

**Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt Papers,**  
**1949-2006, n.d.**

**Creator:** Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt

**Extent:** 2.5 linear ft.

**Location:**

**Processor:** Elizabeth A. Myers, 2007, updated 2011.

**Administration Information**

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**Provenance:** Materials included in this collection were deposited at the WLA by Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt in 2005 and 2006. The original deposit and the first addendum have been combined into one collection. WLA2005.04 and WLA2007.30.

**Separations:** None.

**See Also:** Mary's Pence Records and the Women-Church Convergence Records at the Women & 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 Masters of Arts in Religious Education from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1969, she transferred to a Masters 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.

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

## **Scope and Content**

The materials in this collection are arranged into four series and two subseries. The series include biographical, professional, AV, and restricted. The 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.

### **Series 1: Biographical, 1953-1998, n.d., 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 2A: Subject Files, 1972-1993, n.d., 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 2B: Newspapers, 1976-2003, n.d., 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*.

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**Series 3: Audio-Visual & Miscellaneous Media, 1949-1994, n.d., Box 10**

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

**Series 4: Restricted, 1985-1988, n.d., Box 11**

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Series 1: Biographical, 1953-1998, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Correspondence	1971-1993, n.d.
	2	Coursework	1953
	3	Education: Colgate-Rochester Divinity School	1963-1974
	4	Education: General Records	1967-1977
	5	Education: Jesuit School of Theology	1975-1978
	6	Education: Jesuit School of Theology, Coursework	1974-1977
	7	Education: Jesuit School of Theology, Master's Essay	1977
	8	Michael Walter Muschal	1982
	9	Personal Reflections	n.d.
	10	Resume & Curriculum Vitae	1998, n.d.
	11	Travel Memoirs	1978
<b>Series 2: Professional Activities,</b>			
2	1	Awards	1985, 1988, n.d.
	2	Fortunate Families	2005-2006
	3	Inspirational Messages	n.d.
	4	Memorial Services	1982-2000
	5	National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries	1998
	6	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Anger	n.d.
	7	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Church	n.d.
	8	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Fables	n.d.
	9	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Feminism	1987
	10	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Christian Feminism	1987
	11	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Feminism and Scripture	n.d.
	12	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, General	1986-1987, n.d.
	13	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1984-1985
	14	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1984-1985
	15	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Lifestyles	1988, n.d.
3	1	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Morality	1987, n.d.
	2	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Racism	1986, n.d.
	3	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Reproduction	n.d.
	4	Nazareth Academy: Course Materials, Resignation	1988
	5	Newspaper Articles by Muschal-Reinhardt	1967-1969
	6	Newspaper Articles about Muschal-Reinhardt	1975-1988, n.d.
	7	Prayer Programs & Pamphlets	1981-1999
	8	Presentations	n.d.

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	9	Primary Community of Women	2001
	10	Prism Collective, Books	1997 & 2000
	11	Prism Collective, Curriculum	n.d.
	12	Prism Collective, History	n.d.
	13	Prism Collective, Journals	1995-1996
	14	Prism Collective, Writings, "A Sociology of Gender Roles"	1993
	15	Prism Collective, Writings, "Images of the Divine"	1994
	16	Programs, "Gender Roles"	1999
4	1	Programs, General	1967-2000
	2	Programs, General	1967-2000
	3	Programs, "Sage-ing"	2000, n.d.
	4	Rituals	1981-1993, n.d.
	5	St. Joan Alliance, Central Region	1974-1975
	6	St. Joan Alliance, Central Region	1975-1976
	7	St. Joan Alliance, Correspondence	1975-1976
	8	St. Joan Alliance, Journal	1976, n.d.
	9	St. Joan Alliance, Membership	1975-1976
	10	Speeches	1981-1999, n.d.
	11	Women of Church Coalition	1980-1981
	12	Women of Church Coalition, Convener	1980-1981
5	1	Women of Church Coalition, Correspondence	1976-1977
	2	Women of Church Coalition, Correspondence	1976-1977
	3	Women of Church Coalition, Minutes	1979-1982
	4	Women's Ordination Conference, Booklets	1975-1984
	5	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Detroit)	1975
	6	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Baltimore)	1978
	7	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Cleveland)	1982
	8	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Chicago)	1983
	9	Women's Ordination Conference, Conference (Arlington, VA)	1995
	10	Women's Ordination Conference, Convener	1976-1978
6	1	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence	1976
	2	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence	1976
	3	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Correspondence (Membership)	1976-1977
	4	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Minority Report	1975-1976

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5	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Minutes	1976
6	Women's Ordination Conference, Core Commission, Statement of Purpose	1976-1980
7	Women's Ordination Conference, Correspondence	1976-1983
8	Women's Ordination Conference, Liturgy	1978
9	Women's Ordination Conference, Local Publishing Kit	1977, n.d.
10	Women's Ordination Conference, Permanent Diaconate	1976
11	Women's Ordination Conference, Pre-Conference Process	1978
12	Women's Ordination Conference, Study of WOC Membership	1979

**Subseries 2A: Subject Files, 1975-1993, n.d.**

7	1 Angelisis, Mary	1975
	2 "Are Catholics Ready?"	1978
	3 Articles on Gender (General)	1991-1993
	4 Farians, Elizabeth	1972-1973
	5 Jesuit Ordination Mass	1976
	6 McGarth, Sr. Albertus Magnus	1972-1974
	7 National Assembly of Women Religious	1981
	8 "New Woman, New Church, New Priestly Ministry"	1978
	9 Ordination of Women, General	1989, n.d.
	10 Ordination Programming	1974
	11 Women & Religion	1975-1978
	12 "Women Future Priesthood Now"	1975

**Subseries 2B: Newspapers, 1976-2003, n.d.**

8	<i>Chicago Daily News</i>	1977
	<i>Conscience</i>	1983-1984, 1987
	<i>Commonweal</i>	1976, 1977
	<i>Courier Journal</i>	1976
	<i>De-Liberation</i>	1976
	<i>Democrat &amp; Chronicle</i>	1979, 1980, 1998
	<i>National Catholic Reporter</i>	1974-1978, 1984
	<i>National Jesuit News</i>	1976
	<i>New World</i>	1977
	<i>Noisy Contemplation</i>	1983, 1989
	<i>WOC—We Are All Called</i>	1978
9	<i>WOC—New Women/New Church</i>	n.d.
	<i>WOC—New Women/New Church</i> (incomplete run)	1979-2003

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**Series 3: Audio-Visual & Miscellaneous Media,  
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10	1	Buttons: Women's Rights	n.d.
	2	Cassettes: "Women's Role in the Church," "Ordinary Women Priests," and "NOW NY"	1972, n.d.
	3	Photos	1949-1977, n.d.
	4	Photos: Graduation	1977
	5	VHS: Prism Collective, "Choices at the Crossroads"	1994

**Series 4: Restricted (Student Papers), 1985-1988, n.d.**

11		Restricted Materials	
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