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Marian Library

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The Site

Marian Library at University of Dayton



A University of Dayton 'Special Library'

Located in Dayton, Ohio, the University of Dayton is a private Catholic university with over 8000 undergraduate and 3000 graduate and law students. Its University Libraries include the university archives and special collections, digital collections and e-commons, the U.S. Catholic special collection, and the Marian Library.

Center for Scholarship on the Blessed Virgin Mary

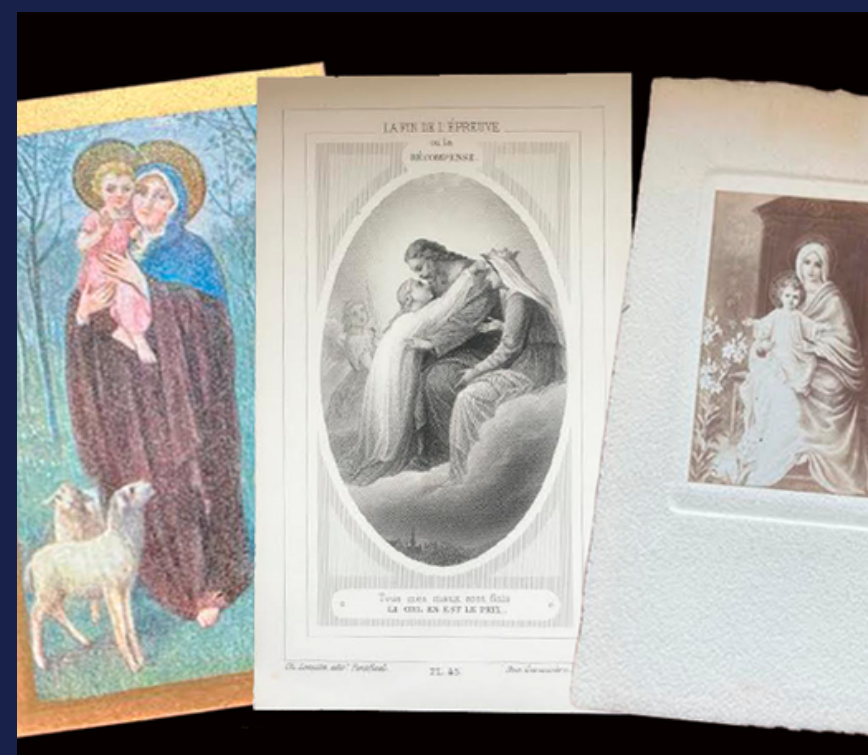
The Marian Library was founded by the University of Dayton Marianists in 1943. It is the world's largest center of scholarship on the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering collections and records for researchers on campus and from academic institutions across the globe.

Capturing Diverse Expressions of Devotion

As a special library and archive, Marian Library both preserves and maintains materials pertaining to Marian scholarship and documents diverse expressions of popular devotion to Mary, within and beyond the Catholic Church.



The Collections



My Work

Collection Details

- Correspondence
- Manuscripts
- Reports
- Photos
- Ephemera

Activities

- Collection processing
- Arrangement & Description using DACS
- Creation of finding aids in ArchiveSpace
- Preservation

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Relevance ▼ Sort

Michael manuscripts and letters on Mary

📁 Collection — Box-folder 1 Identifier: ML-080

Scope and Contents

Two volumes of letters and manuscripts written by "Michael", who never uses a last name: "Letters of Michael", a bound series of correspondence written by Michael dated 1943-1945, and "Love Letters for Mary", a manuscript written and printed by Michael in May 1944 for limited private distribution to his friends.

Dates: 1943-1945

Found in: [University Libraries](#) / [Michael manuscripts and letters on Mary](#)

International Marian Research Institute records on African Marian Institutes

📁 Collection — Box 1 Identifier: ML-083

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, reports, publications, program details, and written materials related to the International Marian Research Insitute's (IMRI) African Marian Insitutes and seminars held in 1980. Publications include a pre-press version of "Mary in Faith and Life in the New Age of the Church". A large portion of the collection is comprised of correspondence of Fr. Theodore Koehler and the papers of Fr. William Cole, both of IMRI.

Dates: Majority of material found within 1971-1981

Found in: [University Libraries](#) / [International Marian Research Institute records on African Marian Institutes](#)

Fr. Bert Buby collection on Ephesus

📁 Collection — Box 1 Identifier: ML-082

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, publications, reports, and ephemera related to Fr. Bert Buby's study of Ephesus. A large portion of the collection includes letters and email exchanges with Joseph Quatman of The American Society of Ephesus, Inc. regarding Ephesus.

Dates: Majority of material found within 1992 - 2009

Found in: [University Libraries](#) / [Fr. Bert Buby collection on Ephesus](#)

Collection of Lourdes Medical Bureau case files and reports

📁 Collection — Box-folder 1 Identifier: ML-081

Content Description

Contents include photostatic copies of the Lordes Medical Bureau case files for John Traynor and Francis Pascal (contents mostly in French), including full medical dossiers, pamphlets and photos; and a typed report by Prof. Michel-Marie Salmon summarizing the Case Files of Vittorio Micheli (written in English).

Dates: 1926 - 1972

Found in: [University Libraries](#) / [Collection of Lourdes Medical Bureau case files and reports](#)

Interesting Aspects

Creator and Provenance Mysteries

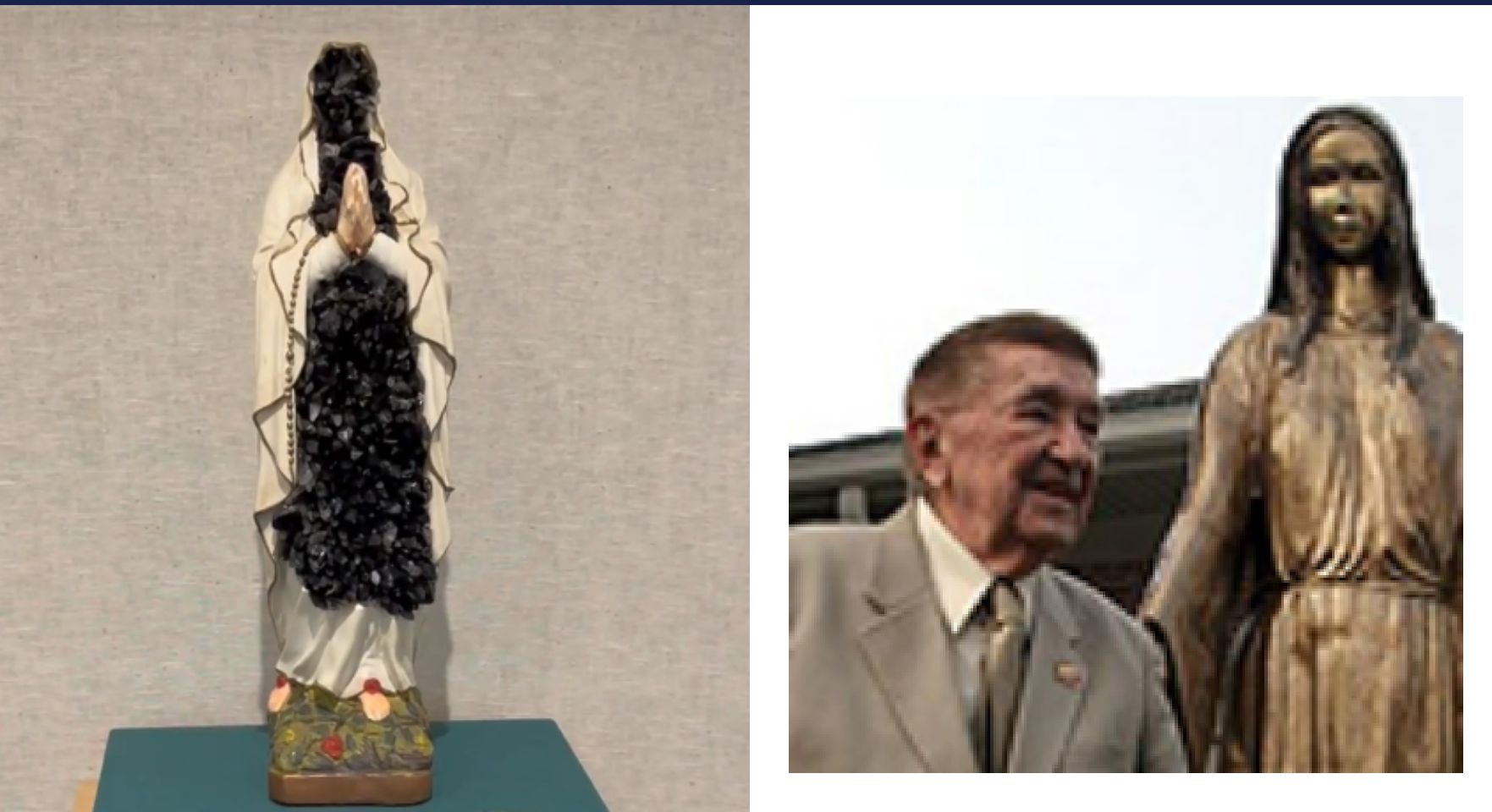
Unmarked and haphazardly sorted materials from period before an archivist was hired.

Access for Users with Diverse Interests and Needs

Scholars are both religiously affiliated and of the Catholic church and students of culture and other traditions.

Professional Becomes Personal

While frequently academic or theological in topic, many records include personal journals and correspondence.



Insights on Profession



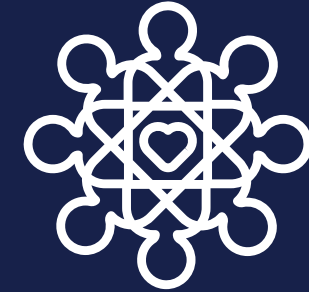
Wisdom & Institutional Standards are Crucial

DACS requires a lot of practice and patience, and a firm understanding of your own institution's expectations and rules



Resources are Limited and Constantly Front-of-Mind

MPLP started to make a lot of sense when I was processing a collection with 100 pages of deteriorating paper and only had a couple hours to do it.



Information is About and for People

Respect, reverence, ethics, and access are all essential pieces of handling records and papers, because they aren't just data.

Thank You!

