Summary Information

Title: St. Cyprian's Episcopal School
Collection Number: 2024:006
Creator: St. Cyprian's Episcopal School
Collection Dates: 1955-2022
Extent: 19.5 cubic feet (25 boxes)
Language: English

Collection Abstract:

St. Cyprian's Episcopal School began as a concept for a "day school" serving kindergarten, nursery, and private first grade classes under the direct supervision of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Lufkin, Texas. In 1955, under Rector John Francis Caskey, this concept moved away from direct church supervision. A private Episcopal school was established, supervised by a school board in association with the church. The year 1969 saw a period of transition as fire damaged the original church and school campus at Paul Avenue and Second Street. A site was selected at the corner of Pershing and John Redditt Drive, where construction for the new church and school was completed on July 30, 1972. This collection contains albums, CDs, clippings, newspapers, photographs, publications, records, scrapbooks, slides, plaques, and oversized photographs showing the various students who attended the school and events which impacted its development from 1955-2022.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

St. Cyprian's Episcopal School began as a concept in early 1955, when St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church planned the creation of a "day school" with kindergarten, nursery, and private first grade classes under church supervision. Minimum enrollment was to be sixty students. Upon becoming Rector in June 1955, John Francis Caskey pushed to make the idea a reality, the main change being that it would operate in

association with, instead of directly under the church. This structure operated along similar lines to a school he established in Galveston, Texas. Under the title St. Cyprian's Day School, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, primary, and secondary school students in Lufkin, Texas, received a private non-denominational education under the direction of a school board. By February 1965, more than one hundred kindergarten and elementary students were in attendance, increasing the number of classes for each grade from one to two.

On October 13, 1969, a fire destroyed or damaged all church facilities on Paul Avenue and Second Street, including the school. The Vesty, after careful deliberation, came to a resolution on January 26, 1970, that a new church and school be constructed away from the old site. A new property, previously owned by Mrs. Odom, was selected at the corner of Pershing and John Redditt Drive. The firm Greasen, Evans, and Rogers was selected to provide architectural plans. To raise funds for construction, several fund-raising campaigns were initiated with the help of Ward, Hannum, and Reinhardt, Inc. and Ross Ossman. Over a six-year period, the church received pledges of $526,000. This, in combination with funds generated from the sale of the old site, provided the necessary funds to begin construction and reduced the church's debts in the long term. On June 29, 1971, a ground breaking ceremony was conducted on the new site, kicking off construction of four new facilities by the firm L. Richardson & Sons, which were completed on July 30, 1972.

Collection Scope and Content:

The St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church collection is arranged in eleven series. The first series contains rehoused photo albums from 1978-1997, showing different class trips and students.

The second series contains CDs with class pictures and events from 2004-2007.

The third series contains clippings, primarily from Diboll Free Press and Lufkin Daily News, from 1956-2019.

The fourth series contains newspapers, primarily Lufkin Daily News, from 1996-2018.

The fifth series contains photographs, with associated negatives and slides, from 1957-2022, undated.

The sixth series contains publications, primarily The Clarion, TJ Mag & Co., and Charm East Texas, from 1971-2016, undated.

The seventh series contains records, including Board of Directors meeting minutes and marketing materials, from 1955-2020, undated.

The eighth series contains scrapbooks from 1955-1995, undated.

The ninth series contains slides from 1984-1989.

The tenth series contains plaques from Christmas Parade and Angelina Chamber of Commerce, from 2016, undated.

The eleventh series contains fifty-nine oversized color photographs on canvas and foam board in various dimensions, undated.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in series by content types, then by date within those series. The collection contains albums, CDs, clippings, newspapers, photographs, publications, records, scrapbooks, slides, and oversized photographs.

- Series I. Albums
- Series II. CDs
- Series III. Clippings
- Series IV. Newspapers
- Series V. Photographs
- Series VI. Publications
- Series VII. Records
- Series VIII. Scrapbooks
- Series IX. Slides
- Series X. Plaques
- Series XI. Oversized

Subject Terms

Topics

- Education
- School Field Trips
- Marketing

Corporate Names

- St. Cyprian's Episcopal School
- St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
- Lufkin Daily News
- The Diboll Free Press
- The Clarion
- TJ Mag & Co
- Charm East Texas

Personal Names

- Kartye, Joe, PHD
- Whiteker, Jerry
- Sumners, C. Pete
- Beckham, Joe W.
- Franklin, Barney M.
- Money, Frances
- Caskey, John Francis, Reverand
- Cornick, Ilene

Occupations

- Board Member
- Principal
- President
- Headmaster
- Reverand

Locations

- Lufkin
- Washington, D. C.

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: none
Acquisition Information: The History Center acquired this collection in 2024.
Custodial History: The collection was kept by St. Cyprian's Episcopal School and donated by James Todd.
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Separated Material:
Boxes 4-5 and Series XI materials moved to Ranges 15 and 16 due to size
Related Material:
The St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church Collection, 2023:026
A Reflection on St. Cyprian's Church Facilities: 1969-2013, by Jack R. Irish, 2014
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Collection Inventory

Series I: Albums

Box 1

Folder 1	Photo Album, 1978-1979
Folder 2	Sixth Grade Trip, Washington D.C. and Maryland Lakeland Tours Photo Album, 1988
Folder 3	4K Circus Photo Album, 1996-1997
Folder 4	Photo Album, 1986

Series II: CDs

Box 2

Folder 1	St. Cyprian's Election Day CD, November 2, 2004
	Second Grade CD, 2004-2005
	Pies? DI. Christmas CD, 2004-2005
	Unnamed CD, Number 068261, May 22, 2005
	Unnamed CD, Number 703495, May 24, 2005
	Unnamed CD, Number 703496, May 24, 2005
	St. Cyprian's Herald CD, October 11, 2005
	First Grade – Mrs. Moore CD, May 17, 2006
	Yearbook Picture – Hunter Jones CD, 2006-2007
	Snow Easter CD, 2007
	Callie's Class Pictures CD, undated
	VTTW error CD, undated

Series III: Clippings

Box 3

Folder 1	Clippings, 1956-2019
Folder 2	Clippings, 2001-2015, undated
Folder 3	School Year Archive Clippings, 2002-2003
Folder 4	Clippings, 2003-2004
Folder 5	Clippings, 2004-2005
Folder 6	Clippings, 2005-2006
Folder 7	Clippings, 2017-2018
Folder 8	Clippings, undated

Box 4

Clippings, 1996-2019, undated

Series IV: Newspapers

Box 5

Folder 1	Newspapers, 1996-1997
Folder 2	Newspapers, 2015
Folder 3	Newspapers, 2016-2018

Series V: Photographs

Box 6

Folder 1	Museum Exhibit Materials, 1957-2005 Materials include negatives, photographs, and a publication
Folder 2	Photographs, 1961-2001
Folder 3	Negatives and Photographs, 1966-1989
Folder 4	Clippings and Photographs, ca. 1980s
Folder 5	Photographs, 1989-1998, undated

Box 7

Photographs with associated negatives, ca. 1980s, undated

Box 8

Folder 1	Negatives and Photographs, 1989-2002, undated
Folder 2	Negatives and Photographs, 2004-2005, undated
Folder 3	Photographs, February 24, 2022

Box 9

Photographs with associated negatives, 1990-1997, undated
Topics include: Art, Holiday Celebrations, Choir, Talent Show, Plays, Flood, etc.

Box 10

Photographs with associated negatives, 1990-1998
Topics include: 3K Event, Welcoming Party, 1st Day of School, etc.

Box 11

Photographs with associated negatives and slide, 1994-1999

Box 12

Photographs with associated negatives, 2001, undated
Topics include: Holiday Celebrations, Gold 100, etc.

Series VI: Publications

Box 13

Folder 1	Directories and Programs, 1971-1995, undated
Folder 2	The Clarion, 1996-1997
Folder 3	Publications, 2015-2016

Series VII: Records

Box 14

Folder 1	Badges and Ribbons, 1955, undated
Folder 2	Miscellaneous Records, 1955-1997, undated
Folder 3	Miscellaneous School Materials, 1955-2015, undated
Folder 4	Board Meeting Minutes, 1957-1977
Folder 5	Financial Reports and Minutes, 1977
Folder 6	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Folder 1, 1994-1996
Folder 7	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Folder 2, 1994-1996
Folder 8	Accreditations and Certificates, 1995-2007, undated

Box 15

Folder 1	Marketing Materials, 1996-1997
Folder 2	Internal/External Communications
Folder 3	Marketing Materials, June, 2015-2020
Folder 4	Marketing Materials, November-December, 2016-2019
Folder 5	Marketing Materials, July, 2017
Folder 6	Marketing Materials, September, 2017-2019

Folder 7 Marketing Materials, October, 2017-2019
Folder 8 Marketing Materials, March, 2018
Folder 9 Marketing Materials, December, 2018
Folder 10 Marketing Materials, February, 2018-2019
Folder 11 Marketing Materials, April, 2018, 2020
Folder 12 Marketing Materials, May, 2018-2020
Folder 13 Marketing Materials, January 2020

Box 16

Beautification Award, St. Cyprian's Episcopal School, by Angelina Beautiful/Clean and Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, July 1, 1988

National Junior Honor Society of Secondary Schools Charter, St. Cyprian's Episcopal School, by National Junior Honor Society of Secondary Schools, 1997

Series VIII: Scrapbooks

Box 17

Scrapbook, 1988-1989

Box 18

Folder 1 Scrapbook, 1955-1995
Folder 2 Scrapbook, 1975-1976
Folder 3 Scrapbook, 1977-1978

Series IX: Slides

Box 19

Folder 1 Slides, 1984-1989

Series X: Plaques

Box 20

Folder 1 Christmas Parade Plaque, Non-Commercial Division, 3rd Place, 2016
Folder 2 Plaque Quote, undated
Folder 3 Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Plaque, undated

Series XI: Oversized

Oversized Color Photographs, Canvas and Foam Board, undated

Box 21

Quantity	*Dimensions*
16	10 x 8

Box 22

Quantity	*Dimensions*
3	16 x 12
8	14 x 11

Box 23

Quantity	*Dimensions*
12	14 x 11

Box 24

Quantity	*Dimensions*
12	14 x 11

Box 25

Quantity	*Dimensions*
5	20 x 16

Range 16 (no box)

Quantity	*Dimensions*
3	40 x 30