

REUNION DAY 2021

CLASS OF 1956

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

GRADUATION May 30, 1956

The Sisters of St. Joseph

and the Graduating Class of

nineteen hundred and fifty-six

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present at the

Graduation Exercises

Wednesday afternoon, May thirtieth

at three o'clock

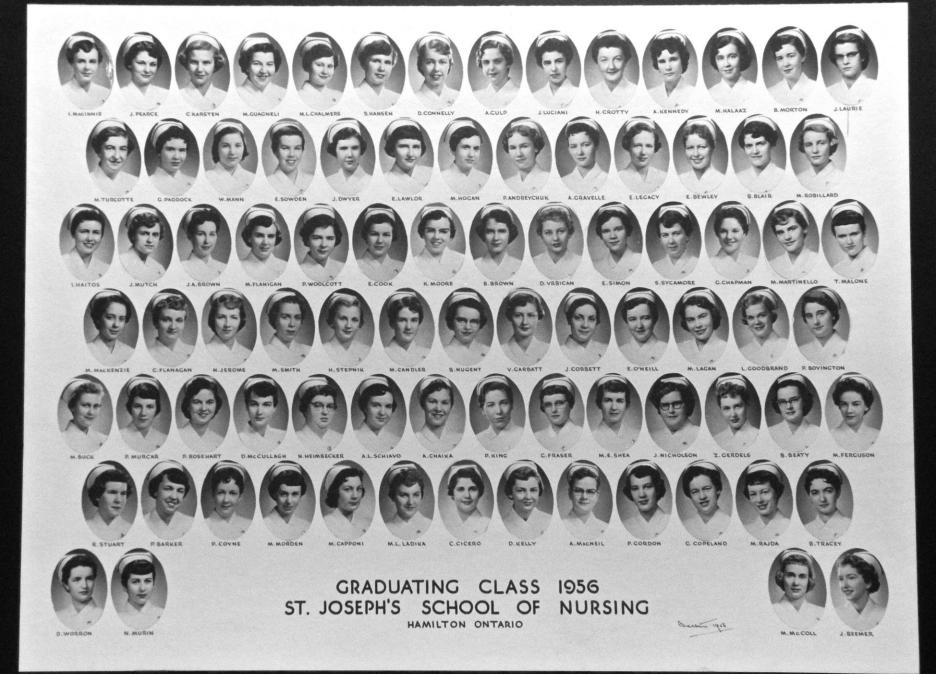
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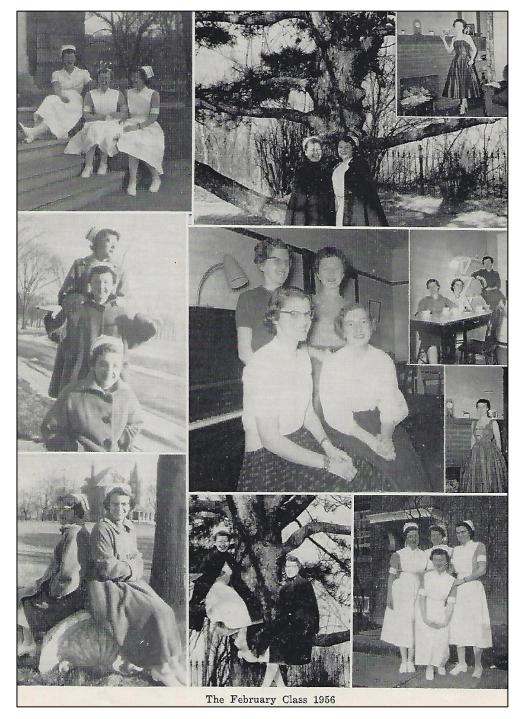
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Hamilton

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FEBRUARY CLASS 1956

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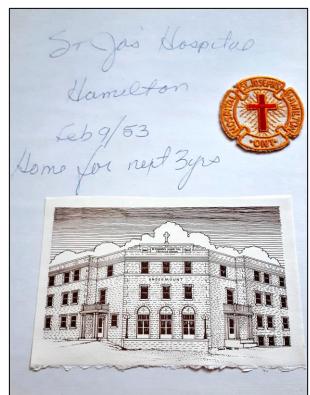


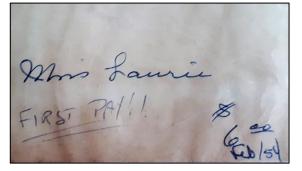
Helen Crotty '56



Judith Laurie '56

Home for the next 3 years February 9, 1953





First Pay \$6.00 February 1954

February Class 1956



Count the day lost, whose low descending sun,
View from thy hand, no worthy action down. Stamford

HELEN CROTTY

We do not choose our own parts in life and have nothing to do with those parts. Our duty is confined to playing them well.

Epictetus

spoken in vain, while witty experience to our knowledge, spoken in vain, while with sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping from a broken string. and brings the figures on the tablet of memory into strong relief. Tuckerman

Tupper

VIRGINIA GARBATT

In the career of female fame, there are few prizes to be obtained which can vie with the obscure state of a beloved wife or a happy mother.







Class of 1956 Joan Mary Ann Helen Jeanette Beemer Pearce Turcotte Crotty



MARGARET HALASZ

Contemporaries appreciate the man rather than the merit; but posterity will re-gard the merit rather than the man.



JOSEPHINE LUCIANI

You will find that the mere resolve not to be useless, and the honest desire to help other people, will, in the quickest and delicatest ways, improve yourself.





CAROLE KARSTEN

Experience has convinced me that there is a thousand times more goodness, wisdom, and love in the world than men imagine.

Gehles



IRENE MACINNIS

Life is made up, not of great sacrifice or duties, but of title things, in which smiles, and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. Davey



JUDITH LAURIE

Good nature is the beauty of the mind, and like personal beauty, wins almost without anything else sometimes in-deed, inspite of positive de-

Hanway



WANDA MANN

He was in love with his work, and he felt the enthusiasm for it which nothing but the work we can do well inspires

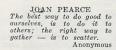
Howells

February Class 1956



KATHERINE MOORE
The more accurately we search into the human mind, the stronger traces we everywhere find of the wisdom of Him who made it.

Burk



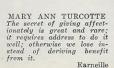


Anonymous



BEVERLEY MORTON
If you are but content you have enough to live upon with comfort.

Plautus



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The Nightingale Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly:

To pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my profession.

Mith loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and denote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

May 28/53.



Tribute to Reverend Anthony J. O'Brien

How many times do we say to someone in need, "I haven't time?" How often do we use this petty excuse when deep in our hearts we know we do have time.

There is among us, one, who has time, (or rather makes time) for everyone of us:—time to bestow a friendly smile that floods the heart with the pure joy of living or gives a cheerful greeting as we hurriedly change from duty to duty. Always the first to give encouragement, or a friendly word of advice, or a promise of remembrance in his prayers, he holds a special place in our lives which no one else can fill

Yes, Reverend Anthoný J. O'Brien, our hospital chaplain, and dearest friend, you have always found time for everyone, especially the students.

We, the graduating class of 1956 bequeath this blessing to you. "May God bestow upon you His choicest blessings and keep you always, in His constant care."

CECILIA FLANAGAN.

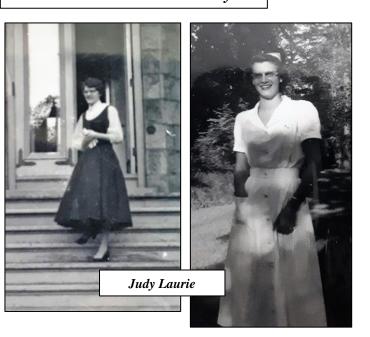
Tribute to Reverend Anthony J. O. O'Brien Written by Cecilia Flanagan '56







Judith Laurie '56 & Helen Crotty '56



THE NURSE

The world grows better year by year, Because some nurse in her little sphere, Puts on her apron and grins and sings, And keeps on doing the same old things.

Taking the temperatures, giving the pills To remedy mankind's numberless ills; Feeding the baby, answering the bells Being polite with a heart that rebels.

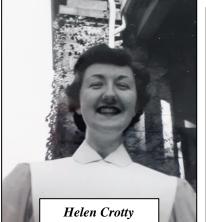
Longing for home and all the while Wearing the same old professional smile; Blessing the new born babe's first breath Closing the eyes that are still in death.

Taking the blame for the doctor's mistakes, Oh Dear, what a lot of patience it takes; Going off duty at seven o'clock Tired, discouraged, and ready to drop.

But called back on special at seven fifteen
With woe in her heart, but it must not be seen,
Morning and evening, and noon and night.
Just doing it over and hoping it's right.

When we lay down our caps and cross the bar Oh Lord, will you give us just one little star, To wear in our crowns with our uniforms, new In that city above, where the Head Nurse is you.







1956 Ward assignments were reduced from 12 hours to 8 hour shifts, initiated with the class of 1958. Second year students were off the wards for longer periods with no commitment to service.

All formal classes were completed in the first two years.

The third year was dedicated to service.

On the steps at Marygrove 1954



Mary Rajda & Helen Crotty



Betty Blair



Helen Crotty & Judy Laurie



Mary Rajda, Betty Blair, Helen Crotty



Mary Rajda, Irene MacInnis

Sister Virginia, Director of the School of Nursing, was instrumental in obtaining more educational class time for the nurses and the hiring of more clinical instructors.

Instructors were sent to University for Diplomas in Nursing Education.

More qualified teachers became available for clinical teaching.

A great deal of the teaching took place in the hospital setting.



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



Sister Edna, Sister Caroline '59 Sister Rita Wiggins '54, Sister Benigna



Helen Crotty



Mary Rajda, Helen Crotty, Cathy Moore, Marion Morden

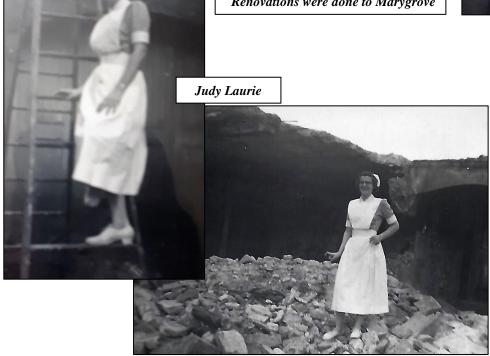


Judy Laurie with the Statue at Marygrove





Renovations were done to Marygrove





Helen Crotty





Patricia Barker Barbara Brown Betty Beaty Patricia Boyington Jo-Ann Brown Mary Buck Margaret Candler Marie Capponi Arlene Chaika Mary Lou Chalmers Gail Chapman Constance Cicero Diane Connelly Elizabeth Cook Gwendolyn Copeland Janice Corbett Patricia Coyne Alma Culp Joanne Dwyer Cecilia Flanagan Margaret Flanigan Marlene Ferguson Catherine Fraser Zaiga Gerdels Lois Goodbrand Patricia Gordon Arlene Gravelle Maria Guagneli Irene Haitos Sylvia Hansen Nancy Heimbecker Monica Hogan Norma Jerome Doreen Kelly Anne Kennedy

Patricia King

Mary Lou Ladika Margaret Lagan Eleanor Lawlor Ethel Legacy Ann LoSchiavo Anne MacNeil Marjorie MacKenzie Teresa Malone Margaret Martinello Marilyn McColl Deirdre McCullagh Patricia Murcar Nancy Murin Joan Mutch June Nicholson Bernice Nugent Eleanor O'Neill Grace Paddock Margaret Robillard Patricia Rosehart Mary Ellen Shea Margaret Simon Mary Anne Smith Elizabeth Snowden Helen Stepnik Rae Stuart Shirley Sycamore Beverley Tracey Doreen Vrbican Patricia Woolcott Donna Worron Sister Raymond Marie

Sister M. St. John Sister Maris Stella

September Class 1956

Sr. RAYMOND MARIE: S.S.N.D.

So nigh to grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man, -When duty whispers low, "Thou Must." The youth replies, "I Can."

Sr. St. JOHN; C.S.J.

To find out the poor, to forgive the wicked, to sympathize with those who suffer, to be kind to all; such is the human mercy, which draws God's mercy on us.

Sr. MARIS STELLA; C.S.J.

I sought to hear the voice of God, And climbed the topmost steeple. And climbed the rypmus surprise
But God declared: "Go down again,
I dwell among the people."
Louis Newman



BETTY ANN BEAT

When the ancients s work well begun was done, they meant to in the importance of endeavouring to make beginning.



PATRICIA BOYING

Honest good humor is and wine of a merry m and there is no jovial panionship equal to where the jokes are and the laughter abu Washington



Sister Eileen Morrissey '56 (a.k.a. Sister Raymond Marie '56) & Sister Dorothy Goetz, '73 at the 100 year celebration Alumnae School of Nursing 2015



Sister St. John '56



PATRICIA ANDERERYCHUK

Amiable people, though often subject to imposition in their contact with the world, yet radiate so much sunshine that they are reflected in all appreciative hearts.



PATRICIA BARKER

Have a purpose in life, and having it throw into your work such strength of mind and muscle as God has given





BARBARA BROWN

- He that will not reason is a
- bigot, He that cannot reason is a
- He that dares not reason is a slave. Anonymous

JO-ANN BROWN



MARIE CAPPONI

Now that is the wisdom if a man in every instance of his labour, to hitch his wagon to a star, and see his share done by the gods themselves. R. W. Emerson



ARLENE CHAIKA

Nothing ever happens to the world which did not first happen inside the mind of some man.

Fulton J. Sheen



MARY BUCK

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated. Therefore live ev-ery day as if it were the last. Bp. Hall



MARY LOU CHALMERS

The crowning fortune of some man is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness.

Emerson



GAIL CHAPMAN

The rung of the ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other foot some-

Thomas Henry Huxley





15th Anniversary Blue Cross Hospital Plan Joanne Dwyer '56, Arlene Chalka '56 Mary Alice Thompson, Carol Irvine

BLUE CROSS BIRTHDAY - Four pretty | Plan. Shown above, left to right, they are

Druch 22, 1956.

nurses from

here mak niversary



CONSTANCE CICERO

The highest and the most lofty trees have the most reason to fear the thunder. Charles Rollin



JANICE CORBETT

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves har piest, when others share their happiness with them.



DIANNE CONNELLY

The secret of success in life, is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it ar-Disraeli



PATRICIA COYNE

Humour is of a genial quality; dwells in the same character with pathos, and is always with pathos, and is unwey mingled with sensibility.

Gile



ELIZABETH COOK

If all our misfortunes were laid in the common heap whence everyone must take an equal share, most people would be contented to take their own and depart.



ALMA CULP

Contentment is a pearl o great price, and who procures it at the expense of a thou-sand desires makes a wise and happy purchase.



JOANNE DWYER

A mind full of piety and knowledge is always rich; it is a bank that never fails; it yields a perpetual dividend of happiness.

G. H. Lewes





CECILE FLANNIGAN

The golden moments in the stream of life rush us by, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us and we only know them when they are gone.





ZAIGA GERDELS

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone. A. D. Thoreau





LOIS GOODBRAND

Remembered joys are never past; at once the fountain, stream and sea, they were, they are, they yet shall be. J. Montgomery



PATRICIA GORDON

With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh, I should die.



MARLENE FERGESON

Revelation is a telescope kind-ly given us, through which reason should look up to the

heavens.

The reflections on a day well spent furnish us with joys more pleasing than ten thou-sand triumphs.

Thomas à Kempis



ARLENE GRAVELLE

The heights by great men reached and kept Were not attained by sudden flight, But they, while their

companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the

Longfellow





Constance Cicero '56 explains the croupette to Mrs W. Weaver President of the Hospital Auxillary



MARIA GUAGNELLI

The wealth of a man, is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.
Carlyle



MONICA HOGAN

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset two golden hours, set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered as they are gone forever.





IRENE HAITOS

Pleasure comes from without, but joy comes from within, and is therefore, within the reach of everyone. Fulton J. Sheen



NORMA JEROME

Philosophy is the art and law of life, and it teaches us what to do in all cases, and like good markmen, to hit the white at any distance.



SYLVIA HANSEN

A wise man is never less alone, than when he is alone.



DOREEN KELLY

It is not for man to rest i absolute contentment. He i born to hopes and aspiration. as the sparks fly upward, unless he has beautified his nature and quenched the spirit of immortality which is his portion.



NANCY HEINBECKER

If, instead of a gem or even a flower we would east the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as angels

G. Mac Donald



ANN KENNEDY

Hope springs eternal in the human breast: Man never is, but always t

The soul uneasy and confined

from home, Rests and expiates in a lifto come.



PATRICIA KING

When a man assumes a public trust, he should con-sider himself as public property.

Thomas Jefferson



ETHEL LEGACY

The greatest please I know, is to do a good action by stealth, and have it found out by accident.



MARY LOU LADIKA

Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to die, even the undertake will be

Mark Twain



ANNE LO SCHIAVO

He that does good to another, does also good to himself, not only in the consequence, but in the very act of doing it; for the consciousness of well doing is an ample reward.



MARGARET LAGAN

My mind can take no hold on the present world nor rest in it a moment, but my whole nature rushes onward with irresistable force towards a future and better state of being.

Fichte



ANNE MACNEIL

Caution is crediting, and re-serve in speaking, and in re-vealing one's self to but a very few, are the best secur-ities both of a good under-standing with the world, and of the inward peace of our own minds. own minds.

Thomas à Kempis



ELEANOR LAWLOR

You travel the world in search for happiness, which is within the reach of everyman; a contented mind confers it all.

Horace



MARJORIE MACKENZIE

A man has two reasons for doing anything, a good reason and the real reason. J. M. Morgan





Fire Drill Instruction 1955 Helen Stepnik '56 Margaret Candler '56 Dena Tonelli '57



TERESA MALONE

The true source of cheerfulness is benevolence. The soul that perpetually overflows with kindness and sympathy will always be cheerful. A. Rhodes



PATRICIA MURCAR

Most of the shadows in th life are caused by standi



MARGARET MARTINELLO

He is the richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of



NANCY MURIN

We should give as we woul receive, cheerfully, quickly and without hesitation; fo there is no grace in a benefithat sticks to the fingers.



MARILYN McCOL

When it is found that much is omitted, let it not be forgotten that much likewise is also preformed.

Samuel Johnson



JOAN MUTCH

Good nature is the very of a good mind; the sign of a large and generous sou and the peculiar soil when

virtue prospers.



DEIRDRE McCULLAGH

Wit is not leveled so much at the muscles as the heart, and the latter will sometimes laugh when there is not a single wrinkle on the cheek. Lyttleton

JUNE NICHOLSON

The happiness of this lift does not consist in the ab-sence, but in the mastery of his passions.
Afred Lord Tennys



BERNICE NUGENT

4 true man never frets about his place in the world, but just slides into it by the gravitation of his nature, and swings there easily as

E. H. Chopin



PATRICIA ROSEHART

Life is a tragedy wherein we sit as spectators awhile and then act out our own part



ELEANOR O'NEIL

If I can put one touch of a rosy sunset, into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with

G. MacDonald



MARY ELLEN SHEA

Genuine good taste consists in saying much in few words, in choosing among our thoughts, in having order and arrangement in what we say, and in speaking with com-

Fenelon



MARGARET SIMON

Every step of progress the world has been made from scaffold, to scaffold, and from stake to stake.



GRACE PADDOCK

He wears his faith, but as the fashion of his hat; it ever changes with the next

Shakespeare



Nothing that is given in the spirit of generosity is ever

Fulton J. Sheen



MARGARET ROBILLARD He that fights and runs May turn and fight another day.
But he that is in battle slain, Will never rise to fight

Anonymous



MARY ANN SMITH



GREETINGS

to our

1956 GRADUATES

Relatives, friends and former patients sent congratulatory messages, flowers and gifts on Graduation Day in recognition of your accomplishment. As they watched you receiving your pin and diploma, they visualized you as smiling, self-sacrificing Nightingales on the hospital wards, caring for those who awaited your ministrations, efficiently and sympathetically.

As nurses you saw another side of the picture. You remembered the long, weary hours spent in training: the strange words of the textbooks, the lonely stretches of night duty, the floor routine. You could have told of the "difficult" patients, the moments of discouragement when an examination was failed, a favourite patient was taken by death, or when weary feet gave you the feeling that "this day will never end".

You could have told them, too, of the glory of achievement, the peace and content which comes from difficult tasks well carried out, the warmth of heart enkindled by the satisfaction of bringing relief and comfort to those who suffer. You might have mentioned, though it is unlikely that you realized it at the time, that this experience of achievement is all too seldom enjoyed by modern day youth outside your profession. Nurses, you see, are a special class of people.

Nursing is not for the mediocre; care of the sick demands the best. Broken health, as you have observed, it not the only symptom which the nurse encounters in caring for the sick. The crushing weight of the troubles and vicissitudes of modern life is responsible for the illness of a growing number who come under the nurse's care, and for these in particular, faith, hope, courage, peace of mind and heart and stimulating interests are important factors in rehabilitation. To a great extent the patient will look to her for help in acquiring them.

The words of Pius XI, speaking to members of the medical and nursing professions in 1925 are as true today as then: "We are living in times when unenlightened heroism is not enough". He saw clearly the need of scientific knowledge and specialized training: "Love your sick and care for them with devotion. Look after them intelligently and scientifically. Treat their ailments in the best possible way. Proceeding in this natural order, you will inspire the confidence and trust which will prepare the mind for higher and supernatural things... Use all means at your disposal to make them experience in themselves that your religion is truly inspired by self-sacrificing love."

This is your task - this is your vocation.

THE SISTERS OF

Greetings to our 1956 Graduates From the Sisters of St Joseph's Hospital



ELIZABET SOWDEN

To improve the golden moment of opportunity and catch the good that is within our reach, is the great art of life.

Johnson



BEVERLEY TRACEY

Let us all be happy and liv within our means, even if u have to borrow money to d



HELEN STEPNIK

Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we pretend and profess, to perform what we promise and really be what we would seem and appear to be.

Tillotson



DOREEN VRBICAN

Men heaps together the mis takes of their lives, an create a monster they ca destiny.



RAE STEWART

There is something that is much more scarce, something finer by far, something rarer than ability. It is to recognize ability.

Hubbard

SHIRLEY SYCAMORE

Every man should use his

intellect not as he uses his

lamp in the study, lighthouse

uses its lamps, that those

afar off sea, may see the shining and learn the way. H. W. Beecher



PATRICIA WOOLCOTT

Fear not that thy life sha come to an end, but rathe fear that it shall never hav a beginning.



DONNA WORRON

There is no road too long the man who advances d liberately and without und haste; no honours too dista to the man who prepares hi for them with patience.







Mary Smith '56 Christmas 1955



Class of 1956-----Christmas 1953
Patricia Barbara Zaiga Arlene Mary
Boyington Brown Gerdels Chalka Smith

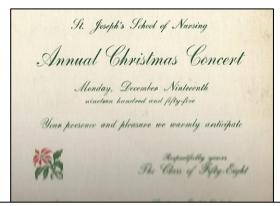


Rita Mills'56 Norma Jerome'56 Christmas 1953

Cap 82 Girls For Training

Yesterday provided one of the occasions which the new nurses in-training at St. Joseph's Hostin-training at St. Joseph's Hostin-training at St. Joseph's Hostin-training at St. Joseph's Hostin-training they were give their caps, and also a Christmas surprise of a week's hold days, and in the evening the presented a delightful concert of Christmas numbers in the Nurses' Residence.

At the quiet, serious ceremony in the morning, the 8 young women in the Class of 1956 were presented with their caps by Sister M. Geraldine, stoperintendent of St. Joseph's Hopital, and then, led by Siste M. Bonaventure, director on nurses, recited the Florent Chightingale pledge. Each was given a pretty corsage to commemorate the day they habeen hoping for as indication that they had passed the presented the serious corresponding to the correspo



Christmas Concert December 19, 1955 Invitation from the class of 1958

In the morning the new nurses in training were given their caps, and also a Christmas surprise of a week's holidays and in the evening they presented a delightful concert of Christmas numbers in the Nurses Residence.

DECEMBER Christmas Concert. December 19-20, 1955.

During the Yuletide season a beautiful Christmas concert was held in the auditorium. The introduction to the program was given by Miss A. Chambers, president of the class of '58.

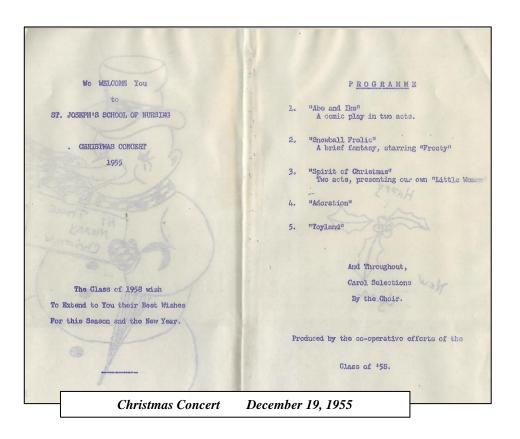
There were many enjoyable plays put on by the students and of course to make the evening complete the never-tiring inspiring "Nativity Scene."

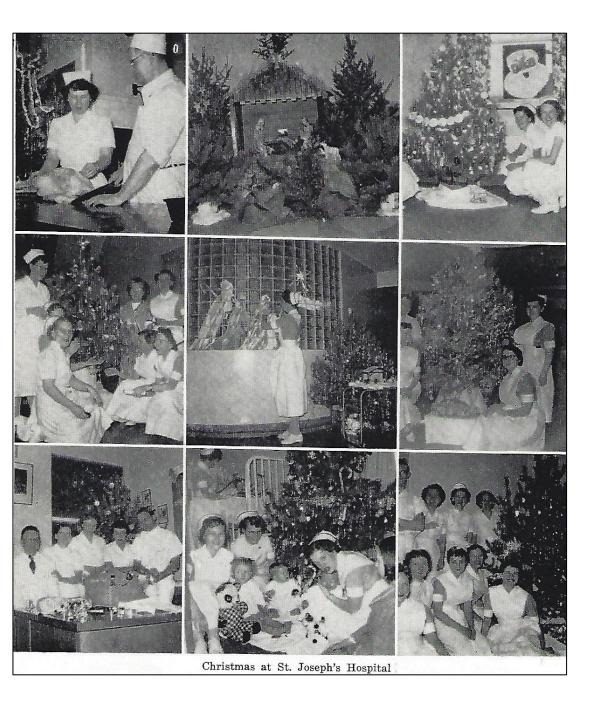
Solos were sung by Florence Chawhan and Mary Cino.

On the closing night Santa appeared telling of the Nurses many dark deep secrets and giving out gifts.

The February class of '56 were presented with their rings and the September class of '56 were given their school pins.

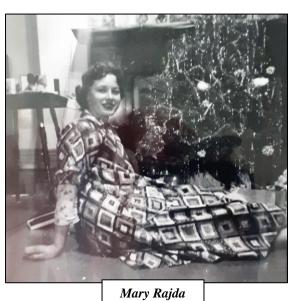
All students received white stockings from the Sisters of St. Joseph.

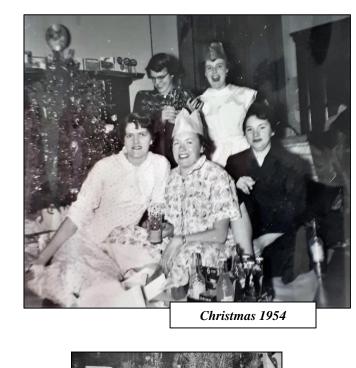














Joanne Brown '56









A Day in the Life of a Student Nurse



"Gail Chapman, formerly of Hamilton and now of California has returned here for nursing training and is now in her second year at St Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

The Hamilton Spectator offers a pictorial essay on a day in her busy life."







Miss Gail Chapman, formerly of Hamilton and now of California, has returned here for nursing training and is now in her second year at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Here Spectator cameraman Jack Hourigan offers a pictorial essay on a day in her busy life.

Published in the Hamilton Spectator 1955

Mr. & Mrs. L. K. Chapman came from California to attend the graduation exercises of their daughter Gail chapman.











Ready for Dinner



On the stairs of Marygrove





Mary Rajda, Mary Anne Turcotte



Judy Laurie, Helen Crotty, Mary Rajda

Conventions

SODALITY CONVENTION

Assumption College played host to the many delegates attending the Summer School of Catholic Action. For the first time in eight years, one of the seven sessions of S.S.C.A. was held in Canada, and was attended by enthusiastic young men and women from both Canada and the United States. Conducted by the Fesuit Fathers, the Convention offered a great variety of lectures, all of which provided stimuli for thought. Not only did they increase our knowledge, but they made realize the tremendous responsibility of the Catholic lay apostolate.

Miss Anne Armstrong and I consider ourselves very fortunate in being able to attend S.S.C.A. and hope it will enable us to conduct a better Sodality next year.

ANNE LOSCHIAVO.

Anne LoSchiavo'56



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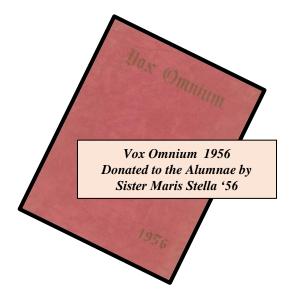
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The mem'ry of the past will stay, And half our joys renew.



During the past year many activities were arranged by the Student Council. Among these were three enjoyable dances held in the classroom in Undermount Residence. The first of which we called the Snowball Hop with decorations that were unique: blue lighting for an effect and frosted evergreen trees. Valentine's Day was celebrated with another called "Cupid Capers." Our last dance was held in May for the Graduating Class and this was "The Spring Frolic."



Irene MacInnis & Mary Radja



Student Council

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Norma Jerome '56 Lois Goodbrand '56 Carol Hoffman 57 Betty Beatty '56 Patricia LaFlamme '57

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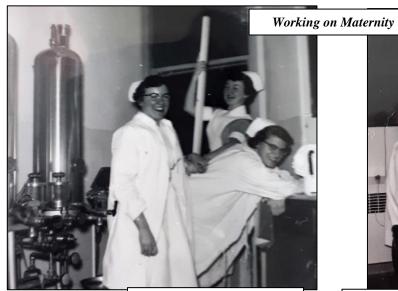
Social Activities

OCTOBER Hallowe'en Party.

The hostesses of the party were the class of '56 and Miss Norma Jerome was the Master of Ceremonies. There was a Grand Masquerade and prizes were given for the best costumes.

The entertainment included a poem given by Miss-McClymont, songs by the Senior class, songs by the class of '58, and a dance by the Intermediate class.

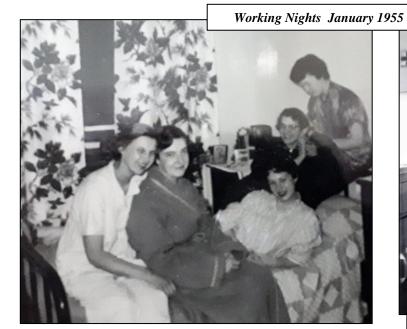




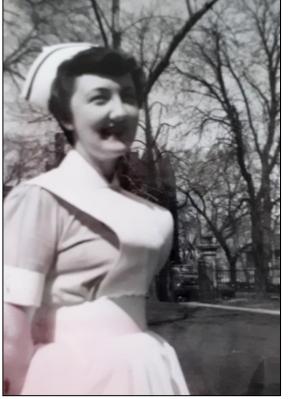
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Helen Crotty '56



BLACK BANDS

on the steps of Marygrove February 1955

BACK ROW: Betty Blair, Judy Laurie

SECOND ROW: Mary Rajda, Irene MacInnis, Carole Karsten, Marion Morden

THIRD ROW: Wanda Mann, Joan Pearce,

Beverly Morton, Helen Crotty,

Marianne Turcott

FRONT ROW: Jeanette Beemer, Virginia Garbutt,

Betty Bewley, Kathy Moore,

Josephine Luciani, Margaret Halasz





BACK ROW: left to right

Carole Karsten, Helen Crotty, Judy Laurie, Wanda Mann, Josephine Luciani, Betty Bewley

FRONT ROW: left to right

Mary Anne Turcott, Cathy Moore, Virginia Garbutt, Joan Pearce

BLACK BAND DANCE





Irene MacInnis, Carole Karsten, Mary Radja, Cathy Moore, Mary Anne Turcott, Helen Crotty



BLACK BAND DANCE, 1955

The warm summer evening of August 25, 1955 saw Undermount Residence ablaze with lights; inside the sounds of laughter and rustle of dresses created an excited atmosphere for one of the biggest social events of the year, our Black Band Dance. Then with our escorts we joyously made our way to the Brant Inn on Lake Ontario. Here under the stars we danced and listened to the famed orchestra of Stan Kenton. The Lido Deck was literally overflowing with people having a wonderful time and I think this evening will hold fond memories for each every nurse in the class of "56".

Norma Jerome '56



"We have our Pins" October 1955



Betty Blair & Helen Crotty



Carole Karsten's Birthday

5 Months to go !!!



Helen Crotty & Judy Laurie







Out to Dinner before heading to New Toronto for Affiliation at the Ontario Hospital



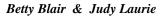
Affiliation at the Ontario Hospital in New Toronto November & December '55 and January 1956 With nurses from St Joseph's Sudbury and St Joseph's Barrie



Mary Anne Turcott, Betty Blair Helen Crotty, Judy Laurie



Betty Blair Helen Crotty Mary Anne Turcotte





Helen Crotty & Judy Laurie Mountain Sanatorium



AFFILIATION

PHYSIATRIC AFFILIATION AT THE ONTARIO HOSPITAL IN NEW TORONTO AND THE HAMILTON ONTARIO HOSPITAL

Our three months affiliation at the Ontario Hospital proved to be very interesting, as well as educational. The average student nurse probably faces her Psychiatric affiliation with the same nameless fear and anticipation as she does her pre-clinical period. There was the unavoidable impact of our first meeting with the patient and the patient's first meeting with us. There was embarrassment, uneasiness, self-consciousness, on our part and the patients. However, we realized the mental hospital situation was new for both the patient and us.

All these patients have one thing in common — the great need of care, recognition and approval. We learned that nursing is more than the administration of medicine or the diligent preparation of an operating room. One of the reasons we spend a three month period with the mentally ill is to give us an understanding of the human needs of others and the catastrophe which ensues if they are not fulfilled or fulfilled inadequately. We enjoyed our period of study and while the transition from general to psychiatric nursing is rather sudden, we understand normal people better after being here and found our course interesting and beneficial.

Pat Gordon '56 Dierdre McCullagh '56 Jo Ann Brown '56

AFFILIATION AT THE MOUNTAIN SANATORIUM

On our way from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing to the Mountain Sanatorium is a beautiful scenic drive. The Sanatorium with its various buildings designed for the care of the tuberculosis patient aroused our interest with an actual fear in our hearts of the disease itself, since we were to spend the next six weeks here as students.

A friendly greeting was extended to the new affiliates by Dr. H. T. Ewart, Superintendant of the Sanatorium. We were given a brief contrast between a busy, general hospital and the quiet restful atmosphere of a sanatorium. Dr. Ewart also made us realize our sense of responsibility toward the tuberculosis programme, and encouraged our acceptance of this responsibility as a professional nurse and citizen. We understood the relation of tuberculosis nursing in a general hospital in protecting ourselves, the patients, visitors and personnel.

After an introduction into the various subjects on tuberculosis that we were to study, we were given a general orientation to the sanatorium. During the six week course, ward duty was divided into surgery, bone and joint, and urinary tuberculosis, and the admission ward. Approximately three hours a day for the first four weeks was devoted to classroom study, consisting of lectures from the various doctors on the etiology, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of the disease and patient. Last of all we were given several assignments consisting of the case histories of six patients, questionnaires, conferences, reference books, and public health aspects of tuberculosis.

Our last week at the sanatorium was made very pleasant for us. A tea was given by the Medical Board in our honour, and a coffee party by Miss Lillian Stensrud, Director of Nursing Education.

Affiliation is a fascinating new life that every nurse should experience.

Alma Culp '56 Janice Corbett '56

CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

One thousand three hundred and ninety-one nurses from across Canada attended the 28th Bi-ennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association, held in Winnipeg, at the University of Manitoba, June 25th-29th.

The Convention was designed to bring abreast the latest professional developments throughout the nation, which featured outstanding speakers and panel discussions. A Students' Day was held, when a hundred and forty-three student nurses, representing the Ten Canadian Provinces participated in Buzz Sessions, and a panel discussion, entitled "What the Future Holds".

Entertainment was provided throughout the week, such as Luncheons, a Fashion Show, a Boat Cruise, and tours of the city of Winnipeg.

The Convention was a "Professional Experience", which broadened the scope of nursing, and we hope that each nurse will at some time be able to attend a Bi-ennial Meeting, and carry with them the theme of the 1956 Convention - "Nursing Serves a Nation".

PATRICIA LA FLAMME. GAIL ARMSTRONG.

Patricia LaFlamme '57 Gail Armstrong'58



Mary Anne Turcotte



Judy Laurie



Helen Crotty

October 1956

Chrysanthemum Ball sponsored by St Joseph's Nurses Alumnae was held in the Burgundy Room with music by Morgan Thomas' Orchestra. Convened by Miss Mary Boughner '48





Betty Blair

REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Royal York Hotel in Toronto was the scene of the Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, on April 12, 13th, 14th. Our delegates from the Student Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital were Misses Lois Goodbrand, Betty Ann Beaty, Carol Hoffman, and Charlotte Judson. The Convention of the Registered Nurses' Association was opened officially by Miss Alma E. Reid, President.

During the next three days, the sessions included reports from the twelve districts of the Association; guest speakers discussed various problems encountered in Nursing concerning Mental health and Nursing Assistants. A most interesting panel discussion was held for the student nurses entitled "Will You Be a Professional Nurse?"

A suggestion was offered by the Toronto student nurses, that a student organization of Ontario be formed to prepare students for future work in the Registered Nurses' Association. This idea was to be carried back to the home schools of nursing for the deliberation of all student nurses.

Our own Director of Education, Sister M. Virginia, spoke on the "Nursing care of Thermal Injuries." My we were proud that night! The medical aspect was presented by Dr. A. W. Farmer.

The Annual Banquet was held on Friday evening. The Guest speaker was Miss Helen MacArthur, Past President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and National Director of Nursing Services, for the Canadian Red Cross Society. Miss MacArthur gave a most enlightening talk on Korea entitled, "It was the year 4288."

Saturday's session concluded the Annual meeting for another year. The many students attending the convention found the meeting most enjoyable and highly interesting. It is to be hoped that many more will attend these gatherings, to broaden their views in the world of nursing and derive the satisfaction from them as we did.

BETTY ANN BEATY.

Betty Ann Beaty'56

FEBRUARY Farewell Party for the Class of '56.

A party for the February class of '56 was held in the auditorium and the hostesses were the September class of '56. Miss Doreen Kelly spoke on behalf of the student nurses, and Miss Anne LoSchiavo and classmates entertained with Dixie Selections. Presentations were made to Father O'Brien, Sister Bonaventure, Sister Virginia, and Mrs. Brine by the February class in appreciation for their many kindnesses.



Judy Laurie

FRONT ROW: Helen Crotty, Betty Blair, MIDDLE ROW: Betty Bewley, Carole Karsten BACK ROW: Virginia Garbutt, Josephine Luciani, Marianne Turcott, Beverly Morton

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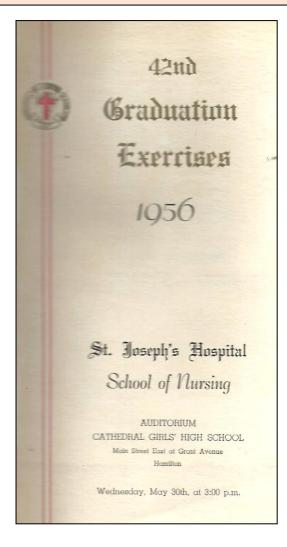


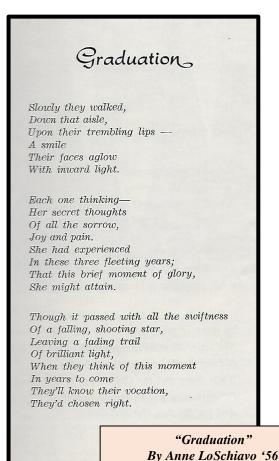
Graduation ceremonies were held on Wednesday May 25, 1956 at Cathedral Girls High School

Dr. W.P. Downes, chief of staff at St Joseph's Hospital was the chairman for the event and in complimenting the nursing school and staff, paid tribute to the excellent work being done by the Sisters of St. Joseph. In the last year, 60,602 patients had received treatment in the hospital while the total of 4,503 babies in the maternity hospital was a record among Ontario hospitals, all mothers going home well.

Doreen Kelly was the Valedictorian

His Excellency The Most Reverend Joseph P. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton presented Diplomas and Pins to the 88 graduates of the class of 1959. Other speakers included His Worship Mayor Jackson, Wm. R. Love M.D., President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine and Mr J.M. Pigott, Chairman of the Hospital Advisory board.







Valedictory, 1956

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Your Worship, Rt. Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Sisters, Parents and Friends of the graduating class.

We, the graduating class of 1956, are very proud and indeed grateful on this

memorable occasion. To everyone present we extend our ardent desire for you to share with us the excitement of this day, our joy and hapiness and our many dreams

Since early this morning—and never before did early rising seem so easy—we have been made to feel that this is "Our Day". Fresh uniforms, special music in the Chapel-just for us!-flowers, and an extra special menu for breakfast-congratulations, and the admiring and envious glances of our juniors-and now th presence of our parents and friends to make our day complete.

During these past few weeks of preparation and excitement, we have compiled from our first days at St. Joseph's School of Nursing, a book of memories, of which we realize we are now completing the final chapter. It does not seem very long ago that we proudly donned our caps for the first time and recited with youthful sincerity the Nightingale pledge; the good times together; school activities; class parties and the many friends we have made, we will tuck carefully away, never to forget. We are sorry we are leaving our Alma Mater, and hope that its penetrating spirit, instilled by the Sisters and all who helped us to attain our final goal, will remain always

An occasion such as this, has special significance not only for us who to-day mark a milestone in our lives, but also for our parents, to whose sacrifice we owe these three years of opportunity. It was from our homes that we drew the incentive to undertake our training, and to develop the capabilities which will make our lives more useful. Will we ever be able to fully repay our families and friends who en-couraged us to face our duty and adhered to our every need? 1956 is a memorable one for us too, the Centennial year of the Diocese of

Reviewing the 100 years that have led up to this anniversary we commemorate spirit rather than a series of events, a driving spirit which constantly looked forward to the improvement of patient care. It was a spirit emerging from love of the sick; one which considered no sacrifice too great for their welfare. History tells us that during the siege of cholera in 1854, the Sisters of St. Joseph gave to the plague stricken victims the stege of choiera in 1994, the dissers of the disease were lodged in the station sheds, which were converted into a temporary hospital. The Sisters nursed many of them back to health and consoled those beyond cure. The Charity of nursed many of them back to health and consoled those beyond cure. The Charity of Christ, a charity which embraces all sick and poor, has always inspired our hospitals, guided them on, as it were, to meet each difficulty and each challenge. Because of the foresight, the spirit of faith and the sacrifices of those who preceded us through the first hard difficult years—we have our Hospital and School of Nursing to-day, from which we are honoured to receive our pins and diplomas.

To the Doctors who have given generously of their time and their skill in instructing us, we say a sincere "Thank You". It is true one cannot put old heads on young shoulders; nevertheless when we arrived three years ago, untried and inexperienced, this task was undertaken with zeal and parhans a measure of success. We have we

this task was undertaken with zeal and perhaps a measure of success. We hope we won't disappoint you.

We would like to say "Thank You" too, to the members of our own profession, who have lighted the path ahead for us, and by their high ideals and their loyalty, have preserved the traditions of our calling and given it an honourable name both at home and abroad.

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It is a great comfort to know that most of Christ's miracles were concerned with
the curing of the sick. The charity that was manifested by Him set that pattern
that must be practised by every nurse—this is one of the lessons we learn in our
profession. We hope our class will be distinguished by high ambitions, by loyalty and
integrity. All our scientific knowledge and the expert care we lavish upon our patients
is forgotten when they regain their health but few forget the little extra kindnesses
the results of the property than the realize how fortunate we are to send our that we may be able to show them. We realize how fortunate we are to spend our working hours in duties that are so worthwhile, and so rewarding too. The weariness and fatigue are forgotten in the heart-warming knowledge that here and there one's ministrations and care have helped sway the balance from defeat to victory, from

We leave with you, on this our graduation day, one final thought -

"That we are sure if we were offered a chance to choose once more. Between this life and others, we would choose just as before, For we know every deed done, in His Holy Name, Is written by an Angel in the Heavenly Book of Fame."

> Valedictory Address 1956 Doreen Kelly '56

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Graduation Day! Pride and happiness permeated our hearts though mixed with a certain emptiness, we looked back upon our past three years of training at St. Joseph's Hospital which we spent together.

Was it not fitting that we had begun this day of days with Mass in our familar chapel, where all had spent a few moments in intimacy with God? As always Father O'Brien was there to give encouragement and his blessing.

Following Mass a group photo was taken after which we proceeded to the cafetaria where a delicious breakfast was served. Here we received our school rings which added to the memorable event.

Residence resounded with joyous excitement, flowers, telegrams, and gifts arrived which added to the happiness of this special occasion. Confusion reigned everywhere as we feverishly attempted to don our fresh white uniforms which marked the beginning of our well chosen profession.

At 1.00 p.m. buses were waiting to take us to Cathedral Girls High School, where final preparations for the graduation were completed.

The solemn, stately, processional "Land of Hope and Glory," heightened our anticipation of the long awaited moment.

Reverend Father W. P. Murphy opened the programm with a prayer. The valedictorian, Miss Doreen Kelly, was introduced by Dr. W. P. Downes, Chairman. Miss Kelly expressed the hopes and expectations of the entire class simply though effectively in her address. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph F. Ryan awarded the diplomas. There were combined emotions of joy and sadness. The word diploma had taken on a new meaning — a symbol of three wonderful years at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A reception in our honour was held in the cafeteria of Cathedral High School where our parents and friends enjoyed the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the faculty and other guests.

As our glorious day drew to a close we began to realize that graduation is more than just a step in life. Graduation is a challenge offered by the world. It is a challenge to us to practise the principles of good living we learned through three years of study and practical experience.

Pomp and Circumstance Marie Capponi '56 and Rae Stuart '56





Helen Crotty



Graduation Wednesday May 30, 1956 Educational Scholarship of \$500 sponsored by the Nurses Alumnae was won by Miss Doreen Duncan '55

Graduation dinner was held in June in the Sheraton Room

Graduation dance, convened by Shirley Quance Rumbles '52 and sponsored by the Nurses Alumnae was held in the Crystal Room with twelve piece John Kostigan's Orchestra (profit \$190.00)



Graduation Tea

At the kind invitation of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, District 4, Halton-Wentworth Chapter, the graduating classes of St. Joseph's Hospital, McMaster University and the Hamilton General Hospital were guests of honour at the Spring Meeting held at the Hamilton General Hospital.

Following the regular business meeting, Miss Helen McArthur, National Director of Nursing Services of the Canadian Red Cross Society, delighted her audience with accounts of her adventures in Korea. She stressed the unique opportunity offered Nurses through the joy of accomplishment in the many fields of activity open to them.

The evening closed with the serving of a light lunch by attending members.

BARBARA BROWN.

Graduation Tea
By Barbara Brown '56

Programme	May 30, 1956
	Opening Prayer THE REVEREND W. P. MURPHY, S.T.L., P.P.
	Organ O Canada Organist—MRS. G. L. BURJAW, A.T.C.M.
	Chairman W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M Chief of Staff Valedictory Doreen Kelly
	Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by HIS EXCELLENCY
	THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, J.C.D., D.D. Bishop of Hamilton
	Greetings to Graduating Class HIS WORSHIP MAYOR JACKSON WM. R. LOVE, M.D.
	President of The Hamilton Academy of Medicine J. M. PIGOTT, K.C.S.G., C.B.E. Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board MRS. CHARLES McLEAN President, Ontario Hospital Association
	Presentation of Awards GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
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	Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary. Presented by Mrs. J. J. Fahlenbock. AUDREY BULL, Reg. N., 1954
	Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae. Presented by Miss Aileen McPhail. DOREEN DUNCAN, Reg. N., 1955
	Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff. Presented by Mrs. W. P. Downes.
	Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Senior Year Given in Memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell. Presented by Dr. A. N. Newell.
	Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Intermediate Year Given in Memory of the late Dr. James Roberts. Presented by Llewellyn N. Roberts, M.D., D.P.H. SANDRA STAWIANY
	Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Junior Year Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E. Presented by Mrs. C. T. Lowe.
	Presented by Mrs. C. T. Lowe. CHARLOTTE JUDSON

Graduation Dinner and Dance

Was held on June 13, 1956 at the Royal Connaught Hotel
The Nurses Alumnae sponsored the evening for the graduation class of 1956.
They enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and later danced to the heavenly music of John Kostigan's Orchestra.

Dr Hudecki captivated his audience with an enjoyable and hilarious discourse on "Man – the Weaker Sex"

Other speakers were Miss Aileen MacPhail '51, president of the nurses alumnae and Miss Marjorie Donovan

'50 who toasted the graduates.

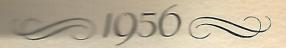
The nurses alumnae presented each graduate with a silver bracelet with the hospital crest

Written by Patricia Gordon '56

PRIZE WINNERS 1956

Audrey Bull Reg. N. '54 Doreen Duncan Reg. N. '55 Joan Mutch '56 Rae Stuart '56 Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education Prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Senior Year

Sandra Stawiany '57 Charlotte Judson '58 Prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Intermediate Year Prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Junior Year



GRADUATES

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	Bothwell,	ONT.
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MARGARET SIMON	BRANTFORD,	ONT.
	BRIDGEVIEW,	
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DOREEN KELLY	BURLINGTON,	ONT
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Mrs. Charles McLean of Toronto, President of the Ontario Hospital Association addressed the graduates.

"In the practice of your profession, you may be led into many different paths, but always it will be you who will decide how generously and completely you will give of the power that is within you."

"The path of service is not always easy, but it is always a challenge."

She reminded the young nurses that into their hands will be given the care of the physically sick and the mentally weary.

"You will be called upon to keep long and silent vigial at the bedside of those who strive to live and sometimes

even the will to live will have to be supplied by you.



Mrs. Charles McLean (right) of T nead the Ontario Hospital Associati

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How Well Profession Is Practised
Challenge To Individual Nurse

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Dr. W.P.Downes, chief of medical staff St Joseph's Hospital Mrs. Charles McLean of Toronto – 1st woman to head the Ontario Hospital Association

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Three years have passed
To become a page
In the book of bygone days.
And the to-morrow we thought
Would never come....
Is yesterday.

We have come to that moment When farewells must be said, And with deep sincerity. A few words of gratitude To those, whom some of us Will never see again.

To Father O'Brien, "the students' best [friend",

To the Sisters for being what they are,
To the doctors and graduates
For their interest and instruction,
To all who have helped us
Reach our goal, we say —
Thank you, and God Bless you.

And in years to come,
When we leaf through
That book of memories
Of our days at St. Joseph's,
We will remember all, who made them,
The happy days they were.

TRIBUTE

Written by the graduating class 1956





Ann LoSchiavo Shurter '56

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1970 - 1972 Ann was 1st Vice-President of the Nurses Alumnae 1972 – 1973 She was President of the Alumnae





Irene MacInnis DeCoste '56



his took a long time to organize, as the records were not kept very well. I finally retired on April 30, sever looked back.

Sister Mary Ann Eva Neal Winnifred LoSchiavo '56 Daniel '47 Staneff '51 Walker '47 O.R.Supervisor Head Nurse Head Nurse O.R.Instructor 1962 Mary Grace Wing O.R.

> Members of Saint Joseph's linery show and sale.

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 mil-

Membership Tea Alumnae President:

Mrs Russell Fletcher (Ila "Dixie" Watts '47)

Social Convenor:

Mrs Thomas Radigan (Maureen Arbour '57)



Dr. McHarg



Lena Meehan & Dr Rizzo

Irene MacInnes DeCoste is a graduate of the class of 1956. She worked private duty for 1 year after graduation and returned to St. Joseph in 1957.

She was working on "C" floor and was approached by Sister Virginia. Sister Virginia was setting up an Innovative Health Program for the staff and asked Irene if she would head it up. Irene said no but after being asked again by Sister Virginia she agreed.

The program was for students and then expanded to include the hospital staff. Her 1st office was in the trunk room in Undermount with no windows. The department moved to "C" floor with 2 rooms, then to the John Street corridor and finally to Fontbonne

She wrote her exams for Certification as an Occupational Health Nurse.

The hospital separated the program. She worked with Dr McHarg with the staff, processing many Workman's Compensation Cases. Dr Rizzo and Lena Meehan looked after the students.

Irene retired April 30, 1996.

January 1956

Membership tea was initiated to increase membership in the Alumnae. Membership tea, convened by Miss Mary Lapinski '48, was held in the Reception Room of Undermount. Reverend Sister Mary Grace and Reverend Sister Mary Bonaventure were in attendance.





Sister Maris Stella a.k.a. Sister Ann Marsball '56

- 1950 Ann entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, and was known as Sister Maris Stella.
- 1953 She completed the Novitiate and began studies in the Nursing Program at St. Joseph's in Hamilton.
- 956 She graduated from St Joseph's School of Nursing. Sister Maris Stella supervised the Pediatric ward when she was not the Night Supervisor.
- 1964 Sister earned her B.Sc.N. in Nursing Education at University of Western Ontario.
- 1964-1966 Following Vatican 2, Sister returned to her baptismal name "Ann" and was appointed to the staff of the School of Nursing.
- 1966-1969 She was the Assistant Director at St. Joseph School of Nursing, Hamilton.
- 1969-1972 She was the Director at St. Joseph School of Nursing, Hamilton.
- 1972-1980 She was elected 1st Councillor to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Hamilton.
- 1980-1989 Sister was elected General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Hamilton
- Sister Ann was missioned in Annotto Bay, St. Mary's Parish, in Jamaica. She worked to educate children who did not have an opportunity to go to
 - school, visited the sick and was responsible for creating appropriate housing for destitute men and women.
- 2007 She returned to Canada.
 - She has been a volunteer at St. Brigid's School, an inner city school in Hamilton.

Sister Ann Marshall's legacy includes:

- Updating the school uniform.
- Revamping the 3 year nursing diploma program.
- Instrumental in developing the 2 year program for classes of over 100 students.
- Introduced Independent Individualized Learning Programs.
- Introduced male students in the School of Nursing in 1964.
- Introduced student representatives on the Board of the School of Nursing.
- Introduced Liberal Arts into the program through Mohawk College.
- Introduced Audio-Visual teaching tools into the program.





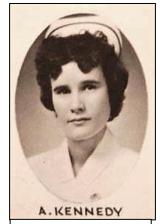
2014 Sister Ann Marshall was honoured by Pope Francis with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross Medal. (Latin for the Church and the Pope). It is also known as the "Cross of Honour".

It is currently given for distinguished service to the church by <u>lay people</u> and <u>clergy</u>.

It is the highest medal that can be awarded to the laity by the Papacy



Sister Evelyn Riordan '54 Sister Maris Stella '56



Ann Kennedy '56

Ann Kennedy was born in Owen Sound Ontaro.

Ann attended Branksome Hall in Toronto and spent summers at Camp Kitchikewana on Beausoleil Island as a lifeguard and counsellor.

She graduated from St Joseph School of Nursing in the class of 1956.

She worked at RCA, the General and Marine Hospital in Owen Sound, St Michaels Hospital in Toronto, as well at healthcare facilities in Hamilton including St Joseph's Hospital, St Peter's and Chedoke Hospital

She was well-respected for her very special skills and the kind care she provided to children, the aging and the many patients she treated in orthopaedic and neurological rehabilitation.

A practicing member of the Catholic Community, Ann participated in parish life at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Elfrida Ontario as well as at Regina Mundi in Hamilton Ontario where she blended faith and nursing to help create the pastoral care program.

She also worked for a period of time counselling mothers and their families through the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

Ann was an avid reader, gardener, and community volunteer She was intelligent, curious, hardworking a defender and supporter of those less fortunate.

Sister Maris Stella a.k.a. Sister Ann Marsball '56

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

A recent article in the Hamilton Spectator profiled two Sisters of St. Joseph including Sister Ann Marshall '56. I thought that you might be interested in learning about the Sisters' new challenge.

MIRACLES, NO PROBLEM

It's a Thursday afternoon shortly after Easter, in the rural amaican town of Annotto Bay.

Sister Ann Marshall and Sister Katrina Rooney are busily preparing a party that sixty of the local children will attend. On the menu is a Jamaican favourite called "bun and cheese", which consists of a thick piece of cheese wedged between two pieces of dry bread. Refreshment will be sixtly sweet Kool-Ald, dessert a small chocolate. Each child will receive a balloon and cheap four for a dollar - plastic toy.

It's a party most Canadian kids would consider a let down, but for these children it's about to be a day in fairy land.

Annotto Bay is situated on the northern coast of Jamaica, not far from some of the luxurious resort areas frequented by Canadian tourists. The majority of the area's population is extremely poor, most living in very basic housing with no electricity or plumbing.

As representatives of the Catholic Church, Sister Ann and Sister Katrina came here from their native Hamilton to live and work here just over four year ago. Their mandate is to "help the people to help themselves", says Sister Ann. 62. "It's too bad that the world's wealth isn't more equally distributed. We're only touching a drop in the bucket."

Their faith is the inspiration that calls them to help those less fortunate, and Sister Matrina. 47, considers herself "a missionary in the sense of being a sign of God"s love." To these Sisters of St. Joseph, religious denomination is irrelevant when it comes to poverty and Jamaica is, in fact, only five per cent

They're both at points in their lives when less ambitious people would be dreaming of retirement. But these determined women have the endurance of those half their age and command the respect of those they have come to help.

Two days earlier, a scuffle involving a dozen teenage boys ended quickly when the Sisters arrived on the scene. Within minutes, they calmed things down and had the young men agreeing to

Today life in Canada seems light years away. Party preparations are constantly interrupted by the up to two dozen people who drop by the house every day. Almost half the calls are formedical attention, the home serving as a makeshift first-aid resultion for those in need. "They come to us, not only because they trust us, but because they don't have the money to see a doctor," notes Sister Katrina. She sees everything from machete cuts to pink-eye virus, and also monitors blood pressure for several people. Other inquiries include requests for food, work or transportation.

A trip to the local hospital reveals another sign of their influence. The Sisters' Congregation back home has organized the donation of medical supplies from Ontario hospitals. Most of the beds, testing equipment and furniture are obsolete in Canada, but to people at the Jamaican institution they are a dream come true. Elderly townspeople, some of whom were previously house-bound, can be seen using canes and walkers from Canada.

Three days a week. Sister Ann and Sister Katrina tutor children at the local All Ages school. They both consider education crucial to the youngsters' future. "They're not quaranteed success if the have education but they're guaranteed failure if they don't, says Sister Katrina.

This help is greatly appreciated by the school's principal, Aldon Smikle. " If it hadn't been for the Sisters, I don't know what we would have done."

1990 Published in the St Joe's "Monitor

Sisters Leave for Jamaica

Sister Ann Marshall and Sister Katrina Rooney boarded their Air Canada flight on March 22 and left for St. Joseph's new mission in Jamaica.

Jamaica is more than a tourist trap. Our common image of tourists on lovely beaches of Montego Bay (the north shore) is a distorted view. In Jamaica, 70% of the 2.2 million people are poor, 40% are so poor they are destitute. This tiny country is carrying a debt of \$4.5 billion.

Since they were slaves, the people were not allowed to marry, and they could not join the Anglican Church. Only 8% of the people are Catholic. There are many Baptist, Moraviain and Pentecostal members. The Churches work together and ecumenism is healthy. Poor as they are, the people dress up for Sunday Services. Coming together is a real celebration for them.

On the south shore, at the opposite end of the island from the tourist hotels is the capital city, Kingston, Jamaica, with its many poor areas. The Jesuits run St. Peter Claver parish centre in a poor neighbourhood. Almost due north from Kingston, and due east of the tourists, is Annotto Bay.

The Bishop of Kingston is Samuel Carter, SJ. On March 18 he told the Annotto Bay people about the new team of Sisters and Jesuits. Our Sisters will live in a little house by the rocky shore. A Jamaican lay woman is part of the team. Father Norman Dodge, SJ and Brother Nick, SJ, live in the apartment behind the church.

The team hopes to establish basic Christian communities and prepare leaders among the people. They can offer some literacy training, as well as projects in agriculture and fishing. However, they will find out first what the people want.



Sister Ann Marshall



Sister Katrina Rooney

The Sisters of St. Joseph pay tuition fees for the poorest children, supplement incomes for teachers and provide supplies at two of the area's Basic Schools - the name give to Kindergarten - that are unfunded by the government.

Sister Ann and Sister Katrina have written a course on Family Life, discussing hygiene and sex education, which is taught at the All Ages school. In a society where venereal disease and promiscuity is rampant, this information is vital.

It's almost time for the party to begin and the children are milling around outside the neighbouring church. Sister Katrina sorts through a container filled with Dollar Store toys that will serve as prizes for the games. Sister Ann does a final check to make sure there is enough bun and cheese for everyone. Once it's determined the Kool-Aid is as sweet as the children demand, it's time to go.

As soon as they open the door, the cries of "Sister, Sister" ing out and the chaos begins. Just another day in Jamaica.

(Story by Diana Nethercott, The Spectator, April 30, 1994.)

Article published in the Hamilton Spectator 1994 Sister Ann Marshall return from Jamaica



Kathy Moore, Virginia Garbutt, Wanda Mann



Cathy Moore, Marion Morden, Helen Crotty



Irene MacInnis, Wanda Mann, Joan Pearce



Wanda Mann, Joan Pearce, Bev Morton

REUNIONS



BACK ROW: Marianne Turcotte, Joan Pearce, Helen Crotty FRONT ROW: Kathy Moore, Mary Rajda, Virginia Garbutt, Josephine Luciani







Betty Blair, Bev Morton, Wanda Mann, Josephine Luciani, Helen Crotty

TOP ROW: Virginia Garbutt, Judy Laurie, Carole Karsten MIDDLE ROW: Bev Morton, Mary Anne Turcotte, Irene MacInnis FRONT ROW: Joan Pearce, Helen Crotty, Kathy Moore, Wanda Mann



Virginia Garbutt, Bev Morton, Joan Pearce, Kathy Moore



Irene MacInnis, Jeanette Beemer, Helen Crotty



Irene MacInnis, Helen Crotty, Mary Anne Turcotte, Carole Karsten



Judy Laurie, Helen Crotty, Mary Anne Turcotte, Carole Karsten



BACK ROW: Jeanette Beemer, Kathy Moore, Joan Pearce FRONT ROW: Virginia Garbutt, Bev Morton



Helen Crotty, Joan Pearce, Bev Morton



Jeanette Beemer, Virginia Garbutt, Bev Morton



Virginia Garbutt, Kathy Moore, Helen Crotty, Joan Pearce



Helen Crotty Judy Laurie



Helen Crotty, Joan Pearce, Kathy Moore, Josephine Luciani



Carole Karsten, Jeanette Beemer, Virginia Garbutt



Marianne Turcotte, Virginia Garbutt, Jeanette Beemer



Maureen Arbour'57, Cathy Fitzgerald'57, Helen Crotty



BACK ROW: Helen Crotty, Joan Pearce, Jeanette Beemer, Kathy Moore FRONT ROW: Mary Anne Turcotte, Josephine Luciani, Judy Laurie, Virginia Garbutt



Maureen Arbour'57, Cathy Fitzgerald'57, Helen Crotty



Helen Crotty & Judy Laurie









Helen Crotty, Irene MacInnis, Marianne Turcotte, Judy Laurie, Carole Karsten, Jeanette Beemer, Joan Pearce, Kathy Moore, Josephine Luciani



Sister Ann Marshall '56, Amelia Fronczak '69, Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43 Celebrating 100 Years St Joseph's School of Nursing 2011



Sister Eileen Morrissey '56
(a.k.a. Sister Raymond Marie '56)
Sister Dorothy Goetz '73
at the Tea and Tour at the Motherhouse 2011
Celebrating 100 years of the School of Nursing





BACK ROW: Helen Crotty, Joan Pearce, Jeanette Beemer, Kathy Moore FRONT ROW: Mary Anne Turcotte, Josephine Luciani, Virginia Garbutt





Helen Crotty '56 Prizewinner Reunion Day 2018



Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46

Donna Devine Gravis '46

Material in this presentation was gathered from several sources.

- -Vox Omnium Yearbook donated to the Alumnae from Sister Maris Stella '56 a.k.a. Sister Ann Marshall
- -newspaper articles in the Hamilton Spectator
- -Alumnae Minutes & articles from the archives at the Motherhouse
- -photo album created by Judy Laurie '56 -photos from reunion day celebrations

Special thanks to Helen Crotty '56 for providing the photo album and for identifying their classmates.



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