

Loretto Heritage Center Archives and Museum

Finding Aid: Personal Mission Materials, Sr. Victoria Quatmann, SL

LHC17.F

Date Range: 1957-2014

Creator: Sr. Victoria Quatmann, SL

Extent: 4 linear feet

Language: English, Spanish

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Citation: LHC17.F Personal Mission Materials, Sr. Victoria Quatmann, SL, [Folder i.d.] [Folder Title], Sisters of Loretto Heritage Center and Archives (Nerinx, KY)

Creator of Material Biography: Victoria (Vicki) Quatmann, SL, was born June 25, 1941, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was the second of seven children of Joseph and Marian Quatmann. She attended St. Vincent Grade School and Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau. She entered the Sisters of Loretto Novitiate in 1959 and was received into the order on May 31, 1960. She completed an undergraduate degree in Social Studies at Webster College, now Webster University, in Webster Groves, Missouri, and earned a Master's degree in Administration and Organization from Stanford University.

Description: Series consists of material created by, collected by, or about Vicki Quatmann, mostly from her years as a Sister of Loretto. The material documents both her personal life and her work, especially her years in Bolivia and her experiences as a fundraiser and social justice activist. Although she worked as a teacher and principal for many years, this part of her life has little documentation in this series. Most of the items in this series were gathered by Vicki's family after she passed away, and were then donated to the Loretto Heritage Center. A small portion of the items were collected by members of the Loretto community. Material in this series includes photographs, correspondence, scrapbooks, fundraising letters, memorials to Vicki, and news clippings.

Related Materials: Personnel file (LHC04) for Vicki Quatmann; Schools (LHC06), Bolivia.

Arrangement

Material was grouped into sub-series created by the archivist. These reflect the loose groupings that existed in the material when it was brought to the archives by Vicki's family. When present, original titles and groupings were maintained.

Sub-series 1: LHC17.F.a Bolivia

Description: Material from Vicki's years in Bolivia. Her first trip there was a hiatus during the years she was teaching at Loretto Academy in Kansas City. It was a year-long trip, in 1976-1977, to La Paz, as part of a Third World experience sponsored by the Sisters of Loretto.

In 2001, in response to a growing desire to return to Bolivia, Vicki attended the Language Institute Cochabamba, where she studied Spanish. This institute is run by the Maryknoll Fathers specifically for those interested in learning Spanish in order to do missionary work. Upon returning from her 6 months at the Institute, Vicki expressed interest in going to Bolivia to work and live, possibly as her last career for the next 10 to 15 years. Before making this move, however, she sought the discernment of her Sister friends. After two sessions of discussing wants, needs, obstacles, desires, hopes, and fears, everyone encouraged Vicki to follow the call she felt to work in Bolivia.

Box 1: LHC17.F.a.01

- Folder 1: Photos, the Adult Education Program in Bolivian Altiplano
- Folder 2: Assorted photos, Bolivia
- Folder 3: Photos, the Quechua People of Bolivia
- Folder 4: Photos, El Bautismo de Adrian
- Folder 5: Photos and ephemera, Despedidas
- Folder 6: Photos, La Clausura del Instituto Clases
- Folder 7: Photos, "Wiñay Warmis" [knitting cooperative for Bolivian women]
- Folder 8: Photos, "Panaderia VOSERDEM SACACA, May 14-15, 2004"
- Folder 9: Photos, "David and Cetha Fotos"
- Folder 10: Photos, "Volunteers in Service to Others"
- Folder 11: Assorted postcards, Bolivia
- Folder 12: Photos, "Bolivia 2003 - 2004"
- Folder 13: Photos, "Bolivia 2001 - 2"
- Folder 14: Photos, "Bolivia 2003"

Box 2: LHC17.F.a.02

- Folder 1: VOSERDEM (Volunterios al Servicio de los Demas)
- Folder 2: Bolivia, negatives and atlas
- Folder 3: Collected publications about Bolivia
- Folder 4: Vicki's letters to community, 1976 and 1977
- Folder 5: Photos, ephemera and correspondence
- Folder 6: Bolivia scrapbook #1
- Folder 7: Bolivia scrapbook #2

Box 3: LHC17.F.a.03

- Folder 1: Bolivia Scrapbook #3
- Folder 2: Bolivia Scrapbook #4
- Folder 3: Bolivia Scrapbook #5
- Folder 4: Bolivia Scrapbook #6
- Folder 5: Bolivia Scrapbook #7

Box 4: LHC17.F.a.04

- Folder 1: Bolivia Scrapbook #8
- Folder 2: Bolivia Scrapbook #10
- Folder 3: Copy Guatemala visit Feb 18-March 1, 1996; Mary Peter Bruce and Vicki Quatmann

Folder 4: From Sr. Mary Peter Bruce, SL

Box 5: LHC17.F.a.05

Folder 1: From Rosario Soto Reguerin, VOSERDEM volunteer

Sub-series 2: LHC17.F.b Loretto Life

Description: Material reflecting Vicki's relationship with the Loretto community, beyond her work. Includes photographs, news clippings, and documents.

Box 1: LHC17.F.b.01

Folder 1: Poems and prayer, Loretto leadership team, 1994-2000

Folder 2: Vicki's life in the Loretto community

File consists of photographs, a postcard, and clippings showing Vicki's relationship with the Loretto community.

Sub-series 3: LHC17.F.c Fundraising and social justice work

Description: Material related to Vicki's work in grassroots fundraising and social justice. She did much of this work in the 1980's and 1990's while living in Tennessee. She worked for the nonprofit group Save Our Cumberland Mountains and as a fundraising consultant to other grassroots organizations. She wrote and illustrated the book *You Can Do It! A Volunteer's Guide to Raising Money for Your Group*, published in English and Spanish by the Southern Empowerment Project. Vicki also took part in protests against the School of the Americas and the production of nuclear weapons. Material in this sub-series includes photographs, fundraising letters and grant applications, copies of her book, and newspaper clippings.

Box 1: LHC17.D.c.01

Folder 1: Fundraising Letters and Loretto Special Needs Fund apps.

Folder 2: *You Can Do It! A Volunteer's Guide to Raising Money for Your Group*

Folder 3: *Si, Todos Podemos! Una Guia Para Recaudar Fondos Para Tu Grupo En Palabras y Dibujo*

Spanish translation of book.

Folder 4: Civil Disobedience

Sub-series 4: LHC17.F.d Family and Other Personal

Description: Material from Vicki's personal life and her relationship with her family. Includes regular correspondence with her family while she was in the novitiate, correspondence with her family in later years, correspondence with friends, scrapbooks and journals from her personal travels, including an annual canoe trip to Quetico Provincial Park, and journals from other periods in her life.

Box 1: LHC17.D.d.01

Folder 1: Family correspondence and other material from Vicki's family

Folder 2: Family correspondence and saved news clippings

Folder 3: Clippings, journal entries, and other personal writing
Folder 4: Letters to family, 1959-1962, Vicki in novitiate
Folder 5: Letters to family, Vicki in St. Louis
Folder 6: Letters to family, 1964-1966, Vicki in Kansas City
Folder 7: Personal correspondence and photographs, ca. 1980-2004
Folder 8: Journals, 1961 and ca. 1974
Folder 9: Journals [ca. 1976-1977]

Box 2: LHC17.F.d.02

Folder 1: High school documents and achievements, 1957-1958
Folder 2: "Quotes" from Harvey Jackins [book]
Folder 3: Outward Bound
Folder 4: Quetico diaries 1996-2000
Folder 5: Quetico 2000 [scrapbook]

Sub-series 5: LHC17.F.e After Vicki's Death

Description: Material created or collected after Vicki's death. Includes tributes, memorials, and other stories about Vicki, as well as photographs from her memorial service and documents about the Technological Institute Vicki Quatmann, a school built in Bolivia in Vicki's memory.

Box 1: LHC17.F.e.01

Folder 1: Memorial Booklet
Folder 2: Documents in Memory of Vicki
Folder 3: Material by or about Vicki, Collected after her Death
Folder 4: Memorials
Folder 5: Vicki in Bolivia 2000-2004, Collected after her Death
Folder 6: Photos, Postcards, and Text Written in Memory of Vicki