

**S0685 McGivern, Mary Ann,  
Papers, 1971-2001  
55 Folders, 6 Audiotapes, 1 Videotape, 28 Photographs**

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The Mary Ann McGivern papers were donated by Mary Ann McGivern on December 3, 1997 and added to on February 25, 1998 and December 6, 2001.

Mary Ann McGivern joined the Sisters of Loretto at the age of seventeen. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Webster University and a masters degree in school administration from Stanford University. While teaching English and Social Studies in Denver, a student convinced McGivern to help deliver Thanksgiving food to migrant workers. The poor conditions of the migrant workers compelled her, through writing and protesting, to change the capitalistic system.

In 1972, McGivern permanently moved to St. Louis. From 1972-1976, McGivern worked for the Institute of Peace and Justice at St. Louis University, a group that taught teachers how to teach nonviolence. In 1977, McGivern became the director of the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment and founded the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project, an organization that is concerned with redirecting arms resources toward peaceful uses. Also in 1977, McGivern was one of seven women who founded the Karen House in St. Louis, a Catholic Worker shelter for homeless women and children.

In addition to being active in many social justice and peace organizations, McGivern worked as a freelance writer. She has written various political and economic essays for the *St. Louis Review*, the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, the *Catholic Worker Round Table*, and various other publications. McGivern worked as an editor for the *Peace Curriculum Review*, the *Economic Conversion Journal*, *Interchange*, and *Economic Conversion News*. She has also written four plays and a cookbook. McGivern has broadcasted a KWMU Monday morning commentary segment entitled 'Living in St. Louis' since 1985.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Mary Ann McGivern Papers includes correspondence, personal calendars, newspaper clippings, lesson plans, newsletters, Stowe Teachers College Yearbooks, McGivern's writings, videotapes, cassette tapes, and photographs. Together they chronicle Mary Ann McGivern's career from 1971-2001 as a peace activist.

This collection is divided into six series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Personal Calendars, (3) Publications, (4) Writings, (5) Videotapes and audiotapes, (6) Photographs.

**SERIES DESCRIPTION SERIES 1 ' CORRESPONDENCE, FOLDERS 1-6**

This series includes Mary Ann McGivern's correspondence from 1978-2001. Arranged chronologically.

## **SERIES 2 ' PERSONAL CALENDARS, FOLDERS 7-14**

This series includes Mary Ann McGivern's personal daily or monthly calendars from 1974-1998. Arranged chronologically.

## **SERIES 3 ' PUBLICATIONS, FOLDERS 15-35**

This series includes various Sisters of Loretto newsletters from 1984-2001 (may include articles written by McGivern), newspaper clippings and photocopies from 1977-2000, play and dinner programs from 1983-2000, educational materials from 1971, Stowe Teachers College Yearbooks from 1942-1946, and *The Round Table* newsletters from 1981-1999 (may include articles written by McGivern). Arranged chronologically.

## **SERIES 4 ' WRITINGS, FOLDERS 36-51**

This series includes articles, books, and plays written by Mary Ann McGivern from 1974-2001. The plays include *Half a Loaf*, *Pity the Poor Whales*, and *Exit Interviews*. The book is *Not By Bread Alone: Recipes and Reflections for Christian Cooks*. The general writings include KWMU radio commentaries. Arranged chronologically.

## **SERIES 5 ' VIDEOTAPES AND AUDIOTAPES, FOLDERS 52-54**

This series includes one videotape of a performance of *Barbers and Robbers and Nuts* at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center on December 13, 1994. Also, included are four cassette tapes from 1988-1989 and two undated reel to reel audiotapes of Mary Ann McGivern's 'Living in St. Louis' KWMU radio commentary.

## **SERIES 6 ' PHOTOGRAPHS, FOLDER 55**

This series includes 28 photographs of Mary Ann McGivern's garden and various events. See photo database for descriptions.

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