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Summary Information

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Preferred Citation

[Item title], Marian holy cards collection, circa 1675-[present date]. Marian Library, University of Dayton Libraries, Dayton, Ohio.
History of the Marian Library

The Marian Library was founded by the Marianists of the University of Dayton in 1943 to make the Blessed Virgin Mary better known, loved, and served. It is a special library whose presence on campus is a significant expression of the university's Catholic and Marianist identity. Its collections are developed and maintained to preserve and provide access to materials that support its mission of fostering Marian scholarship and sound Marian devotion.

The Marian Library is recognized both nationally and internationally as a center for scholarship on the Blessed Virgin Mary. It serves the research needs of faculty and students of the International Marian Research Institute and of the broader University of Dayton community, and of visitors throughout the world. It also documents the diverse expressions of popular devotion to Mary, and it provides public outreach through its exhibits, tours, and reference services.

For more information on the Marian Library, please see the [International Marian Research Institute](#).

Scope and Content

This collection contains approximately 10,000 holy cards and printed ephemera depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary, Madonna and Child, events in the life of Jesus and Mary, titles associated with Mary, and shrines and churches associated with Mary.

Materials in this collection primarily include holy cards. The collection also includes some prayer cards and leaflets, novenas, funeral cards, souvenir cards, ordination cards, photographs, small calendars, membership cards, clippings, handmade devotional materials, handwritten notes, brochures, pamphlets, and other realia and ephemera.

Some materials may have been used by Catholics in private devotion, purchased as souvenirs (typically from Marian shrines or during pilgrimage to Catholic holy sites), or distributed to commemorate a Catholic sacrament or occasion.

The holy cards in this collection are approximately 2.5" x 4.5", and include a variety of styles, such as rectangular cards with a straight edges, die-cut lace bordered cards, and cards with decorative or scalloped edges. The majority of the cards are printed on paper, but some have been printed on cloth or vellum. Many cards contain text or a prayer on the verso and some cards include handwritten notes. Many cards were created to commemorate a Catholic sacrament, in which case information about the individual and occasion is printed on the verso. The majority of holy cards in the collection were printed in Europe from circa 1860 through circa 1950.
The collection includes both popular, mass-produced materials as well as early printing (circa 1700), and unique or rare materials. Some materials in the collection appear to have been made by hand, and include textile work, illustration, and collage.

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**Arrangement**

Eventually, I'm going to go by the guides and not the spec sheet... I think that's what the spec sheet is for, right?

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- Marian themes
- Life of Jesus and Mary
- Marian shrines
- Marian titles
- Oversized and three-dimensional
- Publishers
- Artists

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute, October 2013

**Access**

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Search Terms

Genre(s)

- Devotional images
- Printed ephemera

Subject(s)

- Catholic Church--Prayers and devotions
- Holy cards
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Miscellanea
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Pictorial works
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Prayers and devotions
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Shrines
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Titles
Collection Inventory

Series 1: Marian themes

Mary

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Madonna and Child

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Series 2: Life of Jesus and Mary

Before the Nativity

Immaculate Conception

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Mary’s birth and childhood
Presentation of Mary
Mary in the temple
Espousals of Mary and Joseph

**Annunciation**

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15 Ascension
15 Pentecost
15 Mary receives communion
15 Assumption/Dormition
15 Assumption—Mary with angels
15 Coronation
15 Life of Jesus and Mary - Series of images

Series 3: Marian titles

Box
16 A
16 Our Lady of All Nations
16 Queen of the Angels
16 Queen of Apostles
16 Our Lady of the Atonement
16 B
16 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
16 C
16 Our Lady of the Cenacle
16 Mother of the Church
16 Our Lady of Confidence
16 D
16 Mother of Divine Grace
16 Divine Shepherdess
16 E
16 F
16 Mother of Fair Love
16 Our Lady of France

Box
16 G
16 Mother of Good Counsel
16 Our Lady of Good Remedy
16 Our Lady of Good Studies
16 Our Lady of Grace
16 Our Lady of the Green Scapular
17 H
17 Our Lady, Health of the Sick
17 Heart of Mary
17 Heart of Mary with sword
17 Heart of Mary with swords surrounding
17 Heart of Mary with lilies and flowers
17 Heart of Mary with Jesus and others
17 Heart of Mary prayers and texts
17 Hearts of Jesus and Mary
17 Help of Christians
17 Our Lady of the Highway
17 Our Lady of the Home
18 I
18 J
18 Our Lady of Joy
18 K
18 L
18 Our Lady of Light
18 M
18 Mary Mediatrix
18 Mother of Mercy
18 Mother of Mercy/Schutzmaria
18 Miraculous Medal
18 Miraculous Medal prayers and texts
18 Queen of the Missions
18 Morning Star
18 Queen of Mothers
18 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
19 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel prayers and texts
19 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel texts on the scapular
19 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Mary and purgatory
19 Our Lady of the Mountains
19 Mystical Rose
19 N
19 O
19 P
19 Queen of Peace
19 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19 Our Lady of the Precious Blood
19 Mother of Priests
19 Madonna of the Prima Primaria
19 Q
19 Our Lady of Providence
19 R
19 Queen of the Rosary
20 S
20 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
20 Our Lady of Schools
20 Our Lady of the Smile
20 Our Lady of the Snows
20 Mother of Sodalists
20 Sorrowful Mother
20 Sorrowful Mother with crown of thorns
20 Sorrowful Mother with swords
20 Sorrowful Mother prayers and texts
20 Sorrowful Mother - Seven sorrows
20 Star of the Sea
20 T
20 Our Lady of Tears
20 Our Lady of the Three Hail Marys
20 Mother Thrice Admirable
20 Our Lady of the Trinity
20 U
20 Patroness of the United States
20 Queen of the Universe
20 V
20 Our Lady of Victory
20 W
20 X, Y, Z

Series 4: Marian shrines

Box
21 Wayside shrines
21 A
21 Argentina
21 Austria
B
Belgium
Banneux, Belgium
Beauraing, Belgium
Brussels, Belgium
Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Brazil
C
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Cuba
Czech Republic
D
E
Ecuador
England
F
France
Chartres, France
Lourdes, France
La Salette, France
Germany
H
I
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Italy
Loreto, Italy
Rome, Italy
Japan
K
L
Lithuania
M
Malta
Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico (Guadalupe)
Netherlands
Peru
Poland
Czestochowa, Poland
Portugal
Fatima, Portugal
Puerto Rico
Russia
Rwanda
Slovakia
South Korea
Spain
Switzerland
T
U
United States
Venezuela

Oversized and three-dimensional cards

Publishers
Box
30 Fratelli Bonella
30 Orbis Catholicus
30 Reproducta
# Artists

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