

Marilou Denbo Eldred Papers,
1997-2004, n.d.

Creator: Marilou Denbo Eldred (1940-)

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See Also: Mundelein College Archives alumna personal files.

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 masters in Student Personnel Administration in 1969 and her doctorate in Education Administration in 1974. She served in the Sisters of 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 and accomplished 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 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.

List of Series

Series 1: Biographical, 1997-2004, n.d., 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, n.d., 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 inauguration as President, student events, as well as speeches for events unassociated with Saint Mary's college.

Subjects:

Catholicism

Higher Education

Mundelein College alumna

Saint Mary's College

Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Women, College Presidents

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