Finding Aid
Eighth President Dr. Michael Vinciguerra
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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: University Records

Series Title: Eighth President Dr. Michael Vinciguerra

Collection Number: 10

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Extent: 2 manuscript boxes, 2 large flat boxes, 5 linear feet

Abstract: The Eighth President Dr. Michael Vinciguerra Collection contains material related to the tenure of the eight presidents of the University of St. Francis, Dr. Michael Vinciguerra. It contains correspondence, photographs, reports, and materials related to conferences and meetings attended by the President. It also contains inauguration materials.

History:
Dr. Michael Vinciguerra became the eighth president of the University of St. Francis in 2002. Prior to being the president of USF, he got his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Iona College in 1966 and his doctorate degree in Physical Chemistry from Adelphi University in 1971. He also completed a program in higher education senior administration in 1999, which was offered by the institution of Educational Management at Harvard University. At the start of his career, Vinciguerra was an assistant professor of chemistry at State University of New York, where he also achieved the rank of full professor. He also served as Dean of Arts and Sciences and Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs; and he was appointed provost and Chief Academic Officer.

During his tenure, the 15-year campus master plan approved, which resulted in gaining of all campus properties from the founding congregation, surrounding properties, and the major renovations in Marian Hall dormitories and Motherhouse. These accomplishments lead to the steady increase of undergraduate and resident students. The largest capital campaign in University of St. Francis history (led by Vinciguerra), which was a fundraiser to bring new programs to campus to make the curriculums better and to bring new faculty positions. The 8
million dollar campaign, Continuing the Tradition- Living Our Mission, was completed in May 2012.

In order to reach out to those that were less fortunate, the Health and Wellness Center was established in downtown Joliet; the Physician Assistant program was developed in New Mexico to serve the Native American and rural poor and the visual arts program was moved to downtown Joliet to allow students to interact with the children in the community centers. During Vinciguerra’s term, the first doctoral programs were introduced; the two programs are Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.).

Vinciguerra was also served on many boards which include the following: Vice-chair for Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Will County Center for Economic Development, Will County Community Foundation, Joliet Area Historical Museum, the Upper Room Crisis Hotline, Chair for South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium, executive board of The Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Directors at Maryville College in Tennessee.

*Physical Location:* LG12 – Section 4 – Shelf 1

*Language:* English

*Processor:* Adjo Tameklo, Archives Student Worker

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*Provenance / Source of acquisition:* Unknown

**Scope and Content Note**

*Types of material:* The Eight President Dr. Michael Vinciguerra collection comprises of correspondences between faculty, organizations, and other universities in the Chicago area. There are inauguration speeches, invitations, information and planning materials, booklets and VHS. There are also annual reports, the university planning materials and newspaper clippings.

*Dates:* 2002-2013  
*Bulk Dates:* 2005-2008

*Important divisions:* None
Significant correspondents and subjects: None

Container Listing

Box 1:
Folder 3 – Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Inauguration Booklet – October 4, 2002 (7 copies)
Folder 7 – Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Inauguration Speeches – October 4, 2002
Folder 8 – Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) Thank You Correspondences from Michael Vinciguerra – October-November 2002
Folder 10 – Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Newspaper clippings
Folder 13 – Inauguration Invitations – 2005
Folder 14 – President’s Goals – 2002-2003
Folder 15 – President’s Goals – 2003-2004
Folder 16 – President’s Goals – 2004-2005
Folder 17 – President’s Goals – 2005-2006
Folder 18 – Dr. Michael Vinciguerra – 2003
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – Augustana College – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – Aurora University – September 19, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – College of the Holy Cross – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – MacCormac College – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – Merrimack College – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – New York Institute of Technology – September 12, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – Regis University – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – Saint Vincent College – September 12, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – State University of New York – College of Agriculture and Technology at Morrisville – October 4, 2002 [2 copies]
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – State University of New York – Empire State College – n.d.
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – State University of New York – Oswego – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – State University of New York – Plattsburgh – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – University of the Incarnate Word – October 4, 2002
Certificate of Congratulations on Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. – University of Wisconsin – Green Bay – October 4, 2002

**Box 2:**
Folder 1 – Dr. Michael Vinciguerra – 2002-2004
Folder 2 – Christmas Party and Cards – 2002-2005
Folder 3 – Serving Our Community and State – 2002-2003
Folder 4 – General Assembly Legislative – 2003, 2005-2006
Folder 5 – General Assembly – 2004-2005
Folder 6 – Alcohol – 2005-2006
Folder 7 – Inauguration Committee – 2002
Folder 8 – American Heart Association – 2002-2004
Folder 9 – Inauguration of Michael J. Vinciguerra – 2002
Folder 10 – Inauguration Information – 2002
Folder 11 – Inauguration Work Orders – 2002
Folder 12 – Disbursements for Community Concerns – 2002
Folder 13 – Disbursements for Mass – 2002
Folder 14 – Inauguration Committee Information – 2002
Folder 15 – Disbursements for Inauguration Day Activities – 2002
Folder 16 – Disbursements for Printing Materials – 2002
Folder 17 – Miscellaneous – 2002
Folder 18 – Disbursements for Decoration Committee – 2002
Folder 19 – Disbursements for Community Outreach – 2002
Folder 20 – Robert George – 2002
Folder 21 – Association of Franciscan Colleges and University (AFCU) – 2004-2008
Folder 22 – Assisi – 2005-2006
Folder 23 – Reorganization - 2006
Folder 24 – Silver Cross Hospital – 2004-2005
Folder 26 – Congressman Jerry Weller – 2002, 2004
Folder 27 – Rotary – 2001-2005
Folder 28 – Northern Illinois Food Bank – 2003-2005
Folder 29 – Miscellaneous and Pictures – 2002, 2005
Folder 30 – Dr. Michael Vinciguerra Inauguration VHS (2) – 2002

Box 3:
Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Inauguration Scrapbook –
ceremony materials and letters of congratulations – ca. October 2002
Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Inauguration Scrapbook –letters
of congratulations – ca. October 2002

Box 4:
University of St. Francis Survival Kit – Gift from the graduate students – ca. October 2002
Eighth President Michael J. Vinciguerra, Ph.D. (2002-2013) – Inauguration Scrapbook –letters
of congratulations – ca. October 2002
Village of Tinley Park Resolution 2002-R-017 – October 4, 2002 is University of St. Francis
Day in Tinley Park, IL – August 27, 2002
Village of Woodridge Proclamation – October 4, 2002 is University of St. Francis Day in
Woodridge, IL – July 10, 2002
Congratulations Proclamation – Mayor of New Lenox, IL – October 4, 2002
*Dr. Michael J. Vinciguerra Inauguration Poster (Large)

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