



**REUNION DAY 2022**

**CLASS OF 1947**

**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS**



The Sisters of St. Joseph  
and the Graduating Class of 1947

St. Joseph's Hospital

School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present

at the

Graduation Exercises

Wednesday afternoon, May the twenty-eighth

at three o'clock, P.M.

Auditorium of  
Cathedral of Christ the King  
714 King Street, West  
Hamilton, Ontario

*This was the first year pictures of the nuns were permitted in the graduation class photo*



**GRADUATION**  
**Wednesday May 28, 1947**

left to right

GRADUATION May 28, 1947

Front Row: Rita Harrigan Dorothy Chabot Eileen Mattice Sally Zukiwsky Joan Lobsinger Doreen Raby Rita Goetz Evelyn Attridge Dorothy Fraser  
Andrene Taylor Winnifred Graham Ada Burkholder Dorothy Brown Barbara O'Brien Marion Reganti  
Middle Row: Sister Mary Daniel Kathleen Klainka Jacqueline Stewart Bernice Jones Mary Fitzgerald Alice Callaghan Mary Brick Marion Atkinson  
Blanche Heysel Patricia Evans Winnifred Walker Dorothy Rilett Eileen Hunter Sister Genevieve  
Back Row: Catherine O'Brien Lucy Dalicandro Bernice Lafitte Marjorie Tew Jean Reyburn Olga Kwolek Betty Holmes Ila Mae Watts Elda Oliveri  
Katherine Clark Mary Ryan



*Graduation Day began with attendance at Mass celebrated in the Hospital Chapel. The Sisters Choir sang hymns chosen for the occasion. Reverend Anthony O'Brien, chaplain, addressed the graduates. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. Soft glow of candlelight enhanced the beauty of the crimson roses, a gift of the graduates, arranged in gold vases on the altar.*

*Breakfast was served in the nurses spacious dining room in the new unit of the hospital. The tables had bouquets of spring flowers. The 40 graduates were most appreciative of the gracious thought of the Superior in inviting them to partake of the first repast prepared in the new dining room.*

*Graduation exercises were held in the afternoon in the auditorium of the Cathedral of Christ the King. The orchestra of nurses provided the musical numbers. The graduating class of 1948 formed a procession preceding the graduates. The graduates of the class of 1947 took their seats on the platform. Invited guests included Dr. W. P. Downes, (chairman of staff), Mayor Samuel Lawrence, (for the City Council), Dr. J. F. Houston (President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine), Dr. Chester S. Walters (comptroller of Finance for Ontario), and Honourable Russell T. Kelley (Ontario Minister of Health),*

*His Excellency Most Rev. J. F. Ryan presented the diplomas and the pins were given to the graduates by Sister St. Edward (Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital), assisted by Sister Ursula, superintendent of nurses. The program closed with the national Anthem played by the nurses' orchestra. A reception followed. The Hospital Auxillary and the Alumnae served refreshments.*

## Graduating Exercises

*St. Joseph's Hospital  
School of Nursing*

*Auditorium  
Cathedral of Christ the King  
King St. West*

*3 p.m. D.S.T.*

*Wednesday, May 28th  
1947*



*Betty Holmes '47 Winnifred Walker '47  
Graduation Day May 28, 1947  
at Undermount before going to the Basilica*



*Winnie Walker '47 and Marion Reganti '47  
on roof of University Hospital N.Y. City 1950*

## Graduates of 1947

MARION ATKINSON HAMILTON, ONT.	OLGA VICTORIA KWOLEK MELITA, MAN.
EVELYN GLORIA ATTRIDGE WATERDOWN, ONT.	BERENICE LORRAINE LAFFITTE GUELPH, ONT.
MARY HELEN BRICK NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.	JOAN CATHERINE LOBSINGER BRANTFORD, ONT.
DOROTHY HAZEL BROWN HAMILTON, ONT.	EILEEN ANN MATTICE HAMILTON, ONT.
ADA BELLE BURKHOLDER WATERDOWN, ONT.	BARBARA ANN O'BRIEN PETERSBOROUGH, ONT.
ALICE MARY CALLAGHAN BELLEVILLE, ONT.	CATHERINE O'BRIEN HAMILTON, ONT.
THERESE DOROTHY CHABOT CONISTON, ONT.	ELDA OLIVIERI HAMILTON, ONT.
KATHERINE MARY CLARK HAMILTON, ONT.	DOREEN ISOBEL RABY TORONTO, ONT.
LUCY ANN DALIGANDRO THOROLD, ONT.	MARION ANTONIA REGANTI NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.
PATRICIA TABLER EVANS BRANTFORD, ONT.	JEAN FRANCES REYBURN HAMILTON, ONT.
MARY THERESA FITZGERALD HAMILTON, ONT.	DOROTHY MARGARET RILETT St. George, ONT.
DOROTHY JEAN FRASER BALACLAVA, ONT.	MARY JANE RYAN HAMILTON, ONT.
WINNIFRED BEATRICE GRAHAM BURLINGTON, ONT.	JACQUELINE BLYTHE STEWART WATERFORD, ONT.
RITA APOLLONIA GOETZ GUELPH, ONT.	MARGARET ANDRENE TAYLOR HAMILTON, ONT.
BLANCHE NOREEN HEYSEL THOROLD, ONT.	MARJORIE EILEEN TEW DUNDAS, ONT.
RITA BERNADETTE HARRIGAN KIRKFIELD, ONT.	MARY WINNIFRED WALKER SIMCOE, ONT.
ELIZABETH FREETHA HOLMES HAMILTON, ONT.	ILA MAY ILES WATTS HAMILTON, ONT.
EILEEN MARY HUNTER FREETON, ONT.	DORIS SALLY ZUKIWSKY HAMILTON, ONT.
BERENICE OVERTON JONES HAMILTON, ONT.	SISTER M. GENEVIEVE HAMILTON, ONT.
NORAH KATHLEEN KLAINKA BURLINGTON, ONT.	SISTER MARY DANIEL HAMILTON, ONT.

*Jean Reyburn '47*

*1969 – 1970 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Remembrance Convenor*



# Hamilton St. Joseph's Graduates Forty Nurses

For the 1947 graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Training, Wednesday, May 28, will be a day of cherished memories. This day commenced fittingly by attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated in the Hospital Chapel. The Sisters' choir sang hymns especially chosen for the occasion. Rev. Anthony O'Brien, chaplain, addressed the graduates expressing his wishes for their future success in life, emphasizing the fact that their happiness could be attained, not in the acquisition of the material things of the world nor in its ephemeral pleasures, but solely, through fidelity to their duty as children of God, in the faithful fulfillment of daily tasks in the great vocation they had chosen.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. The soft candlelight enhanced the glowing beauty of the crimson roses, a gift of the graduates, arranged in gold vases on the altar. With the blessing of their Sacramental King the young graduates left the chapel to enter upon the day which marked the end of their course of training and the beginning of that life for which they had been so carefully prepared.

## FEBRUARY CLASS 1947

Katherine Clark  
Lucy Dalicandro  
Elizabeth Holmes  
Rita Harrigan

Mary Helen Brick  
Winnifred Graham  
Marjorie Tew  
Barbara O'Brien  
Winnifred Walker  
Dorothy Rilett  
Adrienne Taylor  
Jacqueline Stewart  
Patricia Evans

Sister Genevieve Kirvan  
Charlotte Weadick (Sister Mary Daniel)

Dorothy Chabot  
Eileen Hunter  
Blanche Heysel  
Bernice Jones

Bernice Lafitte  
Joan Lobsinger  
Eileen Mattice  
Marion Reganti  
Doreen Raby  
Jean Reyburn  
Ila Mae Watts  
Marion Atkinson



Eileen Hunter '47    Marion Reganti '47    Barbara O'Brien '47

of their choice of a profession, noble and just and one to which the far-reaching changes of the past ten years had added great responsibilities. He reminded them of the opportunities which lay before them of touching the lives of those entrusting the care and of exercising the true spirit of Christian charity in the fulfillment of their duties. Honorable Russell T. Kelley, Ontario Minister of Health, stressed the present shortage of nurses and expressed the hope that the young graduates would continue in their profession for some time in order to meet the pressing needs now existing.

His Excellency Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, D.D., J.C.D., presented the diplomas, and the pins were given to the graduates by Sister St. Edward, superior of St. Joseph's Hospital, assisted by Sister Ursula, superintendent of nurses.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS**

After the presentation of prizes Bishop Ryan spoke in part as follows:

"I congratulate the young ladies who today have received their graduation diplomas and pins. These represent several years of serious study, labor and devotion. Devotion to work, willingness to work, and perseverance in work are absolutely necessary in this life.

"My dear young ladies, the habit of work which you have learned at St. Joseph's Training School is the very essence of life. Never look upon life as a play-thing. Never yield to the idea that life is merely a time to enjoy yourself. That is a fallacy. To habituate one's self to this idea of consistent effort — even some-

times against our will — is one of the prime necessities not only of a successful life, but even of a decent honorable Christian existence.

"To many people today are whirling about in a ceaseless round of what appears to be enjoyment. This wild running after pleasure which has seized the world is without doubt the greatest instrument in the hands of Satan for the ruin of Christian ideals and Christian principles.

"Nowadays the only thought in the minds of many people seems to be how to do away with work altogether. This idea can only result in nothing but anarchy. What is the plan of all the people we call real Communists? Merely to get possession of things that do not belong to them — and, of course, without work.

"You graduates have learned the value of work. You have intelligence. You have determination. The diploma in your hand is the proof. Too often graduation day which really means the beginning, seems, apparently, to be the end. A sort of impression prevails that work is all over, and studies and serious labor are to be thrown aside. That is wrong. Whatever you do, start out with the deliberate idea that work will bring you, in your nursing career, real happiness.

"There never was a time in history when the world so sorely needed Christian women with high ideals. Preserve the ideals, the lessons, the principles and the virtues that you have received at St. Joseph's.

"Hold fast to the moral standards inculcated here, take them into the world with you and uphold them unflinchingly. Be at all times valiant women. The valiant woman dares to stand on Christian principles, and will not be swayed or moved or influenced by pagan frivolities and fashions.

"As your teachers, parents and friends acclaim you today and offer you hearty congratulations and best wishes pledge yourselves to always live and act as noble, courageous, God-fearing, virtuous women."

The program closed with the National Anthem played by the nurses' orchestra. At the reception which immediately followed the graduating exercises the Hospital Auxiliary and the Alumnae, who had welcomed the guests, served refreshments.



Winnifred Walker '47  
on roof of John St Building

## SEPTEMBER CLASS 1947

Evelyn Attridge  
Olga Kwolek  
Alice Callaghan  
Kathleen Klainka  
Sally Zukiwsky  
Mary Fitzgerald

Ada Burkholder  
Dorothy Brown  
Elda Olivieri  
Catherine O'Brien  
Dorothy Fraser  
Rita Goetz

Mary Ryan (Sister Mary Jane)

The auditorium in the Nurses' Residence was gaily decorated for the "Uniform Dance" which was arranged for the 40 graduates and their invited friends. The nurses' orchestra furnished the music. The fatigue of the day was forgotten in the gay strains of music and the happy laughter of the young people. in the evening.

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At the dinner Dr. C. M. Playfair, superintendent of the Mountain Sanatorium, was the speaker. Miss Frances O'Brien '41 president of the Alumnae received the guests

**UNIFORM DANCE"**

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**GRADUATES**

Nurses who received diplomas and pins were:

Sister Mary Genevieve, Sister Mary Daniel, Miss Eileen Mattice, Miss Sally Zukiwsky, Miss Joan Lobsinger, Miss Doreen Raby, Miss Reta Goetz, Miss Evelyn Attridge, Miss Dorothy Fraser, Miss Andrene Taylor, Miss Winnifred Graham, Miss Ada Burkholder, Miss Dorothy Chabot, Miss Rita Harrigan, Miss Mary Fitzgerald, Miss Bernice Jones, Miss Alice Callaghan, Miss Mary Brick, Miss Marion Atkinson, Miss Blanch Heysel, Miss Patricia Evans, Miss Winnifred Walker, Miss Marion Reganti, Miss Barbara O'Brien, Miss Kathleen Klainka, Miss Jacqueline Stewart, Miss Catharine O'Brien, Miss Lucy Dalicandro, Miss Bernice Laffitte, Miss Marjory Tew, Miss Jean Rayburn, Miss Victoria Kwolek, Miss Elizabeth Holmes, Miss Ila May Watts, Miss Elda Olivieri, Miss Katherine Clark, Miss Mary Ryan, Miss Eileen Hunter, Miss Dorothy Rilett, Miss

Dorothy Brown.

**AWARDS**

The following prizes were awarded:

Scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, presented by Mrs. S. H. O'Brien to Miss Elda Olivieri.

Scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae, presented by Miss Frances O'Brien to Miss Alice Callaghan.

Prize for general proficiency, given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E), presented by Mrs. Playfair to Miss Mary Fitzgerald.

Prize for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by F. Woodhall, M.B., presented by Mrs. Woodhall to Miss Lucy Dalicandro.

Prize for surgical nursing and examination, given by John Tilden, M.D., presented by Mrs. Tilden to Miss Winnifred Walker.

Prize for medical nursing and examination, given by William Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M., presented by Master Billy Downes to Miss Bernice Jones.

Prize for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts, presented by Mrs. Roberts to Miss Eileen Mattice.

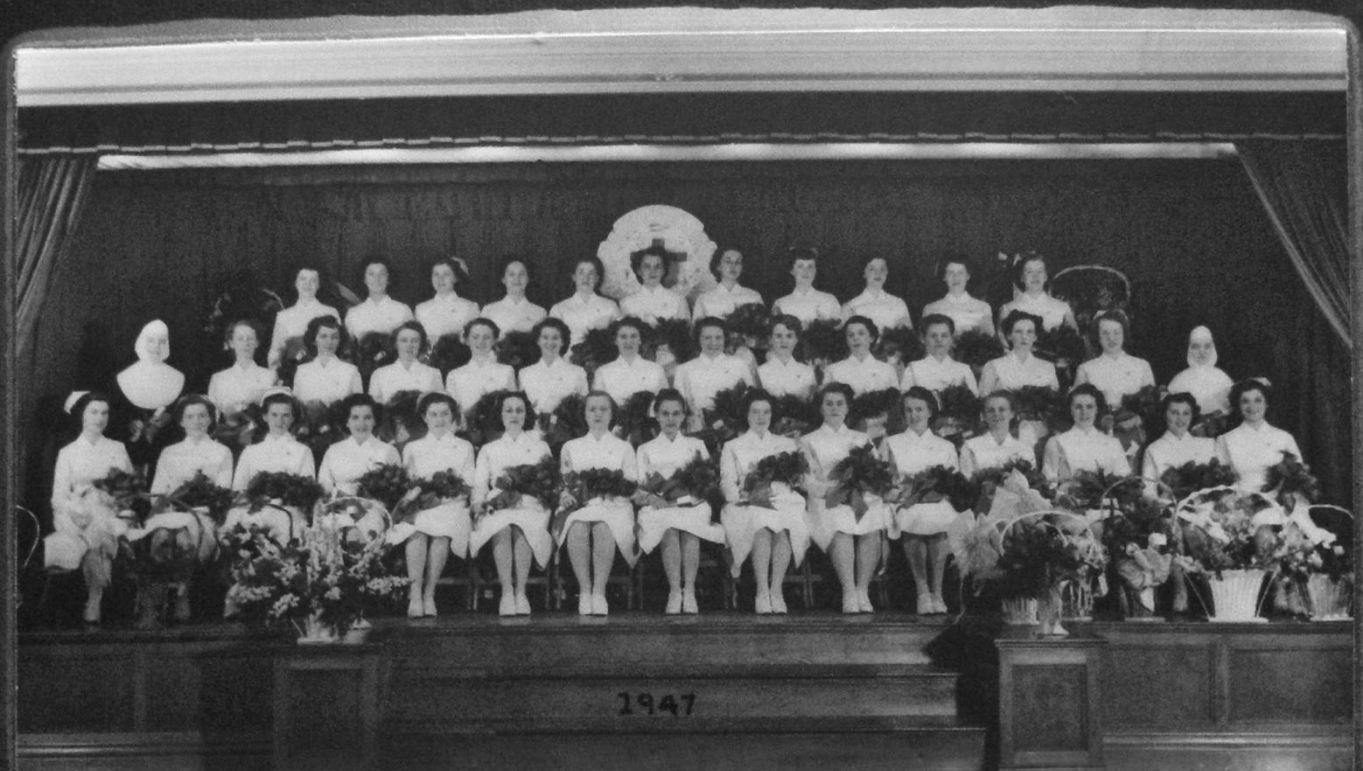
Prize for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M., presented by Mrs. Sullivan to Miss Catherine O'Brien.

Prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by A. C. Martin, M.B., presented by Mrs. Martin to Miss Dorothy Rilett.

Prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and H. Nicholson, M.B., presented by Mrs. Nicholson to Miss Jean Reyburn.

Prize for anatomy and physiology, given by W. A. Weaver, M.D.C.M., and R. J. Fraser, M.D., presented by Mrs. Weaver to Miss Elizabeth Holmes.





**LEFT TO RIGHT**

**FRONT ROW:** RITA HARRINGTON, DOROTHY CHABOT, EILEEN MATTICE, SALLY ZUKEWSKY, JOAN LOBSINGER, DOREEN RABY, RITA GOETZ, EVELYN ATTRIDGE, DOROTHY FRASER, ANDRENE TAYLOR, WINNIFRED GRAHAM, ADA BURKHOLDER, DOROTHY BROWN, BARBARA O'BRIEN, MARION REGANTI

**MIDDLE ROW:** SISTER MARY DANIEL, KATHLEEN KLAINKA, JACQUELINE STEWART, BERNICE JONES, MARY FITZGERALD, ALICE CALLAGHAN, MARY BRICK, MARION ATKINSON, BLANCHE HEYSEL, PATRICIA EVANS, WINNIFRED WALKER, DOROTHY RILETT, EILEEN HUNTER, SISTER GENEVIEVE

**BACK ROW:** CATHERINE O'BRIEN, LUCY DALICANDRO, BERNICE LAFITTE, MARJORIE TEW, JEAN REYBURN, OLGA KWOLEK, BETTY HOLMES, ILA MAE WATTS, ELDA OLIVERI, KATHERINE CLARK, MARY RYAN

*Ila (Dixie) Watts '47 ----Fletcher*

1960 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Corresponding Secretary  
 1961 served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 1962 – 1964 served as President  
 1964 – 1966 served as Past President / Chair person of advisory board  
 1965 – 1966 served on the Advisory Board

**1956 Membership Tea**

**Alumnae President:** Mrs Russell Fletcher (Ila "Dixie" Watts '47)  
**Social Convenor:** Mrs Thomas Radigan (Maureen Arbour '57)

Members of Saint Joseph's Hospital Alumnae Association will begin their fall activities with a Membership Tea, on Monday, in the Church of the Ascension parish hall. Mrs. Russell R. Fletcher will preside at the tea table. Mrs. Thomas Radigan is convener of the tea and Mrs. Harry Kroes will present a fall millinery show and sale.



*Mary Fitzgerald Marrin '47  
 Opening of the John St. building in 1947*

*Mary Fitzgerald '47, R.E. Elliott M.P. Dr Downes, Dr Woodall, Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health  
 Alderman Parker, V. C. Knowles M.L.A. Alderman Hodgson  
 Right Reverend J. F. Ryan, D.D., J.C.D. Bishop of Hamilton*



## Work Brings Happiness Bishop Tells Graduates

That they had chosen a profession which was not only wise, noble and just, but one which has expanded as much in the last ten years that it has created a position demanding some of the most urgent consideration during these troubled years, was pointed out by Dr. Chester S. Walters, Camp-follower of Finance for Ontario, in addressing the class of 50 graduating nurses from St. Joseph's School of Nursing on Wednesday afternoon.

In revealing them that their real work was only just beginning, Dr. Walters urged the young women to consider the factors which had brought a far-reaching change in the demands and possibilities for any one entering the profession. He saw the increase in population as one of these, and also the fact that there is a change in the age distribution of the population in that there are now more older people. There is also a progressive increase in the number of births which occur in hospitals and there are the changes in the practice and methods of the medical profession in dealing the sick with the larger use of hospitals for all cases of treatment. The growth of hospitals themselves and their facilities was also another factor, said Dr. Walters, and the need for more nurses in many cases. These have all gone forward in the last ten years so that the supply of trained nurses has not been able to keep pace. Dr. Walters referred to the unending opportunity which lay before the nurses, or teaching the lives of people whom they must meet. He said with the real spirit of Christian charity, and he said tribute to the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph for the good that has been done through the years since they established the hospital here.

In his address to the graduating class, Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, gave a stirring message to the young women and their families and friends present. The habit of work which you have acquired at St. Joseph's School is invaluable, and is indeed the very essence of life. Never think of life merely as a time to enjoy yourself. To apply yourself to work, even against your will, is one of the necessities of a decent, honest existence. I am of the impression that this will bring you also pleasure that has been the world to-day, is without doubt the cause of the departure from Christian principles and ideals so much in evidence. To do away with work altogether is the ideal, for many people to-day," added His Excellency, in stating that this is essentially the idea held by some of those people called Communists. They really hope to possess without working things that do not belong to them, he said.

Bishop Ryan emphasized to the graduates how essential a knowledge and intelligence to a successful future, that after diploma, study and serious work cannot be turned aside. "Work will bring you in your nursing career real happiness," He urged them to hold fast to the highest ideals for which there have been a time in the history of the world when women of high ideals are so greatly needed, and to observe the moral standards they had learned at all times, and to be valiant women. "The such women are so necessary by giving intelligence and faithfulness. Please yourselves always to love and act as noble, courageous and God-fearing women, and may God bless you."

His Excellency, Bishop Ryan, said that he hoped they would enter the need in hospitals and in view of this society first rather than going to effect Dr. J. P. Munton, general manager on behalf of the medical profession, and said the old doctors hoped the graduates would not desert Hamilton, rather would stay and help the Sisters of St. Joseph in opening their new hospital. He urged to keep up interests in their profession because it often help them to revive it, not, an interest in life they lost.

His Excellency, Bishop Ryan, presented the diplomas, and pins were pinned on each arm by Sister St. Edward, Sister St. Mary, and Sister Ursula, superiors of St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Dr. W. P. Downes, chairman of the medical board, welcoming parents, friends, and congratulating young nurses. The names of graduates from previous years and the donors were published in a list of the graduates. Among the many guests were representatives of other hospitals in the city, and a number of men and doctors.

### Reception

A reception followed the luncheon of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing at the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph, on Wednesday evening, when Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, and other guests were present. The reception was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel. At the dinner, Dr. C. H. Playfair, superintendent of the Mountain Sanatorium will be the speaker. Among the patrons and patronesses for the dance are: Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Downes, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. O'Brien, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Playfair, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Hudeki, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Hollinrake, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Weaver, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Liston, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Tilden, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Bowman, Dr. and Mrs. Basil Bowman, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Tweedie, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Houston, Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kraft, Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Marcellus, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Stringer. Miss Frances O'Brien, president of the Alumnae, will receive the guests with the patrons and patronesses.



Mary Fitzgerald Marrin '47

## For Graduates

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## Winnifred Graham '47

1962 convened the September Membership tea with Mary Boughner '48 - hat show  
1966 - 1967 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the Prize Convenor

## Mary Fitzgerald '47

1951 Served on the Nurses Alumnae as President  
1962 October - Revision and Review of the Constitution convened by Mary Fitzgerald Marrin '47 with Sister Margaret Graff '61, Katherine Clark Towler '47, Shirley Quance Rumbles '52, Illa Watts Fletcher '47  
1978 Reunion Day Mary (Fitzgerald) Marrin '47, Representative to the College of Nurses of Ontario for the Hamilton area and Nursing Coordinator of the Nephrology Unit, St. Joseph's Hospital, explained the relevance of the competency of nurses and the implication of the new regulations



Winnie Walker '47	Sister Mary Daniel '47	Eva Neal Staneff '51
O.R. Head Nurse	O.R. Supervisor	O.R. Head Nurse

## Elda Oliveri '47

1949 convened the 1st Chrysanthemum Ball held in November at the Brant Inn, Burlington  
1951 - 1953 she served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as 1st Vice President  
1952 she spoke on "Atomic Warfare Nursing" at a general meeting  
1953 - 1954 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Representative to the R.N.A.O.  
1958 - 1959 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Corresponding Secretary  
1960 - 1961 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as 1st Vice President



Operating room supervisor Sister Mary Daniel '47 with her nurses examining "E. L. Alexander's Operating Room Technique" (1949) the first manual for operating room technique published in the 1950's



O.R. staff in work room John St Building 1947



# *Inaugural Programme*

Orchestra . . . . . O Canada

Chairman

W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. . Chairman of Staff

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D., J.C.D.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR LAWRENCE

J. F. HOUSTON, M.D.

President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

CHESTER S. WALTERS, LL.D.

Comptroller of Finance for Ontario

HIS EXCELLENCY

*PH* *PR* *O'Brien*  
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D., J.C.D.

Presentation of Prizes

THE CANADIAN REGISTER, JUNE 14, 1947



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, HAMILTON, PRIZE-WINNERS: Top—first row: Miss Dorothy Rilett, prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine; Miss Alice Callaghan, scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education; Miss Mary Fitzgerald, prize for general proficiency; Miss Elda Olivieri, scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education; Miss Lucy Dalicandro, prize for efficiency in bedside nursing. Bottom—second row: Miss Catharine O'Brien, prize for obstetrical nursing and examination; Miss Elizabeth Holmes, prize for anatomy and physiology; Miss Jean Reyburn, prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat; Miss Bernice Jones, prize for medical nursing and examination; Miss Winnifred Walker, prize for surgical nursing and examination.



PRIZE-WINNER: St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, prize-winner, Miss Eileen Mattice, prize for public health nursing.

*May 28, 1947*



*Marian Reganti'47 Betty Holmes'47 Winnifred Walker'47*

## **PRIZE WINNERS of the Class of 1947**

### **TOP ROW**

*left to right*

**Dorothy Rilett**  
**Alice Callaghan**  
**Mary Fitzgerald**  
**Elda Olivieri**  
**Lucy Dalicandro**  
**Eileen Mattice**

*nursing & examination in preventive medicine*  
*scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education*  
*general proficiency*  
*scholarship for post-graduate work in nursing education*  
*efficiency in bedside nursing*  
*efficiency in public health nursing*

### **BOTTOM ROW**

*left to right*

**Catherine O'Brien**  
**Elizabeth Holmes**  
**Jean Reyburn**  
**Bernice Jones**  
**Winnifred Walker**

*obstetrical nursing and examination*  
*anatomy and physiology*  
*examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat*  
*medical nursing and examination*  
*surgical nursing and examination*



*Sr. Mary Daniel'47 scrubbed*  
*Dr Herbert Sullivan Surgeon* *Dr Karl Kraft Anaesthetist*



*Sister Mary Daniel Weadick '47*



## Winnifred Walker Class of '47

Winnie Walker from the Simcoe area, entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1943. She completed her Pediatric Affiliation at Children's Hospital in Detroit Michigan in 1945. She graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing on May 28, 1947 and was awarded a prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination. After graduation, she returned home and worked for a short time as a staff nurse at Norfolk General Hospital. In 1949, she completed a 9 month Post Graduate course in Operating Room Nursing at University Hospital in New York. She then came back to St. Joseph's in Hamilton and worked in the Operating Room in the John St. building. She worked in the Operating Room from 1950-1977 when she retired. She became the O.R. Head Nurse in 1963 when the new Operating Room opened in the Mary Grace Wing. During her career, Winnie saw many changes in the OR and in Surgery itself, from sterilization procedures, the institution of a Medical Device Reprocessing Area, to "air conditioned" OR's. She instituted the Specialty Charge Nurse positions in the OR.

After retirement, in the 1980's, Winnie worked as a First Aid Nurse for several years and later in the 1990's, she worked in the local museum in her community.



Winnifred Walker '47  
"capped"



Winnie Walker'47 Eva Neal Staneff'51  
at Winnie's Retirement Tea 1977

## Ada Burkholder Campbell '47

1957 November

Chrysanthemum Ball was held in the Burgundy Room at the Brant Inn convened by Mrs. Ada Burkholder Campbell '47; \$4.00 per couple with the Wally Mack orchestra. Norm Marshall was the M.C.

1965 – 1966 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the Remembrance Convenor



Winnie Walker'47  
and a classmate at  
O.R. course in New York



Marion Betty Winnifred  
Reganti'47 Holmes'47 Walker'47  
In front of Newark New Jersey Hospital 1950  
taking post graduate courses

## Winnifred Walker '47

1957 – 1959 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Treasurer



Betty Marion Katherine Winnie  
Holmes'47 Reganti'47 Clark'47 Walker'47



Back row: Winnie Winnie Angie  
Walker'47 Ayres'46 Amadio'45  
Front row: Cheris Matthews'48 Bernadette Hynes'48



*Winnifred Walker was born May 13, 1925 in Woodhouse Township. Her father was Nathaniel Walker, born in Alpena Michigan. He was a farmer. Her mother was Harriet Evans, born in Woodhouse Township. Winnie describes her as a housewife. Winnie had 3 brothers & 1 sister. She grew up on the family farm on Gilbert Road R. R. #3 Simcoe. She remembers they did not have hydro on the farm until after the war ended in 1945.*

*She entered St Joseph's School of Nursing in 1943. She completed her pediatric affiliation at Children's Hospital in Detroit Michigan in 1945. Winnie graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing on May 28, 1947 and was awarded a prize for surgical nursing and examination. After graduation she returned home & worked for a short time as a staff nurse in Norfolk General Hospital. She then came back to St Joseph's in Hamilton and worked in the operating room in the John Street building.*

*In 1949 she completed a 9 month post graduate course in operating room nursing in University Hospital, New York.*

*She started working in St Joseph's O.R. and she worked in the operating room from 1950 – 1977 until her retirement. The John Street O. R. had 7 air conditioned operating rooms where instruments were sterilized in a high pressure autoclave. There was also a 6 bed recovery room and an X-ray suite with portable units.. She talked about reusing surgical gloves. hey had to be checked for holes and mended with patches if needed. They were then matched in pairs for sizes, powdered, and placed in paper wrappers and sterilized. This practice was stopped in 1968.*

*The John Street Building had a laundry facility. Linen was washed there & returned to the O.R. Nursing staff folded, wrapped & sterilized all the cotton linen, surgical gowns , lapo sheets, extremity sheets, kidney drapes, craniotomy sheets & green towels Nurses made their own caps of white gauze material with 2 tails to secure around their head. They were replaced by cotton scrub caps when the new O.R. opened in 1962.*

*The hospital did not have a medical device reprocessing area. All the instruments were washed in the operating room by the attendant staff. Water & saline bottles were washed & dried, filled & sterilized by the O.R. Nurses.*

*Winnie remembers using the "specific gravity" autoclave. Nurses needed to check the bookings for the next day cases. Major packs had to be assembled with doctors gowns, major sheet, draw sheets & towels etc. The packs were sterilized by the nursing staff & were wet when the door was opened. Packs had to dry in the autoclave. They were then laid out to dry avoiding contamination.*

*"Lifting forceps" were used for handling & delivering sterile supplies to the sterile table. A set was located in each O.R. & a set beside each autoclave. They were collected & washed once a week, sterilized & filled with antiseptic. This practice was stopped in the 1970's. Friday night shift collected each set of forceps, emptied the alcohol solution, washed & sterilized all the forceps & containers, poured new alcohol into the containers, and replaced the forceps in the containers.*

*Cases were booked from 7am – 1pm. `When the cases were done, nursing staff alcholed the shelves in each O.R. They also checked expiratory dates & assembled instrument sets for the following day*

*She became the O.R. Head Nurse in 1963 when the new O.R. opened in the Mary Grace Wing. This new addition had 12 new air conditioned operating rooms, 2 cysto rooms, 2 fracture rooms, pathology lab, and a teaching Room. The move to the new O. R. took place on a Saturday. The staff moved all the equipment & supplies.*

*Sister Mary Daniel was in charge of the Operating Room since 1950. She approached Sister Virginia to have specialty charge nurses. There were 12 operating rooms with their own delivery service for clean & contaminated items. The sterile core had 2 gravity displacement autoclaves.*

*In the 1980's she worked as a first aid nurse for 5 years. In 1988, she broke her leg. Her interests are reading and stamp collecting. In the 1990's Winnie worked part time in the museum in Simcoe.*

**RETIREMENT TEA 1977**  
**In Fontbonne**



*Eva Neal Staneff'51 Margaret Peart'44 Winnie Walker'47*



*Winnie Walker'47 Mary Fitzgerald Marrin'47*





1949 left to right  
 Ethel Winnie Bernadette Angie Cheris Winnie Pauline  
 Smith '48 Ayres '46 Hynes '48 Amadio '45 Matthews '48 Walker '47 Schweitzer '48



Winnie Walker '47  
 With classmates from Operating Room Course 1949



Winnifred Marion Betty Katherine  
 Walker '47 Reganti '47 Holmes '47 Clark '47

Katherine Clark Towler '47

1965 Served on the Nurses Alumnae Association as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Special Events Convenor

Reunion Day 1966 Mary Ruf Hastings '32 passed the gavel to Katherine Clark Towler '47  
 1966 - 1968 Katherine served as President of the Nurses Alumnae Executive  
 1968 - 1969 Katherine served as Past President of the Nurses Alumnae Executive



Children's Hospital Detroit Michigan



Marion Betty Winnie  
 Reganti '47 Holmes '47 Walker '47  
 on Affiliation at Children's Hospital,  
 in Detroit, Michigan 1948



1949 -----O. R. staff in the John St building

Back row: Frances Helen Dixie (Watts) Winnie  
 O'Brien '41 Kubilis '46 Fletcher '47 Walker '47  
 Front row: Barbara Donna (Devine) Winnie Ayres  
 O'Brien '47 Gravis '46 Rankin '46

1948 on roof of the John St building

Winnie Helen Winnie Angie Bernadette  
 Walker '47 Miller '48 Ayres '46 Amadio '45 Hynes '48





*Operating room in the John Street building*



*Operating Room Staff in the John Street Building .....mid 1950's  
Blanche Brault'51 Arlette Mallin'51 Dorothy Battersby'50 Mary Currie  
Winnie Walker'47 Winnifred Ayres'46*



**Above: Mary Marrin, left, Sister Patricia Hanlon and Mary Daly at St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumni Association 90th anniversary celebration**

<i>Mary Fitzgerald Marrin'47</i>	<i>Sister Patricia Hanlon'50</i>	<i>Mary Day Cummings'50</i>
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<i>Bernice Lafitte</i>	<i>Winnifred Walker</i>	<i>Betty Holmes</i>	<i>Blanche Heysel</i>
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*Eileen Kelly Hunter '47*

<i>1957 – 1958</i>	<i>served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Representative to the R.N.A.O.</i>
<i>1966 – 1967</i>	<i>served as Remembrance Convenor</i>



**Left to right**  
**Class of 1947**  
**Seated: Jessie Graham '48 Blanche Heysel'47 Lucy Dalicandro '47 Elda Oliveri '47**  
**Back Row: Kay Klainka'47 Alice Callaghan'47 Ada Burkholder'47 Jean Reyburn'47**  
**Winnie Walker'47 Eileen Hunter'47**



*Eileen Hunter'47  
Reunion Day 2019*



*Sister Mary Daniel was born Charlotte Weadick, October 18, 1919 in Elora Ontario. Her parents were Arthur Weadick and Dorothea Kirvan. Charlotte was the 3<sup>rd</sup> born child of 8. Her father was born 1887 in Pilkington, Wellington County, Ontario. and spent his life working as a farmer in Elora. He became ill in 1951 , sold the farm and moved to Durham Street in Guelph.*

*Some family history and pictures were obtained by her brother John Weadick and her closest friend Phyllis Kirvan. Her grandmother Margaret Weadick was a registered nurse and worked in the U.S.A. for a long time. Then she became night supervisor at Western Hospital. Margaret, known as Aunt Peggy, drove a roadster that had a rumble seat. They said that Sister Mary Daniel was a pretty typical girl of that time. She enjoyed life, very loving and caring. Her cousins Sister Blanche Marie and Sister Genevieve both entered the St Joseph's Convent but Sister Mary Daniel had not spoken about her vocation until she had just entered the convent. Once she entered she was always very devout and never wavered from her decision.*

*Sister Mary Daniel entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1940 and after Profession of Vows, she entered St. Joseph School of Nursing in Hamilton. She was a graduate of the class of 1947. One of her classmates was Sister Genevieve. (her cousin). She worked for one year at St. Mary's in Kitchener and then returned to St. Joseph's in Hamilton where she was assigned to the Operating Room. Sister Mary Daniel was the Supervisor in the O.R. in John Street Building and then Supervisor of the new Operating Room in Mary Grace Wing, that opened in 1962. There were 12 Operating Rooms. She approached Sister Virginia Hanlon to have specialty charge nurses. Sister Mary Daniel remained in the position of O.R. supervisor until 1972.*

*She completed post graduate courses in Operating Room Technique at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and Supervision and Management at the Western University in London, Ontario. When she retired from the Operating Room Sister served the congregation as the local superior of the Sisters at the hospital for 6 years. She then served as Superior of the Sisters and Administrator at the Motherhouse for the next 4 years. After taking a sabbatical for 1 year, she returned to the Motherhouse to act as hostess in the Spirituality Centre. She volunteered in the Chapel and Outpatients Department at St Josephs in Hamilton*

*She returned to the Motherhouse at St. Joseph's from 1987 – 1993 to be Sacristan. In 1999 ill health forced her retirement in 2005.*



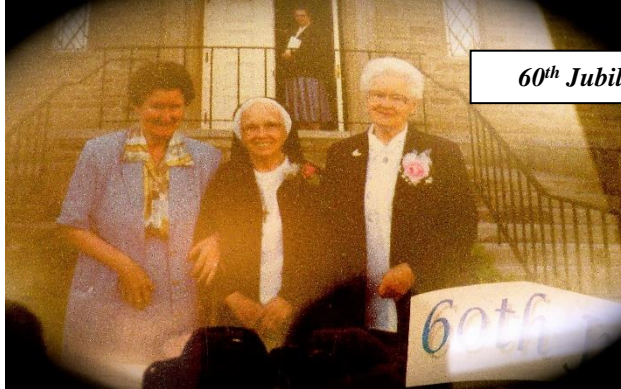
Sr. Mary Daniel '47



25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
Sr. Roberta'33   Sr. Venard'40   Sr Theresa Carmel   Sr. Mary Daniel '47



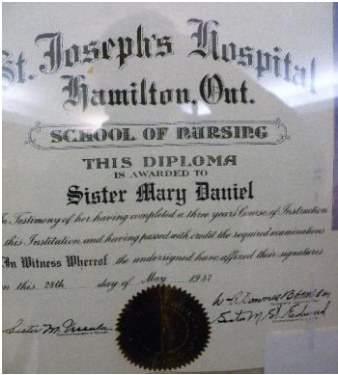
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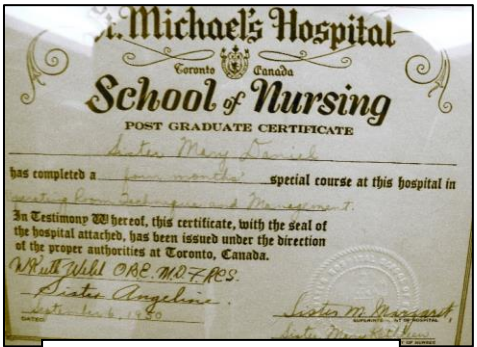
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Sister Mary Daniel with her sister Helen



Nursing Certificate 1947



O.R. Certificate 1950



*Genevieve Kirvan was the youngest child of 13 in her family. Her father was a carpenter. They lived in Elora Ontario and were of Irish descent. She entered the Convent in 1931 at age 14 and three years later took her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Three years later she took her final vows and was given her new name Sister Genevieve. Her older sister Mildred joined the St. Joseph's Order a few months before Genevieve. Her niece Sister Mary Daniel '47 joined the Sisters in 1940.*

*She worked at the Hamilton Boys Orphanage. She also worked as a registered nurse at St Joseph's Hamilton, St Mary's Hospital in Kitchener and at St Joseph's Hospital in Brantford, where she specialized in obstetrical care. She then cared for the aged in St Joseph's Villa in Dundas.*

*In the interview she talked about 1972 and “Habit”, changes from the traditional habit, to the modified habit with shorter veil and hair showing. Twelve years later, they threw it wide open. A nun could choose the traditional habit, the modified one or go all the way to contemporary. Sister Genevieve chose the street dress, soft colours and flowers. At 80, she got her ears pierced and wore pearls.*

*At age 63, Sister Genevieve served as Sister Superior. She talked about The Sisters of St Joseph coming to the city in 1852. In the 1960's there were 304 members. At the time of the interview there were 79 and the average age was 75. There had not been a new recruit for 15 years. She stated that the work goes on with the poor and the marginalized, talking about the "Out of the Cold Program"*



1972

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**CLASS OF 1947.....REUNION DAY 1997**

**Back row: left to right**  
**Winnie Walker Katherine Clark Eileen Hunter Eileen Mattice**

**Front row: left to right**  
**Sr Mary Daniel Sr Genevieve Bernice Lafitte**







**Muriel Simpson**     **Jane Simpson**     **Winnifred**  
**Murphy '51**        **O'Brien '49**     **Walker '47**  
*Reunion Day 2017*



**Sister Mary Daniel '47**  
*Reunion Day 2007*

*Reunion Day 1997*  
**Katharine Clark Towler '47** made the toast to the Alma Mater.  
**Katherine O'Brien Woods '47** made a presentation to **Sandra Campbell '64**, the Outgoing President.

*Reunion Day 1997*  
**Class of '47** (on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) presented an engraved gold-leaf "Pyx" in the hope that it would always remain in the Hospital Chapel or in a Catholic Church for the purpose of carrying the Host of the Sick. This gift was given to a poor Oblate Mission in the Canadian West.



**Winnifred Walker**     **Sister Mary Daniel**     **Sister Genevieve**     **Jean Reyburn**



**February Class of 1947     45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Left to right**  
**Sister Genevieve**     **Sister Mary Daniel**     **Winnie Walker**     **Eileen Hunter (Kelly)**  
**Bernice Lafitte (Moleski)**     **Katherine Clark (Towler)**     **Betty Holmes (Haslestad)**

**Left to right     September & February Class 1947**  
**Very Back row**     **Winnie Walker**     **Dorothy Chabot**  
**Middle row**     **? Betty Holmes**     **Jean Reyburn**     **Blanche Heysel**     **Ella Oliveri**     **Kay Klainku**  
                         **Ada Burkholder**     **Winnie Graham**     **Mary Marrin**     **Alice Callaghan**  
**Front Row**     **Eileen Hunter**     **Sister Genevieve**     **Lucy Dalicandro**     **Bernice Lafitte**





*Class of 1947*

*Back Row: Jessie Graham '48 Alice Callaghan '47 ? Katherine Clark '47 Bernice Jones '47  
Front row: Blanche Heysel '47 Winnie Walker '47 Lucy Dalicandro '47*



*Eileen Hunter '47 Winnifred Walker '47  
Reunion Day 2015*



*CLASS OF 1947*

*Back row: Alice Callaghan ? Eileen Hunter Winnie Walker Bernice Lafitte Kathleen Clark  
Front row: ? Bernice Jones Winnie Graham Dorothy Chabot Blanche Heysel Lucy Dalicandro*



*Left to right*

*Class of 1947*

*Front row: Katherine Clark Blanche Heysel Bernice Lafitte Dorothy Chabot Lucy Dalicandro  
Back row: Alice Callaghan Eileen Hunter Winnie Walker*



*Eileen Hunter '47 Winnifred Walker '47  
Reunion Day 2007*

*1962*

*CLASS of 1947 celebrating 15 years  
Marion Atkinson entertained at her home*

*Winnifred Graham*

*Lucy Dalicandro*

*Mrs Earl Woods*

*Mrs Ernest McKay*

*Mrs G. A. Lucianni*

*Mrs William Pluff*

*Mrs Hugo Speranzini*

*Mrs Albert Kahnert*

*Mrs William Ford*

*(Catherine O'Brien)*

*(Blanche Heysel)*

*(Joan Lobsinger)*

*(Adrienne Taylor)*

*(Sally Zakewsky)*

*(Alice Callaghan)*

*(Rita Harrigan)*

Miss Marion Atkinson, of Burlington, will entertain members of the class of 1947, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, at a patio party at her home this evening. The occasion will mark the class' 15th anniversary. Co-convenor with Miss Atkinson is Miss Winifred Graham, of Burlington.

Of interest will be a progressive letter, originated by Mrs. Earl Woods, Victoria, B.C., which contains short biographies of all class members, and has crossed the continent several times during its compiling.

Expected from out of town are: Mrs. Earl Woods, Victoria; Miss Lucy Dalicandro, Thorold; Mrs. Ernest McKay, London, Ont.; Mrs. G. A. Lucianni, Brantford; Mrs. William Pluff, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Mrs. Hugo Speranzini, Welland; Mrs. Albert Kahnert and Mrs. William Ford, both of Toronto.





*Class of 1947*

*Dorothy Rillett '47*

*1949 served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive on the Publicity Committee*

*1950 February*

*- she convened the Valentine's Day dance at Brant Inn with Chris Lot and his orchestra - \$3.00 per couple*



*Class of 1947*

*Celebrating 50 years*

*Reunion Day 1997*

*Left to right*

*Back row*

*Ada Burkholder Sister Mary Daniel ? Olga Kowalik Eileen Mattice Jean Reyburn Bernice Lafitte*

*Kay Klainku Winnie Walker*

*Middle row*

*Marjorie Tew'44 Bernice Jones Winnie Graham Dorothy Chabot Blanche Heysel*

*Front row*

*Lucy Dalicandro Catherine O'Brien Alice Callaghan*

*Reunion day 2016*

*Winifred Walker '47, Eileen Hunter '47, Theresa Lobsinger Walsh '45*







To the Grads of 1947

For those who were able to attend the Reunion Day Events but were unable to stay for the photos, and to those who were unable to attend the Reunion Day Events:

*Happy 70th Anniversary*



*Reunion Day 2017*



**Winnifred Walker '47**  
*Donated her full graduation uniform, cap, nylons, cape, etc to the Nurses Alumnae Archives*



**Winnifred Walker Eileen Hunter**





*Marygrove was built in 1869 at the corner of James Street South and St. Joseph's Drive. The hospital purchased Marygrove on September 15, 1947, for use as a nurses' residence. In 1960 it was demolished when construction of the new surgical building began.*

### **MARYGROVE**

*Originally the building was known as "Elmwood", owned by Senator Andrew T. Wood in 1875.*

*It was located at 265 James Street South.  
located at the corner of James St. and St. Joseph's Drive.*

*In 1947, the hospital purchased this property for use as a nurses residence.  
In 1960 it was demolished when construction of the new surgical wing began.*

### **OAKBANK**

*Located at 301 James Street South  
(corner of James St. and St. Joseph's Drive),*

*This home was originally built for John Stinson in the mid-1850s.  
It was named for the huge, very old, oak tree on the front yard.*

*Edward, the Prince of Wales, stayed at Oakbank in 1860  
when he attended the opening ceremonies of the city's waterworks system.*

*Oakbank was purchased in 1947 and used as a nurses residence  
until it was demolished in 1960.*





THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

HAMILTON CANADA SATURDAY MARCH 17 1945

# St. Joseph's Hospital to Erect 320-Bed Extension

*Feature of the plan for each unit is the service tower from which 4 wings radiate.*

*Located in the centre of the cross, the service tower allows centralization of services, leaving the wings free for patient accommodation.*

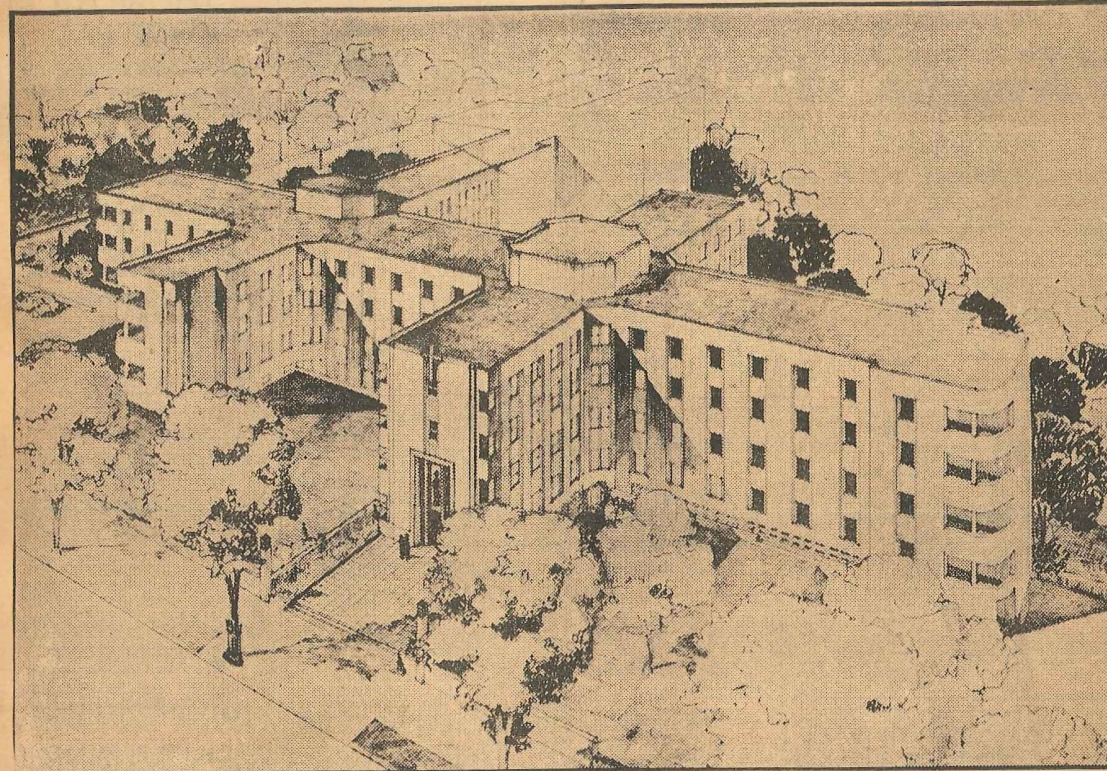
*In the service tower, will be elevators, nurses stations, nurses rooms, visitors rooms, diet kitchens, utility rooms and storage space.*

**Saturday May 3, 1947**

*The official opening of the hospital took place  
Saturday May 3, 1947.*

*Sister Superior St Edward extended an invitation for an  
"open house" on Sunday afternoon between  
1pm and 6pm*

*Open house also took place on Tuesday and Wednesday  
of the next week between 1:30pm and 5pm.*



**NEW ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL TO CONTAIN 400 BEDS**—Announcement is made to-day by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of an extensive building program to provide a modern hospital with 400 beds. The new hospital, embodying all that is modern and efficient in design, will rise on the site of the present hospital. The architect's sketch, reproduced here, gives an over-all picture of the development. Two new units are to be built, the northerly one to be commenced on Monday. When this is completed, construction of the second one, adjoining it on the south, will be undertaken. The southerly unit, to be built on the site of the present hospital, will be connected with what was formerly the surgical wing (top left in the sketch) and which now becomes an 80-bed maternity hospital. Casa Maria is to be abandoned and the old Young residence, which forms the administrative wing of the present hospital, will be torn down as construction progresses.



*The Sisters of St. Joseph  
cordially invite you to be present  
at the formal opening  
of the new  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Hamilton  
Saturday, May the third  
nineteen hundred and forty-seven  
at three o'clock P. M.*

**1990**

*This wing was renamed "Marion Wing"*



**John Street Building  
(cross shaped addition)**

**May 3, 1947**

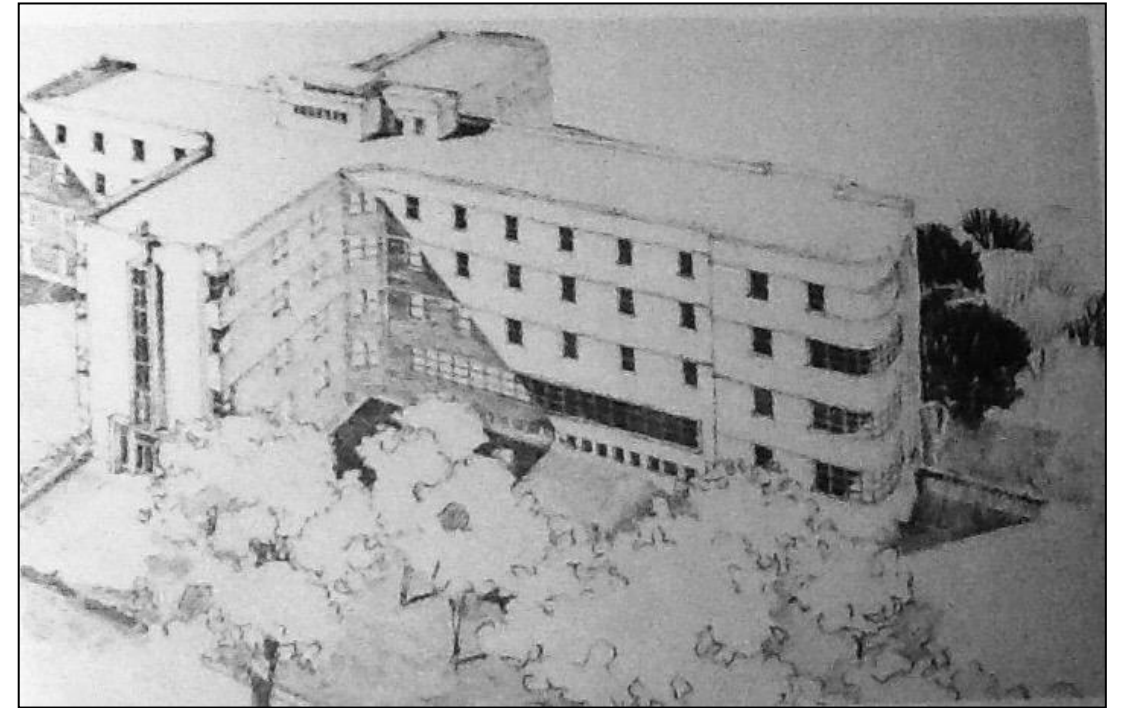
*The newly completed wing of St Joseph's Hospital was to be the site of a new chapel but the demand for increased bed space made it inadvisable. A new and much larger chapel would be built in the second wing of the hospital*

*Mass was celebrated by His Excellency the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton.  
Mass was celebrated in a temporary altar in the main foyer.*

*About a thousand guests were expected to attend the reception and tea following the formal opening of the new wing of St Joseph Hospital.*

*They were received by Rev. Sister Mary St. Edward, Superintendent of the hospital, Sister M. Irene and Mrs S.H. O'Brien, President of St. Joseph's Auxiliary.*

*Guests were escorted through the new hospital section by nurses in uniform under the supervision of Sister M. Ursula Superintendent of nurses.*



*“Cross shaped” Hospital Addition located between Charlton Avenue, John St. S. and St. Joseph's Drive had the main entrance facing John Street.  
The new addition increased accommodation to 394 patients.*

*Patient rooms were in the 4 wings with a central rotunda which housed elevators, nursing stations, kitchen, utility and storage space.*

*All sterile supplies for the floors were taken care of in a central supply room where a complete sterilization unit was installed.*

*2 dumb waiters were installed on the ground floor.*

*..1 for clean supplies to be sent to patient areas.*

*..1 for soiled articles to be returned for processing.*

*There were 7 air conditioned operating rooms on the top floor .*

*There was also a 6 bed recovery room and an x-ray suite with portable units.*

*The emergency department was located on the lower floor*