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**Dates:** 1970s-1990s  
**Creator:** Heaney, Ruth Boylston, Sister, 1914-2006  
**Collection Size:** 2.4 cubic feet

**Introduction**  
The papers of Ruth Boylston Heaney, Benedictine sister of Our Lady of Peace Monastery in Columbia, Missouri. Widow of Larry Heaney (founder of the Milwaukee Catholic Worker) and a social activist, Heaney raised her six children on a Catholic Worker farm in Starkenburg, Missouri. She volunteered with the Benedictine sisters and eventually joined the order in 1979. Includes correspondence with prisoners, notebooks, and limited photographs.

**Donor Information**  
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Beishline, Eric J.  
Bozeman, Jimmy Lee  
Brady, Charles  
Bromwell, Kevin  
Bulloch, Dennis  
Childers, Bob  
Cook, Padraic Angelo  
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Gilbert, Kenneth  
Haley, Sam  
Hamilton, Fred A.  
Hanes, William  
Helgoth, Walt  
Hensley, Don  
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Johnson, Manuel  
Kemper, Benedict  
Leady, Joseph  
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Macon, Robert  
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Pine, John  
Postawko, Michael  
Powell, Jerome  
Price, Allen  
Correspondence—General  
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Adoration Chapel  
Bauer, Sister Germanus  
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Frandsen, Mary G.  
Missourians to Abolish Death  
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Rapheld, John  
Robbins, Sam  
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Scott, Jesse  
Shackelford, Herb R., Jr.  
Shields, Richard W.  
Smith, Harris  
Smith, Joseph Sewell  
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Sours, Scott  
Stacey, Jon B.  
Sykes, Martin J.  
Taylor, Phillip  
Thomas, Robert  
Tito, Rois  
Tverdick, Mike  
Vandiver, Mason  
Wagler, Dan  
Walker, Darrin S.  
War-Eagle, Sunny  
Warmack, Michael  
White, Michael  
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Chastain, H. Andrew  
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