

## ***Marilou Denbo Eldred Papers 1997-2004, undated***

**Creator:** Marilou Denbo Eldred (1940- )

**Extent:** 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago

### **Administration Information**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

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**Separations:** Two inches of duplicate and extraneous materials were discarded.

**See Also:** Mundelein College Records

### **Biographical History**

Marilou Denbo was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 23, 1940. She attended Mundelein College and graduated in 1963 with a degree in History and two minors in English and Education. She attended New York University where she earned her master's degree in Student Personnel Administration in 1969 and her doctorate in Education Administration in 1974. She served in the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 1959 to 1969. She left the order to have a family and because of the growing opportunities for lay people in the church in the 1960s and 1970s. She and her husband Don Eldred have one child.

Marilou Denbo Eldred has served in numerous academic administrative positions throughout her extensive career. Eldred worked briefly as a high school history teacher from 1963 to 1966 and as an Assistant Dean for Freshmen at Mundelein College from 1966 to 1970. Her eighteen-year tenure at the College of St. Catherine includes positions as Associate Academic Dean from 1979 to 1982, Dean of Students from 1982 to 1986, Vice President for Administration from 1986 to 1988, Vice President of the College from 1988 to 1989, and Vice President and Academic Dean from 1989 to 1997. In addition, she was President of Saint Mary's College from 1997 to 2004, in which she was the first lay woman to be appointed. Eldred began service as President of the Catholic Community

Foundation in 2005. Eldred has also published numerous articles about higher education including women in academia, women's colleges, and curriculum reform.

### **Scope and Content**

The Marilou Denbo Eldred papers consist of 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes) and span the years 1997 to 2004. The items are organized alphabetically. Original provenance was maintained whenever possible. The papers consist of a resume, correspondence, press, speeches, and public relations materials from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Subjects covered include women's education, higher education, Saint Mary's College, Catholicism, administration in higher education, and student life.

#### **Series 1: Biographical, 1997-2004, undated, Box 1**

Contains materials relating to the career and education of Marilou Denbo Eldred. Materials include a resume, her inauguration as president at Saint Mary's College, as well as information on Saint Mary's College.

#### **Series 2: Professional, Speeches, 1997-2003, undated, Boxes 1-2**

Contains materials relating to the professional career of Marilou Denbo Eldred, predominately her career as President of Saint Mary's College. Materials include typed formal speeches and meeting presentations. Topics and events covered in her speeches include alumnae events, commencement addresses, fundraising, her ingratiation as President, student events, as well as speeches for events unassociated with Saint Mary's College.

#### **Subjects:**

Marilou Denbo Eldred (1940- )  
Catholicism  
Higher Education  
Mundelein College alumna  
Saint Mary's College  
Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Women, College Presidents  
Women's Education

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<b><i>Marilou Denbo Eldred Papers 1997-2004, undated</i></b>	
		<b>Series 1: Biographical, 1997-2004, undated</b>	
1	1	Biographical	2004, undated
1	2	Correspondence	2004
1	3	Inauguration at Saint Mary's College	1997
1	4	Saint Mary's College	1997, undated
		<b>Series 2: Professional, Speeches, 1997-2003, undated</b>	
1	5	Admission Events	1998-2003

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1	6	Alumnae Board Meetings	1998-2003
1	7	Alumnae Clubs—I	1997-1999, undated
1	8	Alumnae Clubs—II	2000-2003
1	9	Alumnae Reunions	1998-2003
1	10	College Community	1997-2000
1	11	College Forum	1997-2002
1	12	Commencement Addresses	1998-2000
1	13	Commencement Addresses—Saint Mary’s College	1998-2003
1	14	Community Meetings	1998-2000
1	15	Development	2001-2002, undated
1	16	External Events—I	1998-2000, undated
1	17	External Events—II	2000-2003
1	18	Faculty Assembly	2000-2002
1	19	Inauguration at Saint Mary’s College	1997
1	20	Junior Mother/Daughter	1998
1	21	Madeleva Dinner	1998-2002
1	22	Madeleva Steering Committee	1999-2003, undated
2	1	Miscellaneous	1999-2003, undated
2	2	Orientation	1997-2002
2	3	Parent’s Council	1998-2003
2	4	Play of the Mind Welcome	1999-2000
2	5	President’s Alumnae Advisory Council	1999-2002
2	6	President’s Dinner	2000-2003
2	7	Sophomore Parents Weekend	1998-2003
2	8	Staff Luncheon	2003
2	9	Student Events	1998-2002
2	10	Women’s Colleges/Education	1998-2002, undated