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Summary information

Title:	Mission Mexico
Reference code:	CA RCDCA MM
Date:	1991-2019 (creation)
Physical description:	6 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created Jul. 8, 2024.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

During the Jubilee Year of 2000, Fr. Fred Monk of St. Mary's, Cochrane, began collecting a loonie a week from parishioners to build an orphanage in La Montaña, a region in the State of Guerrero, Mexico. Upon successful completion of the project, Fr. Fred visited La Montaña and was taken to many poor villages in the diocese by Alejo Castro, Bishop of the Diocese of Tlapa, inspiring a partnership of hope and support that became Mission Mexico. Through donations, it has funded projects such as scholarships, micro-economic endeavors, construction and administration of the Champagnat High School of the Mountain, and many others that help improve quality of life in the poor areas. A major campaign is a school mail out on or around December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and designated Mission Mexico Day.

Fr. Fred retired from active ministry in 2017, leading to the formation of the Transition Committee in January 2018, a subcommittee to handle transferring control of Mission Mexico to the Mission Council of the Diocese of Calgary.

Other key members of Mission Mexico include Leslie Davies, who began working with the poor in Mexico in 2001 and served in the Diocese of Tlapa as a witness and human rights activist. Michael MacDonald became the on-site project coordinator in September 2013 after living in Southern Mexico and working as Bishop Castro's assistant for decades.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records related to Mission Mexico. Includes documents from before the organization's founding.

Notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
CA RCDCA MM-RP	Item - Mission Mexico April 2, 2002 <i>Creator:</i> Mission Mexico <i>Physical storage:</i> Folder: 404.6050 <i>Scope and content:</i> Item consists of a summary of projects from 2000-2002, with financial statements, prepared by Fr. Fred Monk. Includes a proposed contract between St. Mary's Parish and Leslie Davies.	2002	1 book

Series CA RCDCA MM-PP: Misson Mexico Papers

Creator: Mission Mexico

Date: 1991-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of papers related to the Mission Mexico. Includes correspondence written in Spanish and English and a Mission Mexico brochure. Also included are project reports, a mail out campaign packet, news articles, and biographies for Patrick Doherty and Michael MacDonald. Includes projects that pre-date the formation of Mission Mexico.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

Physical storage: Folder: 404.6053

Physical storage: Folder: 395.5970

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

Series CA RCDCA MM-TC: Minutes of the Mission Mexico Transition Committee

Creator: Mission Mexico

Date: 2016-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: File consists of minutes from the Mission Mexico Transition Committee. Includes a brief history of Mission Mexico, reports, and financial statements.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Physical storage: Folder: 404.6051

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

Series CA RCDCA MM-NL: Mission Mexico newsletter

Creator: Mission Mexico

Date: 2010-2017 (creation)

Scope and content: File consists of editions of the Mission Mexico newsletter from 2010-2017 (missing 2015) providing updates on projects and funding by Fr. Fred Monk.

Physical description: 0.05 cm of textual records

Physical storage: Folder: 404.6052

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published