

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt Papers 1949-2006, undated

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See Also: Mary's Pence Records and the Women-Church Convergence Records at the Women and Leadership Archives. Related Collections include the Women's Ordination Conference Records at Marquette University.

Biographical History

Rosalie Muschal was born on June 23, 1933. She graduated from Cathedral High School in Trenton, New Jersey in 1950 and four years later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Rider University. In 1955, Muschal married Alfred Reinhardt and ultimately had four children: Alfred, Erika, Kurt, and Michael. Until 1973, Muschal-Reinhardt worked in several capacities: a public school teacher; a consultant to the Religious Education Program at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Guayanabo, Puerto Rico (1970-1971); participated in the Adult Education and Retreat Ministry, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1971-1972); consulted on the Diocesan Religious Education for the Roman Catholic Diocese in Rochester, New York (1973-1974).

Notably, Muschal-Reinhardt actively pursued further education in the discipline of Theology. After completing the requirements for a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1969, she transferred to a Master of Divinity Program where she studied until 1974. Then, in 1977, Muschal-Reinhardt completed a Master of Divinity degree from Loyola University Chicago (Jesuit School of Theology).

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt's education was often put into practice in her activism which was extensive in the 1970s continued throughout the 1990s. For example, she co-founded the Women's Ordination Conference in 1978. WOC, as the organization is commonly called, had the primary goal of the ordination of women as priests in the Roman Catholic Church. She also co-founded Mary's Pence in 1988 which collected and donated funds for women's ministries. Muschal-Reinhardt also served as National Coordinator for the Women's Church Coalition, later renamed the Women-Church Convergence. By the early 1990s, she became the co-coordinator of the Prism Collective with three other women whose goals included the fostering of "feminist scholarship for adolescent women particularly through single-gendered schools," "to publish books on women-affirming spirituality," and "make the world safer and saner for all women." The group published and/or produced several mixed-media projects including video "Choices at the Crossroads" in 1994.

She continued her interest in the elimination of sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, and ageism in American society by becoming certified as a "Sage-ing" Leader with the Spiritual Eldering Program in 2001. Through this role, Muschal-Reinhardt participated in several conferences, meetings, and workshops to address the care of the elderly, support for elder care givers, and elder care education.

Muschal-Reinhardt continued to serve her community as a Covenant member with the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters in Wheaton, Illinois, and as a freelance lecturer and speaker.

Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt passed away on October 6, 2013 at the age of 80.

Scope and Content

The materials are arranged into five series and some subseries include subject files and newspapers, much of which is related to Muschal-Reinhardt's professional activities. The material is organized alphabetically by item title within series/subseries.

Series 1: Biographical, 1953-1998, undated, Box 1

Includes both early education materials, correspondence, personal reflections, travel memoirs, and several drafts of her curriculum vitae. The bulk of the materials dates from the 1970s.

Series 2: Professional Activities, 1967-2006, Boxes 2-6

Contains material relating to Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt's participation in several organizations and activities including St. Joan's Alliance, the Women's Ordination Conference, and Women of Church Coalition. Other materials include speeches, lectures, presentations, rituals, inspirational messages,

Subseries 2.1: General, 1967-2006, Box 2-6

Includes materials related to Nazareth Academy, Prism Collective, St. Joan Alliance, Women's Ordination Conference, and more.

Subseries 2.2: Subject Files, 1972-1993, undated, Box 7

Includes subject files related to the professional activities of Muschal-Reinhardt including women's ordination, the role of women in the Catholic Church, and some information on individual women such as Sr. Albertus Magnus McGrath and Elizabeth Farians.

Subseries 2.3: Newspapers, 1976-2003, undated, Boxes 8-9

Includes publications related to the professional activities of Muschal-Reinhardt including articles and complete editions of the *Chicago Daily News*, *Commonweal*, *Democrat & Chronicle*, *National Jesuit News*, *New World*, and *WOC—We Are All Connected*.

Series 3: Audiovisual & Miscellaneous Media, 1949-1994, undated, Box 10

Includes audiocassettes and one VHS tape related to women's ordination and Muschal-Reinhardt's work in the Prism Collective. Photographs include Muschal-Reinhardt's graduation for her Master of Divinity, publicity photos, and some meeting photos with others such as Marjorie Tuite.

Series 4: Restricted, 1985-1988, undated, Box 11

Series 5: Addendum 1, 1975-1991, Boxes 12-13

This series contains Addendum 1, an accrual of materials that were processed but not incorporated with the series above. Similar and/or related materials listed above may also be found here. Materials are organized alphabetically by item title within subseries.

Subseries 5.1: Biographical, 1975, undated, Box 12

This series includes correspondence and an essay written by Muschal-Reinhardt.

Subseries 5.2: Professional Activities, 1976-1991, undated, Box 12

This series contains material relating to Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt's teaching at Nazareth Academy and her participation in several organizations including the Women's Ordination Conference and Women of the Church Coalition.

Sub-subseries 5.2.1: General, 1976-1991, Box 12

Contains materials related to conferences/groups including the Women's Ordination Conference and Nazareth Academy.

Sub-subseries 5.2.2: Subject Files, 1975-1987, undated, Box 12-13

Includes subject files collected by Muschal-Reinhardt including women's ordination, family and menstruation issues, the role of women in the Catholic Church, the National Organization of Women, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Subseries 5.3: Audiovisual, 1977, undated, Box 13

This series contains a photograph of Muschal-Reinhardt and a VHS tape on women as priests.

Subjects:

Equal rights amendments--United States.
Feminism
Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt (1933-2013)
St. Joan's Alliance
Ordination of women--Catholic Church
Women's Ordination Conference
Women of Church Coalition
Women's rights

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt Papers, 1949-2006, undated</i>	
		Series 1: Biographical, 1953-1998, undated	
1	1	Correspondence	1971-1993, undated
1	2	Coursework	1953
1	3	Education: Colgate-Rochester Divinity School	1963-1974
1	4	Education: General Records	1967-1977
1	5	Education: Jesuit School of Theology	1975-1978
1	6	Education: Jesuit School of Theology, Coursework	1974-1977
1	7	Education: Jesuit School of Theology, Master's Essay	1977
1	8	Michael Walter Muschal	1982
1	9	Personal Reflections	undated
1	10	Resume & Curriculum Vitae	1998, undated
1	11	Travel Memoirs	1978
		Series 2: Professional Activities, 1967-2006	
		Subseries 2.1: General, 1967-2006	
2	1	Awards	1985, 1988, undated
2	2	Fortunate Families	2005-2006
2	3	Inspirational Messages	undated
2	4	Memorial Services	1982-2000
2	5	National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries	1998
2	6	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Anger	undated
2	7	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Church	undated
2	8	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Fables	undated
2	9	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Feminism	1987
2	10	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Christian Feminism	1987
2	11	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Feminism and Scripture	undated

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2	12	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, General	1986-1987, undated
2	13	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1984-1985
2	14	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1984-1985
2	15	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1988, undated
3	1	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Morality	1987, undated
3	2	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Racism	1986, undated
3	3	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Reproduction	undated
3	4	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Resignation	1988
3	5	Newspaper Articles by Muschal-Reinhardt	1967-1969
3	6	Newspaper Articles about Muschal-Reinhardt	1975-1988, undated
3	7	Prayer Programs & Pamphlets	1981-1999
3	8	Presentations	undated
3	9	Primary Community of Women	2001
3	10	Prism Collective, Books	1997 & 2000
3	11	Prism Collective, Curriculum	undated
3	12	Prism Collective, History	undated
3	13	Prism Collective, Journals	1995-1996
3	14	Prism Collective, Writings, "A Sociology of Gender Roles"	1993
3	15	Prism Collective, Writings, "Images of the Divine"	1994
3	16	Programs, "Gender Roles"	1999
4	1	Programs, General	1967-2000
4	2	Programs, General	1967-2000
4	3	Programs, "Sage-ing"	2000, undated
4	4	Rituals	1981-1993, undated
4	5	St. Joan Alliance, Central Region	1974-1975
4	6	St. Joan Alliance, Central Region	1975-1976
4	7	St. Joan Alliance, Correspondence	1975-1976
4	8	St. Joan Alliance, Journal	1976, undated
4	9	St. Joan Alliance, Membership	1975-1976
4	10	Speeches	1981-1999, undated
4	11	Women of Church Coalition	1980-1981
4	12	Women of Church Coalition, Convener	1980-1981
5	1	Women of Church Coalition, Correspondence	1976-1977
5	2	Women of Church Coalition, Correspondence	1976-1977
5	3	Women of Church Coalition, Minutes	1979-1982
5	4	Women's Ordination Conference, Booklets	1975-1984
5	5	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Detroit)	1975
5	6	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Baltimore)	1978
5	7	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Cleveland)	1982
5	8	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Chicago)	1983
5	9	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Arlington, VA)	1995

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5	10	Women's Ordination Conference, Convener	1976-1978
6	1	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence	1976
6	2	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence	1976
6	3	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence (Membership)	1976-1977
6	4	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Minority Report	1975-1976
6	5	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Minutes	1976
6	6	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Statement of Purpose	1976-1980
6	7	Women's Ordination Conference, Correspondence	1976-1983
6	8	Women's Ordination Conference, Liturgy	1978
6	9	Women's Ordination Conference, Local Publishing Kit	1977, undated
6	10	Women's Ordination Conference, Permanent Diaconate	1976
6	11	Women's Ordination Conference, Pre-Conference Process	1978
6	12	Women's Ordination Conference, Study of WOC Membership	1979
		Subseries 2.2: Subject Files, 1975-1993, undated	
7	1	Angelisis, Mary	1975
7	2	"Are Catholics Ready?"	1978
7	3	Articles on Gender (General)	1991-1993
7	4	Farians, Elizabeth	1972-1973
7	5	Jesuit Ordination Mass	1976
7	6	McGarth, Sr. Albertus Magnus	1972-1974
7	7	National Assembly of Women Religious	1981
7	8	"New Woman, New Church, New Priestly Ministry"	1978
7	9	Ordination of Women, General	1989, undated
7	10	Ordination Programming	1974
7	11	Women & Religion	1975-1978
7	12	"Women Future Priesthood Now"	1975
		Subseries 2.3: Newspapers, 1976-2003, undated	
8	1	<i>Chicago Daily News</i>	1977
8	2	<i>Conscience</i>	1983-1984, 1987
8	3	<i>Commonweal</i>	1976, 1977
8	4	<i>Courier Journal</i>	1976
8	5	<i>De-Liberation</i>	1976
8	6	<i>Democrat & Chronicle</i>	1979, 1980, 1998
8	7	<i>National Catholic Reporter</i>	1974-1978, 1984
8	8	<i>National Jesuit News</i>	1976

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8	9	<i>New World</i>	1977
8	10	<i>Noisy Contemplation</i>	1983, 1989
8	11	<i>WOC—We Are All Called</i>	1978
9	1	<i>WOC—New Women/New Church</i>	undated
9	2	<i>WOC—New Women/New Church (incomplete run)</i>	1979-2003
		Series 3: Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Media, 1949-1994, undated	
10	1	Buttons: Women’s Rights	undated
10	2	Audiocassettes [3]: “Women’s Role in the Church,” “Ordinary Women Priests,” and “NOW NY”	1972, undated
10	3	Photos	1949-1977, undated
10	4	Photos: Graduation	1977
10	5	VHS: Prism Collective, “Choices at the Crossroads”	1994
		Series 4: Restricted, 1985-1988	
11	1-8	Restricted Materials	
		Series 5: Addendum 1, 1975-1991	
		Subseries 5.1: Biographical, 1975, undated	
12	1	Correspondence	1975
12	2	Essay: “What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?”	undated
		Subseries 5.2: Professional Activities, 1976-1991, undated	
		Sub-subseries 5.2.1: General, 1976-1991	
12	3	Conference on the Philosophy of the Women’s Movement	1981
12	4	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Christian Feminism and Sociology of Gender Roles	1985-1991, undated
12	5	Nazareth Academy: General Teaching	undated
12	6	Women of the Church Coalition: Minutes	1980
12	7	Women’s Ordination Conference: Bibliography/Reading List	1976, undated
12	8	Women’s Ordination Conference: Correspondence and Minutes	1976-1979, undated
12	9	Women’s Ordination Conference: First Core Commission Minutes	1976, undated
12	10	Women’s Ordination Conference: Information in Spanish	1983, undated
12	11	Women’s Ordination Conference: -ism Model	undated
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		Sub-subseries 5.2.2: Subject Files, 1975-1987, undated	
12	12	“A Submission Theology for Black Americans” by Ann Trousdale	undated
12	13	Church Service missals	1981, 1986

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12	14	<i>Daughters of Sarah</i> issues	1983-1984
13	1	Family/Menstruation articles	1978-1979
13	2	Feminist/ERA Writings	1980-1982, undated
13	3	Feminist journals	1975-1983
13	4	First Unitarian Church, Rochester NJ, essays on women and church	1985-1987
13	5	NOW	1982, undated
13	6	“The Experience of Women in the Catholic Christian Tradition” (Junior Theology Study Guide)	undated
13	7	Women and the Church journals	1975, 1986
13	8	Women and the Church writings	1975-1985, undated
13	9	Women’s Fast for Justice (ERA)	1982, undated
		Subseries 5.3: Audiovisual, 1977, undated	
13	10	Photo: Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt	1977
13	11	VHS: “Forbidden Calling: Catholic Women Priests in America” by L. Knauer	undated