

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 138

Title: Community of Jesus

Extent: 1 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1981-1983

Language: English

Geographic Location: Orleans, Massachusetts

Abstract: This collection consists of publications by the community and an article.

Historical Notes: The Community of Jesus is an ecumenical Christian community in the Benedictine monastic tradition whose mission is to be a faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God through worship, the common life, and the creative arts. The 230 professed Community members come from a wide variety of denominational backgrounds and occupations, and include celibate brothers and sisters, married couples, and single adults. The origins of the Community of Jesus can be traced back to the first meeting of two Episcopal laywomen, Cay Andersen and Judy Sorensen. The two women began a ministry of prayer and Bible study, meeting in the living room of what was then Rock Harbor Manor. In the early 1960's as their reputation for effective Bible teaching and prayer began to spread, Cay and Judy were invited to lead retreats in churches throughout New England. They came to be known for the practical insights they imparted as they applied scriptural principles to daily living. Today, approximately 225 professed members, together with another fifty children and young people live as households in thirty privately owned, multifamily homes that surround the church and the guesthouse. This also includes the twenty-five celibate brothers living in "Zion Friary" and the sixty celibate sisters living in "Bethany Convent." Altogether, almost 275 people, from many walks of life and various church backgrounds, including Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Congregational, Baptist, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, Pentecostal, and Roman Catholic—are joined in a common commitment of love and service to God, to each other, and to the world.

Sources: [Community of Jesus](#)

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune; Commune; Monasteries; Benedictines; Christian life

Administrative Information

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