

Statement on Potentially Harmful and Restricted Content

The Loretto Community and its Heritage Center strive to maintain records with the utmost respect and sensitivity while also recognizing the need to not censor or alter historical records. Understanding the context of the time period is important in our decisions when making our unaltered records public. Please note:

- Some of our materials may contain biased, potentially offensive, and/or outdated language or imagery.
- In our photo portal, the "additional context" data label represents information written on the front and back of the photographs or from a separate document physically attached to the photograph. In rare cases, additional information as interpreted by the archives has been added. This information, such as clarifying dates, will appear in brackets.
- Digital surrogates of physical photographs from our collections are presented as accurately as possible. Therefore, information from them is transcribed verbatim under "additional context," except in very rare cases. In such cases, there will be an indication that information has been redacted.
- The Loretto schools photograph collection available through our photo portal represents the entirety of the collection with the following exceptions:
 - Photographs showing faces of students are restricted for 50 years from the date of creation.
 - Photographs of Osage students which name the students or provide blood quantum information may only be accessed in special cases to be determined by the Osage Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
 - Photographs of other Indigenous students from the Native Boarding School era, which name the students or provide blood quantum information will need to be reviewed by the students' tribe or pueblo before setting privacy restrictions, if any are needed.
 - Images with known copyright protections or are labeled "do not reproduce" must be viewed in person.
 - Photographs that have yet to be processed and are forthcoming (including photographs from Loretto schools in China and South America).

The range of publicly accessible materials is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Loretto Community and its Heritage Center. For questions or permission to access restricted or unprocessed photographs, please contact the Heritage Center at lorarchives@lorettocommunity.org.

The Heritage Center acknowledges there are situations where archival description should be adjusted or corrected. Because language, conventions, and archival best practices are always

changing, what might have been considered appropriate for past description of archival materials may no longer be acceptable. This can occur in the title or description of an item or digital collection, or within the collection finding aids. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us at lorarchives@lorettocommunity.org.

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