

**Mary DeCock, BVM,  
Papers 1932-2005, n.d.**

**Creator:** DeCock, Mary, BVM (1923-2010)

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**See Also:** Mundelein Records Collection and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Archives Dubuque, Iowa.

**Biographical History**

Mary DeCock was born on March 26, 1923 in DeWitt, Iowa. She received her AB from Clarke College in Dubuque in 1944, and went on to receive her AM in English and Journalism from Marquette University, and an AM in Social Ethics from the University of Chicago Divinity School. She joined the faculty at Mundelein in 1955 as an Instructor of English, later Associate Professor, Director of Publish Relations and Development. In 1974 she coordinated the Weekend College Program while at the same time became an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. By 1977, Sr. Mary was the director of Religious Studies. In 1991, when Mundelein affiliated with Loyola University, Sr. Mary became an Associate Professor of Theology. In addition, she led study tours to Mexico, Peru, and Nicaragua. She retired from Loyola in 1994. Sr. DeCock passed away on June 2, 2010 at the BVM Motherhouse in Dubuque, IA.

**Scope and Content**

The materials in this collection consist mostly of papers pertaining to DeCock's career and professional life. Her personal papers include biographical data and information on BVMs. The majority of the files cover her professional papers, research, teaching career, and writings. The collection has been divided into four series and is arranged alphabetically through the series.

**Series 1: Personal, 1955-2005, n.d. Box 1**

Contains biographical data including resume and vita as well information collected on BVMs and includes information on personal relationships with Elsa Copeland, Mary Griffin, and Jane Trahey. The materials span many years and some are not dated.

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**Series 2: Professional 1966-2005, n.d., Box 1-5**

This series includes the majority of the collection. Correspondence, course evaluations, contracts, and general information pertaining to her career as educator and BVM are included. It is divided into research, teaching materials, and writings which cover articles, papers given, and speeches.

**Series 3: Miscellaneous, n.d. Box 5**

This series includes literature from conferences attended and reading materials.

**Series 4: AV, 1932-1993, n.d. Box 5**

The AV series include photographs and VHS, and span many years.

**Subjects:**

Copeland, Elsa

DeCock, Mary

Griffin, Mary

Mundelein College Chicago

Religious Studies

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs)

Theology

Women Studies

Women Theology

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Series 1: Personal, 1955-2005, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Biographical Data	1976-1990
	2	BVM (Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	1955- 2005, n.d.
	3	BMV Research by S. Myers	2003
	4	Elsa Copeland	1990-1997, nd.
	5	Golden Jubilee	1994
	6	Jane Trahey	1995-2003
	7	Mary Griffin Power of Attorney	1985, 1993, 1998
	8	Mary Griffin Scholarship Fund	1999-2001
	9	Obituaries of former Mundelein Faculty	1997, 2001
<b>Series 2: Professional 1966-2005, n.d.,</b>			
	10	Application for promotion	1981
	11	Awards	1980, 1991, 1997
	12	Correspondence	1978-2000, n.d.
	13	Course Evaluations	1974-1998
	14	Mundelein Contracts	1971-1994
2	1	NEH Application and Title III application	1980-1990
	2	Proposal for Funding	1977, 1981
	3	Public Talks	1986, 1990, n.d.
	4	Research: BVMs and Vatican II	2005
	5	Research: Call to Action Talks on Choice	1990, 1992, n.d.
	6	Research: Church and Controversy	1979, 1990, 1994
	7	Research: General Research and Notes I	1970-1983
	8	Research: General Research and Notes II	1983-1996
	9	Research: Goddess and the Wildwoman	1984-1986
	10	Research: Guadalupe Materials	1983, n.d.
	11	Research: Justitia Coffey, BVM	1998, 2001, n.d.
3	1	Research: Mexico City journal	1981
	2	Research: Social Ethics, U of Chicago	1966-1968
	3	Research: TJ Donaghoe journal	1995
	4	Research: Witchhunt	1986, n.d.
	5	Research: Women's History journal	n.d.
	6	Teaching: Annotated bibliography	1991, 1992, n.d.
	7	Teaching: Arendt/ Philosophy	1969, 1970, 1982
	8	Teaching: Bibliographies	1983, 1990, 1991, n.d.
	9	Teaching: Feminists Issues and Religion	1982-1989
	10	Teaching: General Teaching Aids	n.d.
	11	Teaching: Mary Griffin Syllabi	1983-1993

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4	1	Teaching: Perspectives on Polity	1992
	2	Teaching: Religion in America	1992-2000
	3	Teaching: Theologies of Liberation	1985
	4	Teaching: Transformation: Shifting Paradigms	1992-1994
	5	Teaching: Women and Religion Studies	1991, n.d.
	6	Teaching: Women Religion and Social Change	1993
	7	Teaching: Women Studies Bibliographies	1973-1983, n.d.
	8	Teaching: Women and Theology	1991, 1992, 1996
	9	Weekend College Transition to Loyola	1991
	10	Writings: Literary Journals	1978, 1980
	11	Writings: A-G	1977-2006
5	1	Writings: H-O	1989-2005
	2	Writings: P-Z	1978-2004

**Series 3: Miscellaneous, n.d. Box 5**

3	Miscellaneous papers	n.d.
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**Series 4: AV, 1932-1993, n.d. Box 5**

4	Photographs: Elsa Copeland	1932, n.d.
5	Photographs: Guadalupe	n.d.
6	Photographs: Mary Griffin	n.d.
7	VHS: "The Empowerment of Women"	1993