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# **Guide to the Marian holy cards collection, circa 1675-present ML.031**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute
<b>Creator</b>	Marian Library
<b>Title</b>	Marian holy cards collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1860-1950
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	circa 1675-present
<b>Extent</b>	15.0 Linear feet (30 card boxes)
<b>Language</b>	Multiple languages
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains approximately 10,000 holy cards and printed ephemera related to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Madonna and Child, events in the life of Jesus and Mary, Marian titles, and Marian shrines.

### 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

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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](#).

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## Scope and Content

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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

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**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

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### Publication Information

The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute, October 2013

### Access

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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## Search Terms

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### 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

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### Series 1: Marian themes

#### Mary

Box	
1	Mary with angels
1	Mary with children
1	Mary with animals
1	Mary with flowers
1	Marian symbols
2	Portraits of Mary
3	Blessed Virgin Mary - Various

#### Madonna and Child

Box	
4	Madonna & Child with angels
4	Madonna & Child with children
4	Madonna & Child with animals
4	Madonna & Child with flowers
4	Madonna & Child with lilies
4	Madonna & Child with roses
5	Madonna & Child - Various
6	Madonna & Child - Various
7	Madonna & Child - Various

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### Series 2: Life of Jesus and Mary

#### Before the Nativity

#### Immaculate Conception

8	Immaculate Conception
8	Immaculate Conception - Mary with Angels
8	Immaculate Conception - Prayers

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

## **Annunciation**

Box	
9	Mary with angels
9	Mary with God or Holy Spirit
9	Annunciation - Various

## **Visitation**

9	Visitation - Various
9	Dream of Mary

## **Nativity**

Box	
10	Journey to Bethlehem
10	Infant Jesus
10	Mary and Infant Jesus
11	Holy Family
11	Holy Family with angels
11	Holy Family with animals
12	Shepherds
12	Circumcision
12	Presentation in the temple
12	Magi
12	Magi, Jesus and Mary
12	Magi and Holy Family
12	Flight to Egypt

## **Hidden Life**

Box	
13	Mary and Jesus
13	Holy Family
13	Jesus found in temple
13	Death of Joseph
13	Jesus as a Child

## **Public Life**

Box

13	Baptism
13	Wedding at Cana
13	Miracles
13	Parables
13	Public Life - Various

## **Passion**

Box

14	Last Supper
14	Agony in the garden
14	Jesus Arrested/Scourging of Jesus
14	Crown of thorns
14	Jesus carries the cross
14	Jesus carries cross, meets Mary
14	Jesus crucified
14	Mary at the cross
14	Jesus on the cross
14	Descent from the cross
14	Jesus mourned
14	Pieta
14	Burial of Jesus
14	After Calvary
14	Symbols
14	Passion - Various

## **Resurrection**

Box

15	Jesus at tomb
15	Jesus alone
15	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
15	Holy women
15	Emmaus
15	Resurrection - Various

## **Final Events and Mysteries**

Box	
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

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### 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
	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/Schutzmantelmadonna
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

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## Series 4: Marian shrines

Box	
21	Wayside shrines
21	A
21	Argentina
21	Austria

21	B
21	Belgium
21	Banneux, Belgium
21	Beauraing, Belgium
21	Brussels, Belgium
22	Bolivia
22	Bosnia-Herzegovina
22	Brazil
22	C
22	Canada
22	Chile
22	Colombia
22	Cuba
22	Czech Republic
22	D
22	E
22	Ecuador
22	England
22	F
23	France
24	Chartres, France
24	Lourdes, France
24	La Salette, France
25	Germany
25	H
25	I
25	India
25	Ireland
25	Israel
25	Italy
26	Italy
26	Loreto, Italy
26	Rome, Italy
26	Japan
26	K
26	L
26	Lithuania
26	M

26	Malta
26	Mexico
26	Mexico City, Mexico (Guadalupe)
27	N
27	Netherlands
27	P
27	Peru
27	Poland
27	Czestochowa, Poland
27	Portugal
27	Fatima, Portugal
28	Puerto Rico
28	Russia
28	Rwanda
28	S
28	Slovakia
28	South Korea
28	Spain
28	Switzerland
28	T
28	U
28	United States
28	V
28	Venezuela

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## Oversized and three-dimensional cards

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## Publishers

Box	
30	Fratelli Bonella
30	Orbis Catholicus
30	Reproducta

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## Artists

Box

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J. Gouppy

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Maria Spotl

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Piotr Stachiewicz