosary

Liturgical prayers

Consecrations and offerings

Scapulars

Novenas

Months of Mary

Famous prayers

Prayers beginning with an invocation

Box

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Prières a Marie 1, circa 1853-2001

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Prières a Marie 2, circa 1853-2001