



**REUNION DAY 2019**

**CLASS of 1944**

**CELEBRATING 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

GRADUATION 1944



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Left to right: Velva Metcalfe Gertrude Hazelton Alice Hyslop Anne Lewkoski Isobel Laing Margaret Smylski Betty Ball Joyce Ball Gerarda Clarke  
Regetta Fisher Catherine McDonald Marian Wheeler Elsie Born Aileen McNamara Catherine Boyle Beverly Birrell Margaret Peart Joyce Thornton  
Helen McCombs Edith Lynch Margaret Cook Jean Hodgins Mary Rampado Anna Quincey Betty Brown Edith Brown Evelyn Holterman  
Barbara Poulin Mary Eileen Grace Gwen Smidbauer

Absent from photo: Sister Rita Paul Fischer  
Gertrude Hazelton (Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton)

Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital  
School of Nursing

Nurses' Residence  
"Undermount"

3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17th

1944

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.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP

MAYOR LAWRENCE

H. J. PORTER, M.D.

President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

REV. F. J. BRENNAN, S.T.L.

Chaplain of the Ontario Conference  
of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States  
and Canada

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Presentation of Prizes

Programme

Prize for General Proficiency  
Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.)  
Presented by Mrs. Playfair.

MISS MARGARET SMYLSKI

Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing  
Given by F. Woodhall, M.B.  
Presented by Mrs. Woodhall.

MISS MARGARET B. BROWN

Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination  
Given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C.)  
Presented by Miss Rosa Parry.

MISS ALICE HYSLOP

Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination  
Given by William Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Downes.

MISS JOYCE THORNTON

Prize for Public Health Nursing  
Given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts.  
Presented by Mrs. Roberts.

MISS ELIZABETH BALL

Prize for Professional Ethics  
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Sullivan.

MISS JOYCE THORNTON

Prize for Nursing and Examination in Preventive Medicine  
Given by A. C. Martin, M.B.  
Presented by Miss Margaret M. Martin.

MISS ELIZABETH BALL

Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination  
Given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Cauley.

MISS REGATTA FISHER

Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination  
Given by William Jamieson, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Jamieson.

MISS MARY RAMPADO

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. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E.)  
Presented by Mrs. Whytock.

MISS MARGARET SMYLSKI

Prize for Anatomy and Physiology  
Given by W. A. Weaver, M.D.C.M., and  
R. J. Fraser, M.D.  
Presented by Mrs. Weaver.

MISS MARGARET PEART

Prize for Clinical Pathology  
Given by John Tilden, M.D.  
Presented by Mrs. John Balfe.

MISS MARY RAMPADO

GOD SAVE THE KING

GRADUATES 1944

Elizabeth Ball  
Joyce Ball  
Beverly Birrell  
Elsie Born  
Catherine Boyle  
Edith Brown  
Margaret Betty Brown  
Gerarda Clark  
Margaret Cook  
Regetta Fisher  
Mary Eileen Grace  
Gertrude Hazelton  
Jean Hodgins  
Evelyn Holterman  
Alice Hyslop  
Isobel Laing  
Anne Lewkowski  
Edith Lynch  
Helen McCombs  
Catherine McDonald  
Aileen McNamara  
Velva Metcalfe  
Barbara Poulin  
Margaret Peart  
Anna Quinsey  
Mary Rampado  
Guineve Smidbauer  
Margaret Smylski  
Joyce Thomson  
Marion Wheeler  
Sister Rita Paul Fischer

Class of 1944



Regetta Fisher'44

# New Graduates Face Significant Changes

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Impressive Ceremonies at Graduation of St. Joseph's Nurses—Dr. H. J. Porter Foresees More Nursing in Homes—Tribute Paid Rev. Sister Mary Grace

**N**URSES graduating in these days are graduating into an era of unique significance to the nursing profession in view of the fact that an immense amount of consideration is being given to plans for the future health of the nation, declared Rev. F. J. Brennan, S.L.T., chaplain of the Ontario Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association for the United States and Canada and vice-president of St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ont., during his address to the graduating class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing yesterday afternoon at Undermount.

**Canada's Position**  
While Rev. Father Brennan pointed out that Canada at present is vastly in arrears in the health field, he believed that she would be, in post-war years, in a particularly advantageous position among the nations of the world to remedy this situation. "We shall be better able to venture out into these social schemes than the nations which are suffering the great destruction of war," he said. The fact that schemes for social security are being given much study at the present time, he felt, gave assurance that whatever is embarked upon in the future will have been thoroughly tested as to its soundness.

Extending congratulations on behalf of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine, Dr. H. J. Porter, its president, also expressed appreciation for the understanding and skilled leadership given to the training of nurses by Rev. Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of the Nursing School. He described the arduous term of training and felt gratified that in spite of the severe shortage of nurses, the standard of training had not been lowered.

The speaker emphasized the importance of education, not as an end in itself, but as enabling the individual to achieve a development of his mental and spiritual powers which will increase his own happiness in this life, contribute more to human happiness in general, and lead men to Almighty God. He reminded those graduating of the value and thoroughness of the nurse's education. He urged them both to a determination to fit themselves further for more skilled fields of health service, and to widen their vision beyond the personal to being vitally interested in the progress of the organization with which they may work.

Dr. Porter foresaw in the near future a reversal of the present tendency towards hospitalized medical treatment, when, with possible changes in medical services, the nursing of the future would be done more in the home.

**Bishop Speaks**  
The presentation of diplomas was made by His Excellency Most Rev. Joseph F. Ryan, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton, while Rev. Sister Mary Grace pinned on each graduate's pin. In speaking briefly, His Excellency congratulated the young women graduating, their parents and the nurses of St. Joseph's. He urged each graduating nurse to adhere to the teachings of the school and the medical knowledge gained, and impressed them with the honour and high privilege that is theirs to minister to humanity and engage in Christ-like activity. He wished them God's blessing in all their endeavours.

**Civic Greetings**  
His Worship, Mayor Samuel Lawrence, congratulated the class and told of the great need of graduate nurses, not only in this city but throughout the province and Dominion, as well as in the military services. He expressed the hope that many of those graduating might choose to serve in this city, or, at least, in this province.

Dr. W. P. Downes, chairman of the hospital staff, presided, and welcomed the guests of honour, relatives and friends who filled the auditorium. A number of the clergy were among those present. Prize winners were presented with their awards, as previously reported in these columns, as were also the names of the graduating class.



Sister St Albin  
Joyce Ball'44



Catherine Boyle'44



**ST. JOSEPH'S PRIZE-WINNERS**—Eight members of the graduating class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing have been awarded prizes for outstanding work in various branches of nursing skill. These prizes will be presented to-morrow afternoon at the graduation exercises at Undermount. Winners shown above are: Top row (left to right)—Miss Regetta Fisher, for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by Dr. A. A. Cauley, to be presented by Mrs. Cauley; Miss Joyce Thornton, for medical nursing and examination, given by Dr. William Downes, to be presented by Mrs. Downes; also for professional ethics, given by Dr. H. J. Sullivan, to be presented by Mrs. Sullivan; Miss Mary Rampado, for gynaecological nursing and examination, given by Dr. William Jamieson, to be presented by Mrs. Jamieson; also for clinical pathology, given by Dr. John Tilden, to be presented by Mrs. John Balfie; Miss Betty Ball, for nursing and exam-

ination in preventive medicine, given by Dr. A. C. Martin, to be presented by Miss Margaret Martin; also for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts, to be presented by Mrs. Roberts. Lower row (left to right)—Miss Margaret Peart, for anatomy and physiology, given by Dr. W. A. Weaver and Dr. R. J. Fraser, to be presented by Mrs. Weaver; Miss Margaret Smylski for general proficiency, given by Dr. L. L. Playfair, to be presented by Mrs. Playfair; also for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by Dr. W. L. Crewson and Dr. H. W. Whytock, to be presented by Mrs. Whytock; Miss Alice Hyslop, for surgical nursing and examination, given by Dr. John R. Farry, to be presented by Miss Rosa Farry; Miss Betty Brown for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by Dr. Frank Woodhall, to be presented by Mrs. Woodhall.

—Photos by Hubert Beckett.

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### Director of Nursing



Sister M. Celestine (left), who has been director of nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital since 1969, has been appointed director of St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Miss Margaret Louise Peart of Burlington (right) will succeed Sister Celestine as director of nursing at the hospital. Both appointments are effective tomorrow.

Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43

Margaret Peart '44