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Finding Aid for
Marist Mission News Print Collection, 1945-1950



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Biography/Historical Note

The *Marist Mission News* Print Collection consists of two complete collections of all volumes and numbered issues of *Marist Mission News*, from the publication's inception near the conclusion of the second world war, in August/September 1945, to its final issue, January/February 1950. The Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary organized *Marist Mission News*' publication and circulation initially at St. Theresa's Convent in Bedford, Massachusetts and eventually at Framingham Centre, Massachusetts. Their masthead depicts their intended audience as primarily "the benefactors of the Marist Missions to keep them informed of the activities made possible by their alms." Published reports and articles focused upon Marist missionary work in the Solomon Islands (Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Wallis, Futuna, New Hebrides, New Caledonia) and in Jamaica, B.W.I. (Lepers' Home—eventually, Hansen House—in Spanish Town). An account of the dedication of the inaugural issue of *Marist Mission News* to Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Archbishop of Boston, offers a brief history of the congregation's journalistic history: "Well known throughout mission circles was the *Alofa Malia*, the official organ of the Congregation in the United States, published and brought to a high plane of journalistic achievement by the talent and devotedness of the Archbishop. With the coming of wartime restrictions, the rapidly rising prices and priorities on paper, it was discontinued for the duration, and it is hoped that the new mission paper, aptly entitled *Marist Mission News*, will provide a much needed contact with the friends and benefactors of the congregation, acquainting them with the latest news from the missions and of the activities made possible through their prayers and alms" (1945). The subsequent development and publication of *Marist Missions* in 1950 effectively continued and replaced this earlier publication.

Collection Scope and Content Note

Marist Mission News Print Collection collects multiple print copies of all existing circulated issues of *Marist Mission News* published by the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary, from Bedford, Massachusetts and Framingham Centre, Massachusetts, from 1945-1950. The inclusive time-span reflected in these records is 1945-1950. The collection is organized in 1 box, .42 linear feet.

Processing Notes

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials—provided that this removal did not damage original documents—and folded items were flattened. All materials are collected in acid-free, folders and archival boxes. The finding aid contents list is organized by box identifier and folder title, with the following additional searchable details: issue title, date and volume number, issue number. The original materials also came with borrower/circulation information associated with their previous location, Queen of the Missions Library within the S.M.S.M. Provincial House; this information has been preserved with the collection.

Further Sources

Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Editor. *In the Service of the Lepers: A Brief Outline of the Work of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary among the Lepers of the Isle of Makogai, Fiji Islands*. Boston: Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 1940.

Mary Rose de Lima, Mother, S.M.S.M., Charles F. Decker, S.M., Editor, Richard Cardinal Cushing, D.D., Foreword. *A Mission Tour in the Southwest Pacific: from the Diary Account of Reverend Mother Mary Rose, S.M.S.M.* Boston: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 1942.

Alois Greiler, *Catholic Beginnings in Oceania: Marist Missionary Perspectives*. Hindmarsh, Australia: ATF Press, 2009.

Contents List

Box MMN1-CIII(iv) contains two bound file folders; each contains a complete collection of *Marist Mission News* issues, 1945-1950

Box	File	Title	Date and Volume Number	Issue Number
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume 1: August/September, 1945-October/November, 1945	Nos. 1-2
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume II: December 1945/January 1946-“Leper Issue,” 1946	Nos. 1-6
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume III: Silver Jubilee Issue, 1947-Holiday Issue 1947	Nos. 1-6
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume IV: January/February 1948-Christmas Issue, 1948	Nos. 1-6
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume V: Spring Issue, 1949-Summer Issue, 1949	Nos. 1-4
MMN1-CIII(iv)	1 & 2	<i>Marist Mission News</i>	Volume VI: January/February 1950	No. 1