

**Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women Collection**  
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**ACQUISITION:** Material was donated by Claire Harbarger of the Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women.

**ACCESS:** Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections Division only.

**VOLUME:** Seven three-ringed notebooks and paper-bound documents, approx 1.5 linear feet.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** The Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women was an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women and an organization within the Cleveland Diocese. The council encouraged community work and provided a voice for Catholic women within the Cleveland Diocese. Formed in 1925, the Summit Council was originally called the Akron Deanery of the Cleveland Diocesan Council. The council's work over the years included providing assistance to new immigrants, establishing scholarship programs for students of social work at the National Catholic School of Social Service, supporting missions of the Cleveland Diocese, served as an affiliate of the Women's Board to the Summit county Juvenile Court, donated funds to local nonprofit organizations, and performed other services for the community. The Summit Council also presented the Nativity display in Akron's Cascade Plaza for decades. Eventually, the Summit Council included the counties of Summit, Wayne, Ashland and Medina. The Summit Regional Council disbanded on May 31, 2011.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The collection contains newsletters, meeting minutes, and Cascade Plaza Nativity scrapbook. The materials date from the 1970s to 2011.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Three series: 1) Meeting Minutes, 2) Newsletters, 3) Miscellaneous arranged among seven notebooks and three envelopes.

**INVENTORY:**

**SERIES 1: MEETING MINUTES**

**DESCRIPTIVE NOTE:** Meeting minutes were usually filed in reverse order and sometimes out of order. Contain mix of general, executive and other meeting minutes.

Envelope 1: North Summit Deanery Minutes, Executive & General, 1970 – 1976

Envelope 2: South Summit Deanery Minutes, Executive & General, June 1972 - 1979)

Notebook 1: 1988-2000 (notebook originally marked 1989 -1990, 1998 - 2000)  
The first part is arranged in reverse order starting with the end of 1989, then 1988, 1990. Years 1996 and 1997 are in chronological order. Then, 1998 is in reverse order; a couple from 2000; and 1999 is in no particular order.

Notebook 2: 1991 - 1994  
Dates within years filed in reverse order.

Notebook 3: 2005 - 2006.  
Also includes council officer job descriptions, attendance sheets, programs and other documents.

Notebook 4: 2006 – 2007

Notebook 5: 2006 – 2011  
Also includes two brochures commemorating the end of the Summit Regional Council and the last council newsletter.

## SERIES 2: NEWSLETTERS

Notebook 6: 2004 – 2011

## SERIES 3: MISCELLANEOUS

Notebook 7: Cascade Plaza Nativity Display Scrapbook

Envelope 3: 1978 – 1980 Directory, Cleveland Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women