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Fonds AUSP-202 – THE CONSORTIUM PERFECTAE CARITATIS
[Collection gathered by Jean Moncion, o.m.i., (1921-2003)]
1968-1972
5 files of textual documents.

Historical notes:

On November 24, 1956, the U.S. sisters' committee invites general and provincial superiors of the pontifical communities of Chicago to discuss the formation of a national conference. By a unanimous vote, the *Conference of Major Superiors of Women (CMSW)* is launched.

Its mission is to:

- promote the spiritual welfare of the women religious of the USA
- insure increasing efficacy in their apostolate
- and foster closer fraternal cooperation with all religious of the United States, the hierarchy, the clergy, and Catholic associations.

Come 1971, the national assembly, meeting in Atlanta, adopts new bylaws and changes the name of the organization to *Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)*. However, a splinter group of CMSW members holds a meeting. With the name *Consortium Perfectae Caritatis (CPC)*, the group drew members concerned that the newly named LCWR was deviating from "authentic" church teaching about the essentials of religious life. This was the first of ongoing periodic meetings between women and men religious in Canada, Latin America, and the United States.

The *Consortium Perfectae Caritatis* is a fellowship of religious communities who agree to share their thoughts and experiences in mutual strength and support to implement the program of "perfect love," which was decreed for the renewal of religious life by the Second Vatican Council and promulgated by Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965.

Scope and content:

The records of the *Consortium Perfectae Caritatis* consist of correspondence, articles, programs, liturgies, and transcripts of meeting tapes in preparation for the Consortium's 1971-1972 General Assemblies. It documents the efforts of feminine religious groups in the United-States to implement the teachings of Vatican II.

Immediate source of acquisition:

Gift of records assembled by Father Jean Moncion, OMI (1921-2003) to the Research Centre for the Religious History of Canada (RCRHC), Saint-Paul University. [Date unknown]

Transfer of documents in 2011 to the Archival Services of the Jean-Léon-Allie Library and Archives, Saint Paul University.

Restrictions on access:

The documents are open for consultation.

Documents containing personal and confidential information are restricted to consultation and reproduction.

The records are subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids:

A research guide is available at the Archival Services.

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

Related documents:

CPC - Consortium Perfectae Caritatis Records 1957-1994.

Repository: *University of Notre Dame Archives*, Notre Dame, IN 46556 USA