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Summary Information

Repository  The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute

Creator - Collector  Mathieu, Christine

Title  Christine Mathieu Marian holy card collection

Date [bulk]  Bulk, 1880-1950

Date [inclusive]  circa 1853-2001

Extent  5.25 Linear feet (18 binders)

Language  French

Abstract  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.

Preferred Citation

Biography of Christine Mathieu

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

Scope and Contents

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.

Arrangement

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)
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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: Prieres a Marie (Marian Prayers)

Administrative Information

Publication Information
The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute, 2011

Revision Description
May 2013

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

Related Materials

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**

**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 Labouré
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
1 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
**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

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

Scope and Contents

Joyful Mysteries
Sorrowful Mysteries
Glorious Mysteries

Box
8 La Vie de la Vierge 1, circa 1853-2001
9 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
10 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
14 Pèlerinages Mariaux 1, circa 1853-2001
15 Pèlerinages Mariaux 2, circa 1853-2001
16 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
17 Prières a Marie 1, circa 1853-2001
18 Prières a Marie 2, circa 1853-2001