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Wilma Goetz – Personal**

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### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

**Wilma Goetz joined the faculty of the University of St. Thomas in the Sociology Department in 1962. She served as chair of this department from 1963 – 1994. She also served as Dean of Women from 1963 – 1970, at the same time continuing to teach full time. She was active on campus, serving on numerous committees – Faculty Council/Senate, Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees, Self-Study Committee, Core Curriculum Committee – to name a few. Also on campus, she was the moderator and secretary-treasurer of the Pi Gamma Mu Texas Chapter and served as the United Way representative. Wilma taught full time until her retirement on 1997 and then part time every semester through the fall of 2005. In May 2000, the University honored her with an honorary degree – Doctor of Letters.**

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

**Wilma Goetz was a native of Beaumont, Texas. She attended St. Anthony Catholic School in Beaumont, Incarnate Word College in San Antonio but later transferred to the University of St. Thomas, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951 – the first graduating class of the University. Her Masters of Arts degree in Sociology was from Catholic University of America, 1962. Graduate studies were done at the University of Colorado. Her teaching experiences included Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 1961, St. Mary's School of Nursing 1962 – 1963, University of St. Thomas 1962 – 1965. She was a member of the American Sociological Association, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences. In May 2000, the Alumni Association of the University presented her the V.J. Guinan, CSB,**

Distinguished Alumna award, and the University honored her with the Doctor of Letters. Wilma Goetz died November 17, 2008 in her home in Bellaire, Texas.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

Professor Goetz' papers cover the period from 1951 – 2000.

### ACQUISITION INFORMATION

The files were obtained from Professor Wilma Goetz, Chair of Sociology Department.

### PHYSICAL CONDITION

The vast majority are in good condition.

### INVENTORY

#### Box Folder

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| 1 | 1  | Diploma; Bachelor of Arts, University of St. Thomas, 1951                    |
|   | 2  | Diploma; Doctor of Letters, 2000   |
|   | 3  | Academic Hood, Honorary Degree, University of St. Thomas                     |
|   | 4  | Academic Hood, Master Degree, Catholic University of America, 1962           |
|   | 5  | Cotton Ropes – 3   |
|   | 6  | Mortar Board   |
|   | 7  | Apostolic Benediction, Pope Pius XII, 1957                                   |
|   | 8  | Apostolic Benediction, Pope John XXIII, 1961                                 |
|   | 9  | Certificate – Honoring First Graduating Class (1951), May 27, 2000           |
|   | 10 | Scroll, Omicron Delta Epsilon, 1967  |
|   | 11 | Certificate, Pi Gamma Mu, 1974   |
|   | 12 | Plaque, V.J. Guinan, CSB, Distinguished Alumna Award                         |
|   | 13 | Plaque, from faculty and students of Political and Social Science Department |
|   | 14 | Program; funeral service/Curriculum Vitae/Reflection - 'A teacher At UST'    |

**Box   Folder**

**1      15    Photographs**  
**16    Medals**