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**Central City Catholic School System (CCCCSS) (Milwaukee, Wis.)  
Records, 1981-1995  
MC 57**

**Volume**

9 cubic feet

**Access**

Series 1: Administrative Records, and Series 5: Videotapes, are open/unrestricted. The remaining series are restricted. Consult the archivist for further details.

**Administrative Note**

The idea for the Central City Catholic School System (CCCCSS) originated with the Central City Project. The Central City Project was a directive from Archbishop Rembert Weakland for the inner city parishes to collaborate in developing a total plan for ministering to the Inner City. CCCCCSS was created from a consolidation of eight inner city Catholic parish schools and served primarily students in the area surrounding Holy Angels, St. Agnes, St. John de Nepomuc, St. Leo, St. Rita, St. Rose, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gall, Gesu, St. Michael, St. Anne, St. Boniface and St. Elizabeth.

The school opened for the 1984/85 school year with five campuses: St. Leo, Holy Angels, St. Rose, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Anne. The St. Anne and Holy Angels campuses closed within the first five years of operation. In 1990 the system reorganized and turned St. Thomas Aquinas into a middle school, while St. Rose and St. Leo continued to serve K4-grade 5. CCCCCSS was able to take advantage of Milwaukee's School Choice program, but despite this the school was continuously plagued by financial difficulties, and received subsidies from the Archdiocese.

In 1994, the Central City Catholic School System reorganized into Catholic Urban Academies which operated two schools: St. Leo and St. Rose.

**Scope and Content** *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collection consists of 5 series: Administrative Records, Financial and Payroll Records, Transcripts, Personnel Records, and Videotapes.

Series 1: Administrative Records, include meeting minutes of the various boards and committees associated with CCCCCSS, such as the Administrative Committee, the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and District 13. This series also contains information regarding the foundations of the school and such committees as the Central City Grade School Association and the Central City Project. This series also includes raw data such as enrollment reports and demographics. In addition, the series contains information about activities and programs in the school, such as the Writing to Read Program, the Multiple Activities Program for Skills (MAPS), as well as programs, photographs, and yearbooks. Most of the files appear to be from Michaelina Young, Administrator of CCCCCSS from 1990-1994.

Series 2: Financial and Payroll Records, includes information such as general ledgers, general journals, budgets, financial statements, and payroll records.

Series 3: Transcripts, include some of the transcripts from Holy Angels and St. Leo. It does not appear as though all the records are here. Also included are some grade evaluations from 1993/94 from St. Leo, St. Rose, and St. Thomas Aquinas. See also the microfilm collection for transcripts from the central city parish schools.

Series 4: Personnel Records, include personnel records from CCCSS. Some of these records may have been transferred from the parish school if the teacher transferred to CCCSS. Records of employees who went from CCCSS to Catholic Urban Academies can be found in MC 203.

Series 5: Videotapes, includes a two-minute news segment on Holy Angels, a public television special on the state of Central City Schools, a promotional video for Central City Schools, and three tapes with raw footage from which the promotional video was created. The news segment is from Channel 4 News: a MLK special on how Holy Angels is trying new things with desegregation and remaining a good alternative to the public school system. The public television special is a *Smith & Company* episode about Central City Schools at risk (enrollment, funding). The promotional video is a sixteen-minute promo entitled "Making a Difference," with scenes from the classroom, school activities, and interviews with various people connected to the school. The three videos of raw footage have their own paper index. No dates are included. Videos are all of poor quality.

**Box and Folder List** *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically by series. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
<i>Series 1: Administrative Records</i>		
B 1	F 1-2	Administrative Committee, Meeting Minutes, 1985-1987
B 1	F 3-4	Administration, Meeting Minutes, 1987-1989
B 1	F 5	Administration, Principal's Meeting Minutes, 1990-1991
B 1	F 6	Archdiocesan Resource Development Coordinating Team, 1990-1993
B 1	F 7-8	Articles, 1984-1994, 1999, n.d.
B 1	F 9	Articles of Incorporation, 1985-1989
B 1	F 10	Asbestos Removal, 1988-1993
B 1	F 11	Assessments, 1985-1994
B 1	F 12	Athletics, 1990-1991
B 1	F 13	Banquet, 1988
B 1	F 14	Before & After School Care, 1985
B 1	F 15	Board, Meeting Minutes, 1984-1985
B 1	F 16-18	Board, Corporate, Meeting Minutes, 1985-1988
B 1	F 19	Board, Correspondence, 1989-1990
B 1	F 20-26	Board of Director's, Meeting Minutes, 1985-1994
B 1	F 27-28	Board of Director's, Finance Subcommittee, 1984-1994
B 1	F 29-31	Board, Joint Boards of Director's and Trustees, 1986-1989
B 1	F 32	Board, Miscellaneous, 1990-1994
B 1	F 33	Board of Trustees, Meeting Minutes, 1986-1988
B 2	F 1-2	Buildings, Capital Improvements, 1985-1994

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B 2	F 3	Building, Lease agreements, 1985-1994
B 2	F 4	Buildings, St. Leo Photographs, 1990
B 2	F 5-6	Bylaws, 1985-1992
B 2	F 7	Calendars, 1985-1994
B 2	F 8	Catholic Identity Project, 1993-1994
B 2	F 9-10	Central City Grade School Association, 1978-1983
B 2	F 11	Central City Project, Finance Subcommittee, n.d.
B 2	F 12	Central City Project, Planning, 1983-1990
B 2	F 13	Correspondence, 1985-1994
B 2	F 14	Curriculum, 1981-1987
B 2	F 15	Curriculum, Planning, 1983-1993
B 2	F 16	Demographics, 1990-1994
B 2	F 17	Development Coordinating Council, 1988-1989
B 2	F 18	Development, Fund Raising, 1987-1993
B 2	F 19	Development, Raffle, 1986-1993
B 2	F 20	District 13, Parish Commitments, 1985-1986
B 2	F 21	District 13, Planning, 1991-1994
B 2	F 22	Dress Code, 1990
B 2	F 23-28	Enrollment Reports, 1987-1994
B 3	F 1	Graduation Programs, 1987-1994
B 3	F 2	Guided Advisor-Advisee Program (GAAP), n.d.
B 3	F 3-4	Handbook, Parent/Guardian, 1986-1994
B 3	F 5	Handbook, Student, 1986-1994
B 3	F 6-7	Handbook, Teacher/Staff, 1986-1994
B 3	F 8	Home and School Association, 1991-1994
B 3	F 9	In-Service, 1990-1993
B 3	F 10	Marketing, 1988-1994
B 3	F 11	Marquette University College of Nursing, 1990-1992
B 3	F 12	Milwaukee Association of Urban Catholic Schools (MACUS), 1985-1991
B 3	F 13	Miscellaneous, 1987-1993
B 3	F 14	Mission Statement, n.d.
B 3	F 15	Multiple Activities Program for Skills (MAPS), 1992-1993
B 3	F 16	Newsletters, 1987-1993
B 3	F 17	Nonstock Corporation Annual Report, 1988-1993
B 3	F 18	Parish Appeals, 1990-1993
B 3	F 19	PAVE (Partners Advancing Values in Education), 1992-1995
B 3	F 20	Photographs, Christmas Program, 1990
B 3	F 21	Photographs, Class of n.d. [1986?]
B 3	F 22	Photographs, Class of 1987 [?]
B 3	F 23	Photographs, Class of 1990
B 3	F 24	Photographs, Class of 1991
B 3	F 25	Photographs, Class of [n.d.]
B 3	F 26	Photographs, Classroom Activities & School Programs, 1986-1987
B 3	F 27	Photographs, Classroom Activities & Chapel Programs, 1991
B 3	F 28	Photographs, Marquette Nursing Program's Health Parade, n.d.
B 3	F 29	Photographs, School Activities and Programs, n.d.
B 3	F 30	Photographs, Serra Basketball Tournament, 1991
B 3	F 31	Programs, 1988-1992
B 3	F 32	Registration, 1993-1994

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B 3	F 33	Salary Scale, 1985-1992
B 3	F 34	SET Ministry, 1987-1993
B 3	F 35	Summer School, 1987, n.d.
B 3	F 36	Tuition, 1987-1994
B 3	F 37	“The Values System of Inner City Catholic Parochial Education: Historical and Contemporary Development” by Michael Thomas Risku, B.S., M.S.T., Dissertation, 1990
B 3	F 38	Writing to Read, 1990-1991
B 3	F 39-40	Yearbooks, 1987/88-1993/94
<i>Series 2: Financial and Personnel Records</i>		
B 4		Financial Records, 1986/87-1994/95 (restricted)
B 4		Payroll, 1986/87, 1988/89-1995 (restricted)
<i>Series 3: Transcripts</i>		
B 5		Holy Angels Transcripts (restricted)
B 5-8		St. Leo Transcripts (restricted)
<i>Series 4: Personnel Records (see also MC 203: Catholic Urban Academies)</i>		
B 8-9		Personnel Files (restricted)
<i>Series 5: Videotapes</i>		
B 5		Holy Angels Channel 4 news segment, n.d.
B 5		<i>Smith &amp; Company</i> episode on Central City Schools at risk, n.d.
B 5		“Making a Difference” promotional video, two copies, n.d.
B 5		Three tapes of raw footage for the promotional video, n.d.