

**REUNION DAY 2021**

**CLASS OF 1961**

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**

*Sister Mary Martha & Sister Mary Laurentia  
were graduates of the class of 1961*



***“JUNIORS”***

***1<sup>st</sup> ROW: Margaret Carmody, J. Button, Doreen Cowan, Nijola Latauskas, Kathleen Eedy, P. Guller, Edith Jamieson***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> ROW: Kirsten Case, L. Ayotte, Julie Capriotti, Lenora Devine, Anna Marie Garvey, Carole Austin, Margaret Huppert, Mary Allen***  
***3<sup>rd</sup> ROW: Marilyn Cooke, Joyce Johnson, Sandra Chase, Elsie Csiczak, Carolyn Fletcher, Greta Baptist, Suzanne Davis, Janet Fenton***  
***4<sup>th</sup> ROW: H. Gordyn, Ruth Ann Gee, Catharine Farrell, Arlene Craig, Margaret Geiger, Lorraine Etchells, Diane Boychuk***



***Sister Mary Laurentia***



***Sister Mary Martha***

**FIRST NIGHT**

The evening of our arrival, August 29, 1958, the class of "61", with their big sisters and the intermediate students gathered in Undermount Classroom.

Everyone seemed excited and tense, not knowing what to expect. Miss Patterson, President of the Student's Council welcomed us and gave us a general outline of residence life.

Then, Miss Patterson introduced us one by one as we went up to receive our name cards. After everyone had received their card, donuts and cokes were served and the students mingled around and became acquainted after which we dispersed to our rooms where we settled down to a good night's sleep so that we would be wide awake for the start of our new career.

***Mary Jane Noble '61***



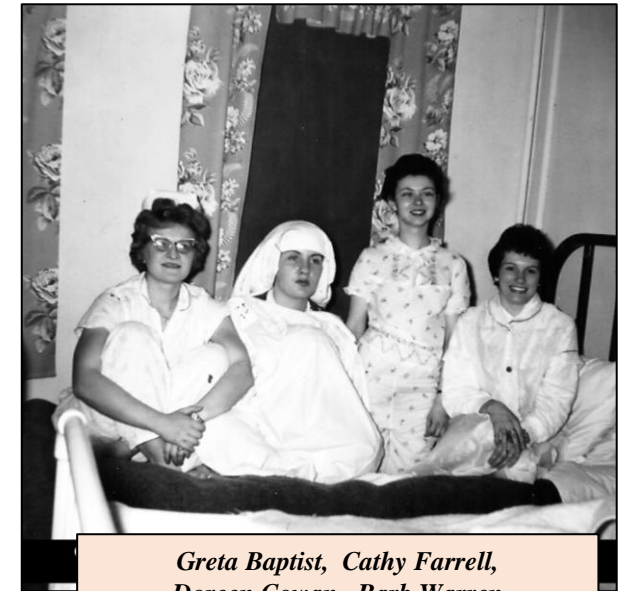


**"JUNIORS"**

**1<sup>st</sup> ROW:** Helen Reeker, M. Springer, N. Jones, Joanna Phillips, Joan Montgomery, Mary Jane Saunders, Donna Tier  
**2<sup>ND</sup> ROW:** Anne Stack, Jean Muir, Betty Ann Szacas, Barbara Warren, Valerie Warne, Edna Masur, C. Newberry, Eleanor Violino  
**3<sup>rd</sup> ROW:** Margaret Quinn, L. Mackie, Elizabeth Tucktie, Mary Jane Noble, Dale Robb, Rose Ann McSloy, Carol Penfold, Marilyn Todd  
**4<sup>th</sup> ROW:** Joanne Peacock, Barbara Wilcox, Ann Waldron, Joanne Reuter, J. Walker, Carol McKenna, S. Reed, Mary Ellen Reaume



*Cathy Farrell, Lorraine Etchells,  
Janet Fenton, Ruth Ann Gee, Arlene Craig*



*Greta Baptist, Cathy Farrell,  
Doreen Cowan, Barb Warren*



*Anne Waldron, Mrs Baron, Valerie Warne*



*Halloween Party    October 30, 1958  
Given for the entire student body by the pre-clinical class.  
A lunch was served by the refreshment committee  
under the direction of Carolyn Fletcher '61*

THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 30, 1958, the annual Halloween Party was given for the entire Student body by the Pre-clinical class. Everyone attended in costume. Probably the most original was the appearance of several of the senior nurses as a Harem.

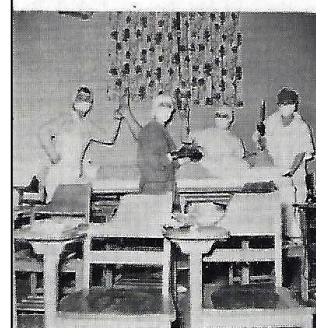
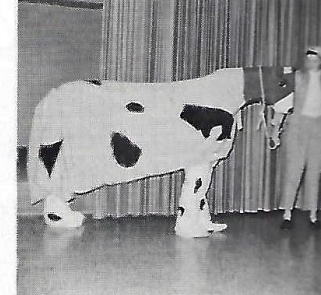
Two short skits were put on by the Pre-clinicals which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A grand march around the auditorium saw two prizes awarded, one for the funniest and one for the most original. These were won by Ruth Ann Gee, and a group of seniors who portrayed an Operating Room skit.

A lunch was served by the refreshment committee, under the direction of Carolyn Fletcher following the entertainment.

The evening was completed by a sing-song and pranksters headed for bed, tired but happy to dream of ghost and goblins.

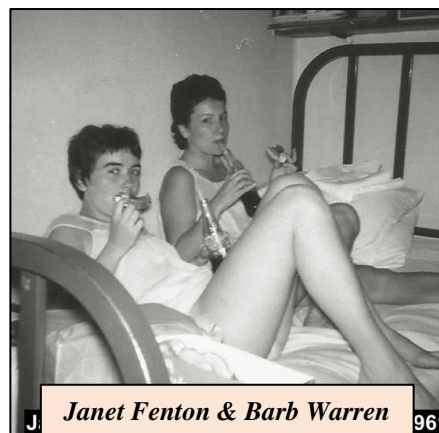
*Joanne Reuter '61*



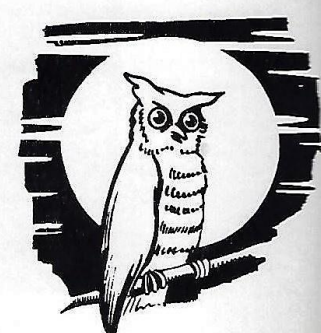
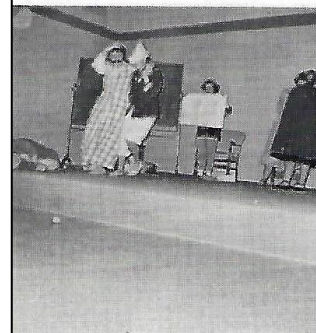
*Anne Stack, Betty Szacas, Margaret Geiger*



*Joan Montgomery  
Margaret Geiger  
Elizabeth Tuchtie*



*Janet Fenton & Barb Warren*





## THE DISASTER PROGRAM

*Student nurses participated in a disaster programme.*

*Class of 1961 acted as patients and could be seen walking with crutches, & name tags. Less fortunate 4 patients were D.O.A. and were carried on stretchers in the Church of the Ascension.*

Last fall, the students of St. Joseph's Hospital participated in a disaster programme designed to discover how efficient the hospital staff would be in the event of a major disaster.

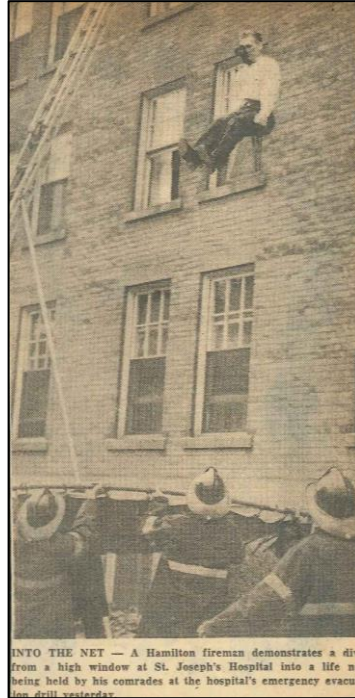
The Pre-clinical Class of '61" acted as the "patients" and could be seen walking with crutches and a small tag around their neck stating that they had lacerations to both legs, while others had only been badly bruised or had a broken arm. The less fortunate "patients" were D.O.A. (dead on arrival) and were carried on stretchers into the Church of the Ascension where they had time for a short nap while lying in the temporary morgue. The difficulty in this case was that it was terribly hard to keep from laughing or falling off the stretchers which were carried by the orderlies. The hospital house-keeping staff did the all important job of running errands to different parts of the main hospital or over to Information at Undermount which was efficiently manned by the office staff.

In the Church of the Ascension the injured were examined by doctors, assisted by the Senior and Intermediate students. The more severely injured were admitted directly to the hospital which had been theoretically cleared of all movable patients. The whole practice enjoyed much publicity with credit for this being given to the reporters present.

The effort was thought to be a tremendous success as it was completed in approximately two hours and it proved that in the time of an emergency the entire St. Joseph's Hospital staff is a very efficient team.



*Edith Jamieson, Greta Baptist, Carole Penfold  
Peggy Gullett, Kay Eedy, Donna Tier*



INTO THE NET — A Hamilton fireman demonstrates a dive from a high window at St. Joseph's Hospital into a life net being held by his comrades at the hospital's emergency evacuation drill yesterday.

*Hamilton fireman demonstrates a dive from a high window at St Joseph's Hospital into a life net being held by his comrades during the hospital's emergency drill*

*Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of the Hospital, said the plan would be used in the event of an atomic attack, but we are chiefly concerned with the possibility of a civilian catastrophe. It could come from a hurricane, a serious train wreck or an industrial explosion.*

*Church of the Ascension on Charlton Ave is the key to the disaster plan. The entire building is to be used as a receiving and immediate treatment centre.*

*First phase calls for evacuation. An elaborate call system set up for key persons outside the hospital are responsible to call in staff. Nurses have been told their shift will last as long as the emergency does.*

*A medical team at the receiving door will split the patient stream directing first aid cases and those requiring serious treatment and those that are dead.*

*Phase two is being worked out in conjunction with the civil defense authorities. They will provide 250 stretchers to be disposed of in corridors and in the many tunnels under the hospital.*

## Would Clear Hospital Within Four Hours

Hamilton, April 21 (Staff)—

A disaster plan which would empty St. Joseph's Hospital of regular patients and provide beds within four hours for 258 disaster victims has been adopted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The plan, which would provide emergency accommodation for an additional 250 victims after the four-hour period, involves evacuating 90 per cent of the regular patients from the 500-bed hospital.

"The plan would be used in the event of an atomic attack," said Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of the hospital, "but we are chiefly concerned with the possibility of a civilian catastrophe. It could come from a hurricane, a serious train wreck, or an industrial explosion."

While some aspects of the plan are co-ordinated with civil defense, the hospital is prepared to stand on its own feet when confronted with a major emergency, the sister said.

The sprawling Church of the Ascension on Charlton Ave., just north of the hospital, is the key to the disaster plan.

Church officials have turned over the entire building to the hospital to be used as a receiving and immediate treatment centre. Duplicate keys to the church are contained in a locked despatch box in the hospital under the supervision of a senior sister of the order.

The first phase of the plan calls for commencement of evacuation immediately word of the disaster and its extent is received. During the past year checking has shown an average of 258 bed patients could be moved to other quarters without seriously affecting their conditions.

These—all capable of work-

most of the patients. nity wards—will be bus, car and cab.

Meanwhile, an elaborate call system will have been set in motion, key persons called outside the hospital will be responsible for phoning other personnel, ranging from surgical specialists to cleaning women. Within an hour it is expected that 600 personnel in all departments can be told to report for duty.

The hospital's 200 nurses already have been told in their lectures they can expect only blood, sweat and tears, if called in on the disaster plan. Their shift will last as long as the emergency does.

Across the street, medical teams of doctors and nurses will be setting up in the church.

There, plans call for a circular routing of casualties as they come, with the stress laid on a smooth flow of the injured to the emptying hospital beds across Charlton Ave.

A medical team at the receiving door will split the stream, directing first-aid cases in one direction and those requiring serious treatment, and the dead, in another.

The gymnasium of the church will be used as a resuscitation room; the Sunday school auditorium as a treatment centre. A basement Sunday school room will be taken over by first-aid teams. A tiny lecture room will become an information centre.

A team of girls working under the hospital's information officer Sister Cleophas, will move into the auditorium of Undermount Nurses' Residence, south of Mountain Blvd.

Their task will be to record the names and all available information on each disaster victim as it reaches them by runner from the church. A complete record of all patients evacuated from the hospital and their destinations also will be kept.

Special facilities for the press and the clergy will be set up beside the information centre.

It is expected that within 15 minutes of a victim being admitted to the casualty station, his identity and a tentative assessment of his injuries will be available to relatives at the information centre.

The second phase of the plan is being worked out in conjunction with the civil defense authorities. At present, it calls for CD to provide 250 stretcher beds within the first 24 hours. These will be disposed in corridors, and in the many tunnels that run beneath the hospital. Emergency medical kits, drugs and other supplies already are being stockpiled.

Volunteer workers will be needed. The sisters are investigating the possibility of enlisting the fathers and brothers of the nurses in training at the hospital, so they could be included in the initial call-up of the nurses themselves.

Beginning this summer each team involved will undergo intensive rehearsals. A full-scale rehearsal is scheduled for September.

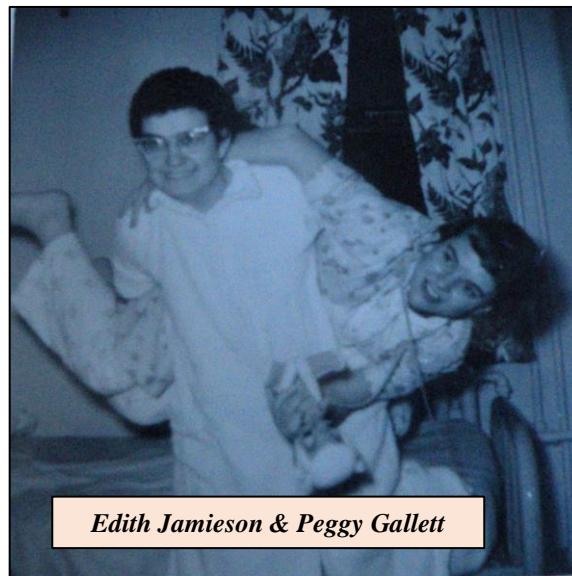


**"PROBIES"**

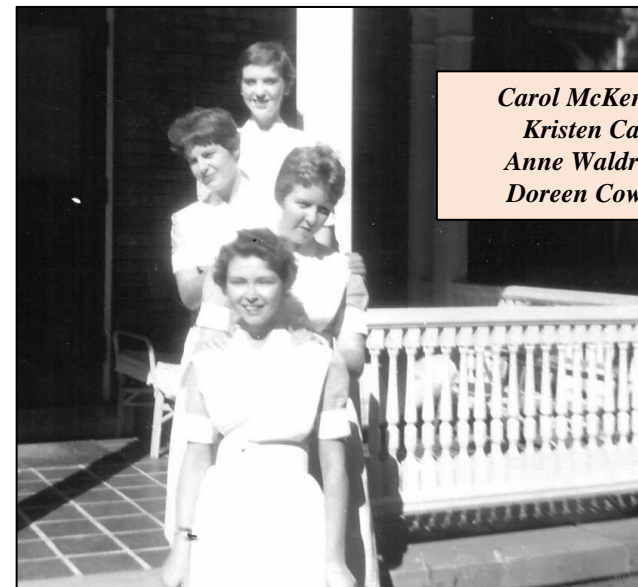
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**MIDDLE ROW:** Arlene Craig, Betty Anne Szacas

**FRONT ROW:** Joyce Johnson, Ruth Ann Gee



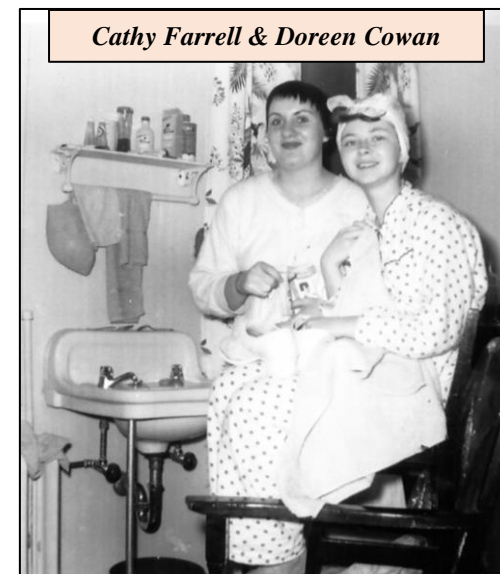
*Edith Jamieson & Peggy Gallett*



*Carol McKenna,  
Kristen Case,  
Anne Waldron,  
Doreen Cowan*



*Jean Muir, Anne Waldron, Doreen Cowan, Carol McKenna*



*Cathy Farrell & Doreen Cowan*



**"CAPPING" December 19, 1958**

On December 19, 1958 our class of "61" was officially accepted into St. Joseph's School of Nursing.

The many months of study and anticipation were left behind, the path of our future as nurses lay ahead. The cap which we received is the key to a locked door of the future which is slowly opening up to us with every passing day.

Many joys and sorrows will pass us by on this mysterious long journey, but may we never forget the honour which was bestowed on us on that memorable day.

*Lois Ayotte*

In January of 1961, one of our classmates, Lois Ayotte, left our midst to enter the convent of St. Joseph's.

We are very fortunate, and share the joy and happiness of her family to realize that she has done as Christ asked her to do - to give up the world and follow him.

She entered St. Joseph's Hospital in August of 1958 to begin her training as a nurse. After discovering that Our Lord wanted her to be a Sister, and that He wanted her then, she entered the convent. The class '61 is proud and honoured to say that one of our friends is serving God and she will be remembered often in our prayers.

Margaret Quinn, '61

**January 1961, Lois Ayotte left the School of Nursing to enter the convent of St Joseph's**



*Rose McSloy giving 1<sup>st</sup> needle to Mary Noble*

*Donna Tier, Carol McKenna, Suzanne Davis, Valerie Warne, Margaret Carmody, Doreen Cowan*



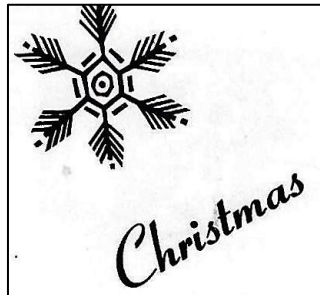
*Joyce Johnson, Sandra Chase, Ann Waldron, Ruth Ann Gee, Joan Montgomery*

*Mary Ellen Reaume Ruth Gee, Marilyn Cooke, Lorraine Etchells, Rose McSloy,*



*Donna Tier, Arlene Craig, Betty Szacas Sue Davis* **lass 1961**





### CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Have you ever looked for something to do that gives you a happy feeling, one that cannot be fully explained? Well, that feeling was certainly experienced by many on December 14, 1958. That day was planned for us to go to the House of Providence to sing Christmas Carols.

We received a hearty welcome by all, while parading through the corridors bringing happiness and joy to the jolly and friendly old people. Nearing the end of our parade, we were directed to the parlor, where not only were we entertained with goodies but had an added attraction. A very cheerful, old Irish chap sat and sang one song after another along with our accompaniment (whenever possible).

Not only did we sing out in Dundas, but we toured the hospital on Christmas bringing Christmas cheers to all the sick patients.

That feeling of which I previously wrote was indeed something that could not be expressed in words, but would have to be experienced. So next year when we are thinking about giving and receiving, let's not have "this joy" experienced by a few, but by all.

*Christmas boxes to needy families in the city  
Everyone contributed.  
Later they attended Midnight Mass*

*December 14, 1958  
Christmas Caroling at the House of Providence  
then touring the hospital on Christmas*



### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

At our November student's council meeting, it was agreed upon that we should send out Christmas boxes to needy families in the city. Everyone contributed generously and on Christmas Eve hampers containing canned goods, fowl and Christmas cake were picked up and distributed by the social workers from the Catholic Welfare.

Later as many of us knelt at midnight mass, we said a silent prayer of thanks to our new born Saviour, for all the wonderful gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon us. It made us happy to know that in a small way we had made Christmas a little more bright for some of His less fortunate.

*Mary Piotrowski '59*



*Connie Carson '61*





*Christmas Concert 1959 was based around "The littlest Angel"*  
*Between scenes, were piano solos by Marilyn Cooke '61, Joanne Peacock '61 and Janet Walker,*  
*A clarinet duet by Laurie Etchells '61 and Joyce Johnson '61.*  
*Solos by Gerry Duc and Sandra Chase '61 and several other selections by the choir*  
*directed by Helen Reeker and accompanied by Julie Capriotti*  
*The closing scene was highlighted by the presentation of the Nativity scene*  
*and Cathy Farrell '61 singing "O Holy Night"*

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 1959



Merry Christmas! It may seem to be a little late in the season to be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, but making last Christmas a merry one was the main thought in everyone's mind as the Christmas Concert was being prepared and presented.

This year's Concert was based around "The Littlest Angel." White clouds managed to settle over the stage for the evening and colorful angels were seen mingling around the Pearly Gates. As we followed the Littlest Angel, played by Jackie Button, on his adventures, we managed to see many different sights. At one point we caught the Littlest Angel tap dancing down one of the streets in Heaven. Then he led us to choir practice where we heard the celestial version of "White Christmas". As we followed the Littlest Angel's gaze down to earth we peeked into "Madame Camillias Beauty Salon", where all sorts of comical situations were taking place. Between scenes we were favored with piano solos by Marilyn Cooke, Joanne Peacock and Janet Walker, a clarinet duet by Laurie Etchells and Joyce Johnson, solos by Gerry Duc and Sandra Chase and several other selections by the choir directed by Helen Reeker and accompanied by Julie Capriotti. The closing scene was highlighted by the presentation of the Nativity scene in tableau and Cathy Farrell singing "O Holy Night."

As I said, as I opened this article, our main thought in preparing and presenting this Concert was to help make Christmas merry. Our idea of a truly Merry Christmas was expressed very aptly by Sue Reed, our "Master of Ceremonies", in the opening thought, "Put Christ in your Christmas and you'll have Christmas in your heart."

We only hope that the Concert meant as much to you who watched, as it did to us.



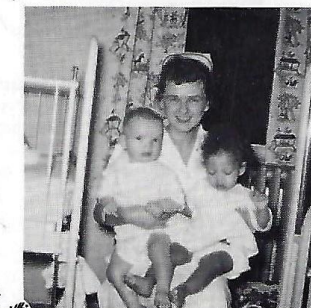
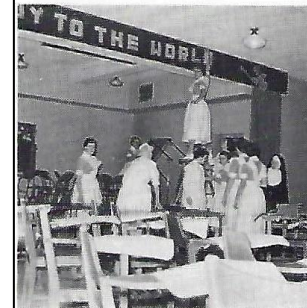
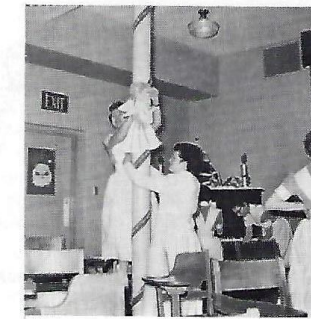
*Donna Tier '61*



*Christmas Concert*



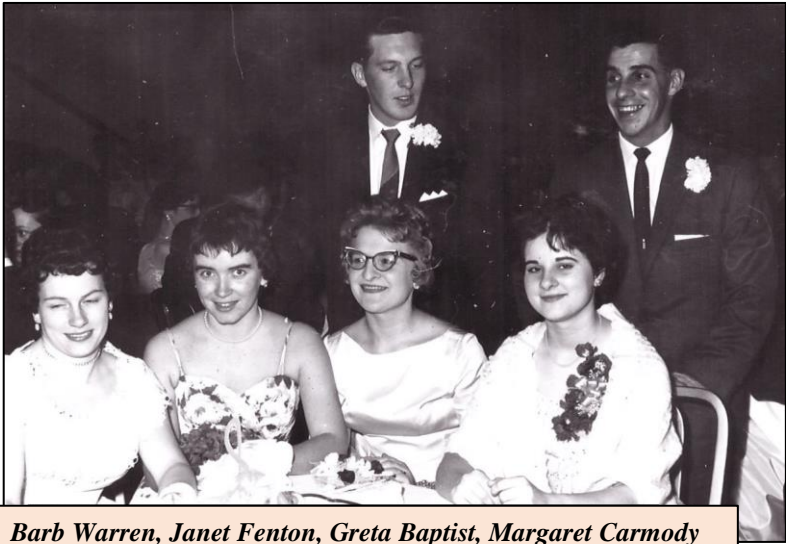
*Janet Fenton & Kay Eedy*







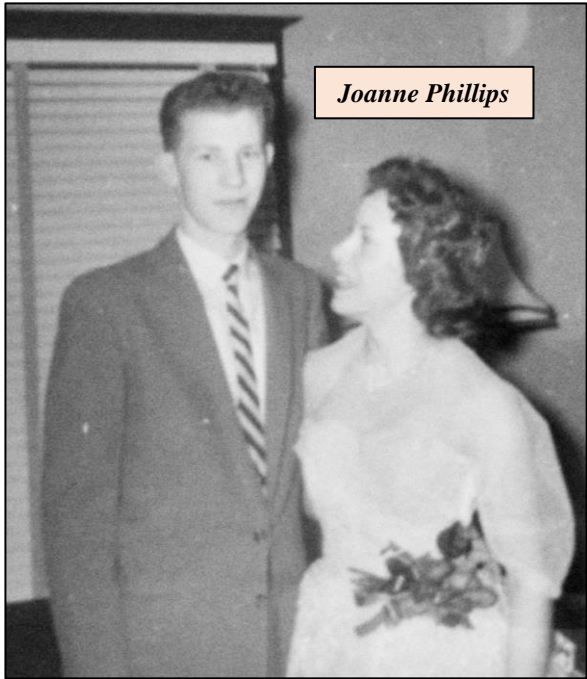
*Greta Baptist, Kay Eedy, Kristen Case*



*Barb Warren, Janet Fenton, Greta Baptist, Margaret Carmody*



*Peggy Gullett*



*Joanne Phillips*

Rhumba

Jive

Waltz

Samba

Stroll

Tango

Rock n' Roll

Bunny Hop

The Music

Fox-Trot

Mambo

Cha, Cha, Cha

**ACTIVITY - Dancing**

TIME - 9:00 to 12:00  
PLACE - Undermount Class Room  
EQUIPMENT - Dancing shoes and good music

September - AUTUMN SWIRL  
October - HARVEST HOP  
November - SNOWFLAKE WHIRL  
January - JANUARY JUMP  
April - SPRING SWING





#### **STUDENT COUNCIL 1958 – 1959**

**STANDING:** Isobel Kerr '60, Catherine Farrell '61, Judith LaPierre '60

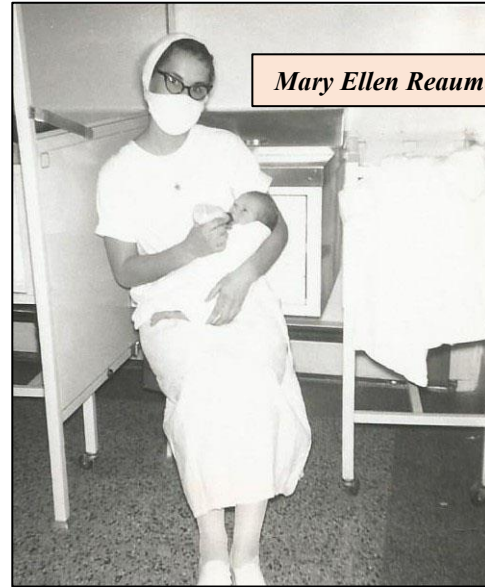
**SEATED:** Ann Wilson '60, Beverly Patterson '59, Gwen Stockdale '60

## *Student Council*

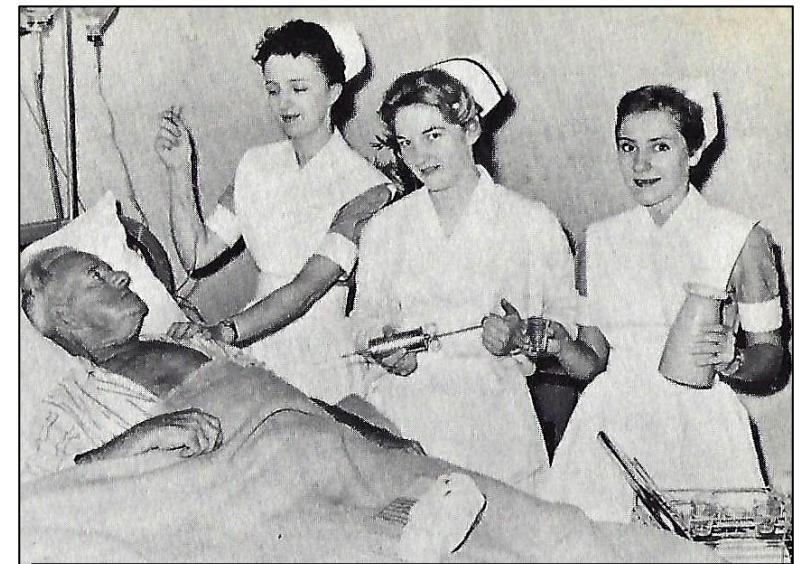
Each month on the third Tuesday, the hospital auditorium was the scene of the General Student Council meetings. These were attended by the entire student body and were opened by President B. Patterson.

First the minutes of the previous months meeting were read and accepted followed by the adoption of the treasurer's report. New business was then brought up and discussed.

The students council was fortunate in acquiring through the year very fine guest speakers.



**Mary Ellen Reaume '61**



**Joanne Peacock '61, Jessie MacMillan '60, Eleanor Violino '61**



#### **STUDENT COUNCIL 1960**

**TOP ROW:** Donna Tier '61 – Treasurer, Valerie Warne '61, Cathy Farrell '61 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Suzanne Neubauer '62, Jessie MacMillan '60

**SEATED:** Isabel Kerr '60 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Linda Bergstrand '60, Judy LaPierre '60



#### **STUDENT COUNCIL 1961**

**SEATED:** Catherine Farrell '61, Donna Tier '61 – President, Valerie Warne '61

**STANDING:** Barbara Hudecki '63, Stephanie Gabriel '62, Mary Jessop '62, Lois Balfe '62,  
**ABSENT:** Mary Ellen Reaume '61





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NIAGARA FALLS



WELLAND



HAMILTON

ENTER THESE ENCHANTED WOODS



Sister Mary Austin '43

## WHAT IS A STUDENT NURSE?

February 15 to February 22, 1959, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing played host to young women from Hamilton and district looking to nursing as their career.

Sister Mary Austin and student groups also visited schools in the vicinity to bring to the high school students as vivid a picture as possible of a nurses life in the hospital environment.

Student nurses are found everywhere, underneath, on top of, running around, jumping over, or slithering past patients' beds. Doctors yell at them, head nurses criticize them, interns tolerate them, residents overlook them, mothers worry about them, and patients love them.

A student nurse is courage under a cap, a smile in snowy white, strength in starched skirts, energy that is endless, the best of young womanhood, a modern Florence Nightingale. Just when she is gaining poise and prestige, she drops a glass, breaks a syringe or steps on a doctor's foot.

A student nurse is a composite. She eats like a team of hungry interns, and works like the whole nursing staff put together. She has the speed of a gazelle, the strength of an ox, the quickness of a cat, the endurance of a flagpole sitter, and the abilities of Florence Nightingale, Linda Richards and Clara Barton all rolled into one white uniform.

To a head nurse, she has the stability of mush, the fleetness of a snail, the mentality of a mule and is held together by starch, adhesive tape, and strained nerves. To an alumna, she will never work as hard, carry more trays, make more beds, or scrub on more cases than her predecessors.

A student nurse likes days off, boys her own age, the O. H. affiliations, certain doctors, pretty clothes, her roommate, mom and dad. She's not much on working 3-11. days off with class, alarm clocks, getting up for roll call, or eating corn beef every Tuesday.

No one else looks forward so much to a day off or so little of working 3-11. No one else gets so much pleasure from straightening a wrinkled sheet or wetting a pair of parched lips. No one else can cram into one little head the course of a disease, the bones comprising the pelvis, what to do when a patient is in shock, how to insert a Cantor tube (usually at 3 a.m.), plus the ten top tunes of the hit parade.

A student nurse is a wonderful creature; you can criticize her but you can't discourage her. You can hurt her feelings, but you can't make her quit. Might as well admit it, whether you are a head nurse, doctor, alumna, or patient, she is your personal representative of the hospital, your living symbol of faith and sympathetic care.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1961**  
*Mary Jane Ryan '63, Joanne Reuter '61 – Social Convener,  
 Lindy Fletcher '61, Susan Smith '62*

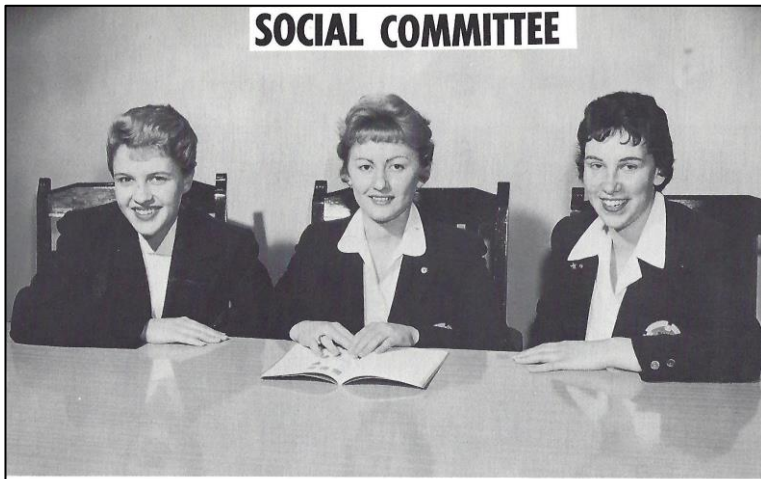


*Barbara Wilcox '61, Daryl Walker '60, Rose McSloy '61*



**SUMO**  
**STANDING:** Dale Robb '61, Josephine Stutz '63  
**SEATED:** Ann Waldron '61, Constance Burns '61

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1960**  
*Lois Balfe '62, Carol Nichol '60 – Chairman, Carolyn Fletcher '61*



*Greta Baptist '61, Edna Masur '61, Suzanne Davis '61*

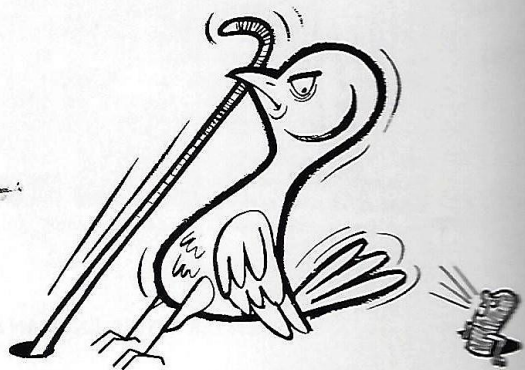
## NURSING SERVICE



*Mary Buck '56, Mrs Dorothy Harrod Rowe '45, Mary Boughner '48*



## Work And Fun



### *INSTRUCTORS 1959 - 1960*

*1<sup>st</sup> year*

**SEATED:** Doreen Duncan '55, Pat LaFlamme '57, L. MacKenzie, Teresa Malone '56  
**STANDING:** Mary Boughner '48, Betty MacInnes '53, Marie MacDonald, D. Rowe,  
 Marie Andreychuk '54, Jennie Vacola '54, Violet Jennings '38



### *YEARBOOK STAFF 1959 - 1960*

Joanne Natolochny '59, Vivian Weston '59,  
 Patricia Bertoni '60, Lorraine Etchells '61

### *YEARBOOK STAFF*



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Barb Mulholland '62, Peggy Gullett '61 - Editor,  
 Shirley Hopkins '63, Constance Burns '61

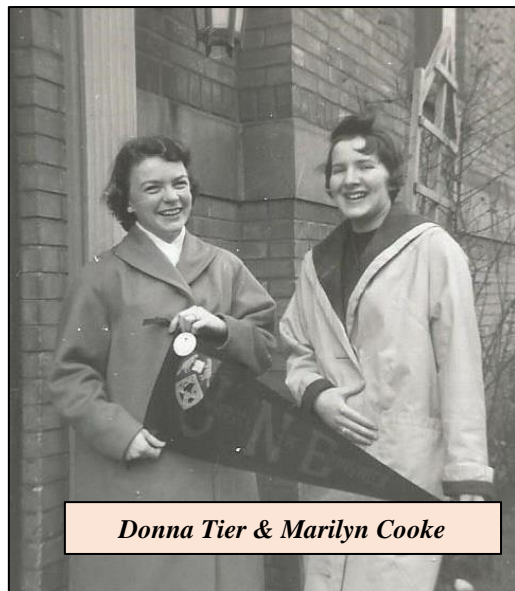


## OUR TEACHERS



### INSTRUCTORS 1960 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**TOP ROW:** Mary Boughner '48, Mrs Dorothy Harrod Rowe '45, Mrs M. MacDonald, Jennie Vacola '54, Marie Andreychuk '54, Violet Jennings '38, Miss C Kussten  
**BOTTOM ROW:** Frances Ciancone '57, Irene MacInnis DeCoste '56, Doreen Duncan '55, Pat LaFlamme Savelli '57, Lorraine Luca '57, Teresa Malone '56, Mary Buck '56



Donna Tier & Marilyn Cooke



Ann Waldron '61, Cathy Farrell '61

## OUR INSTRUCTORS



### INSTRUCTORS 1961

**FIRST ROW:** Frances Giancone '57, Irene MacInnis DeCoste '56, Carole Karsten '56, Loretta Salciccolli '58, Teresa Malone '56, Joan LaFortune '58, Marie Yakimoff '54  
**SECOND ROW:** Sally Robey '58, Mrs Meehan, Madeline Rowe '58, Violet Jennings '38, Anne LoSchiavo '56, Doreen Duncan '55, Carol Anne Vair '60, Shirley Wray '55, Helen Mauro '58



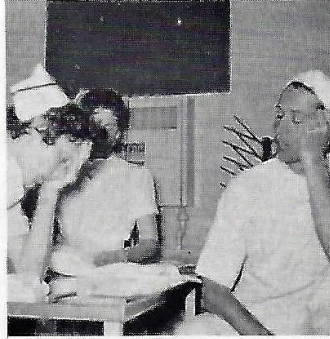
## DEPARTMENTS OF OUR HOSPITAL

This book would not be complete without taking a glimpse into the different departments of our hospital.

These departments and their staff have contributed much to our education.



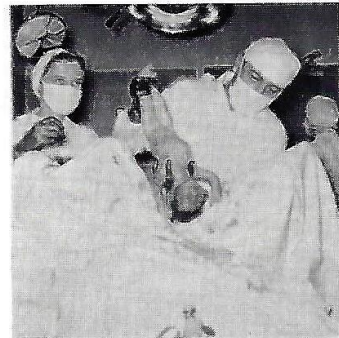
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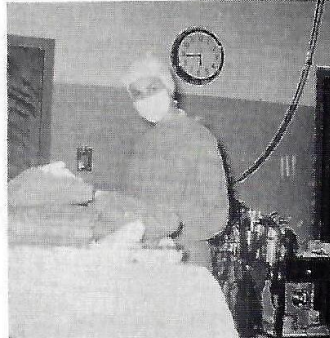
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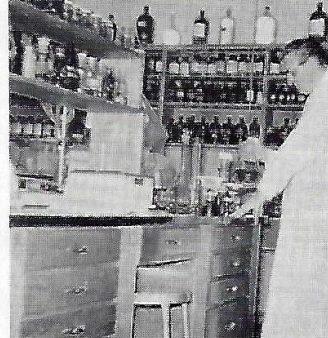
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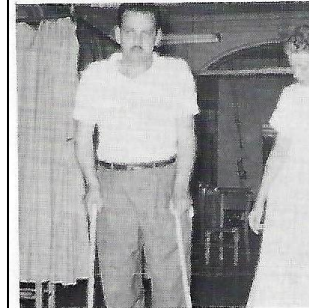
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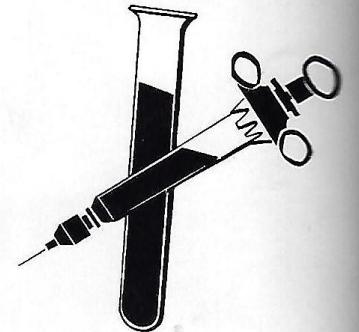
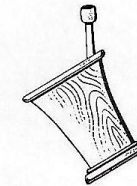
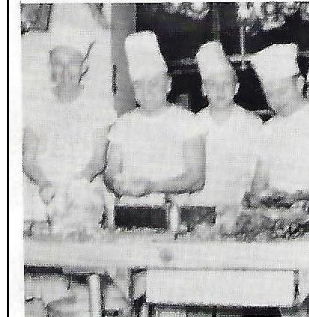
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## BLACK BANDS

*It was planned as a surprise but we all suspected this day we would receive our black bands which would distinguish us as seniors  
Sister Virginia placed a black band on each cap. Our smiling class of seniors entered the cafeteria for supper*

## BLACK BAND DAY

One of the most important days in our three years has come. Although it was planned as a surprise we all suspected this day we would receive that coveted band of black velvet which would distinguish us as seniors.

After Sister Virginia had placed a black band on each cap and the thank you's had been said, a bright and smiling class of seniors entered the cafeteria for supper amidst the admiring glances and congratulations of others.

I am sure we will always be reminded of this day by our many photographs and by the black band of the cap on the dresser.

*Carol McKenna '61*



*Kay Eedy & Janet Fenton*



*Greta Baptist, Lindy Fletcher,  
Sue Davis*



*Janet Fenton '61*



*Helen Reeker & Linda Mackie*



*Kay Eedy '61*



*Kathleen Eedy, Barbara Warren, Doreen Cowan*







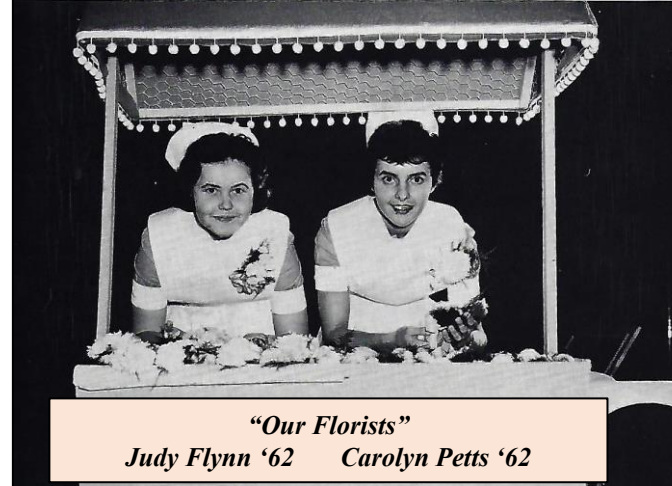
## OUR BLACK BAND DANCE

**BLACK BAND DANCE**  
*St Joseph's School of Nursing  
 annual Black Band Dance  
 was held on Saturday August 5, 1960  
 in the Gold Room at Prudhommes.*

*Music was by Ron Metcalfe and his orchestra.  
 Dress was semi-formal*



GENERAL CONSENSUS OF OPINION - We had a ball!



**"Our Florists"**  
*Judy Flynn '62    Carolyn Petts '62*

## CHRYSANTHEMUM BALL

The St. Joseph's Nurses' Alumnae's Chrysanthemum Ball is a special dance and privilege for any Senior Student Class as we are the only class representing the School.

As evening approaches, the excitement was foretold by the gay laughter, running water, rustle of crinolines and general chaos in residence.

Around 8:30 P. M. the door bell began to ring, and each nurse tried her calmest expression and her most sophisticated walk, then went to meet her escort.

In the Burgundy Room of the 'Fisher Hotel' we spent three short but, lovely hours dancing to the music of Jim Begg's Orchestra.

Then to Undermount at 2 A. M. to say good night - to have this evening so long anticipated, left to memories and a topic of conversation when someone mentions "Do you remember?"

Thanks to the Sisters, the Staff, the Alumni and the students who made this evening possible.

**Kirsten Case '61**

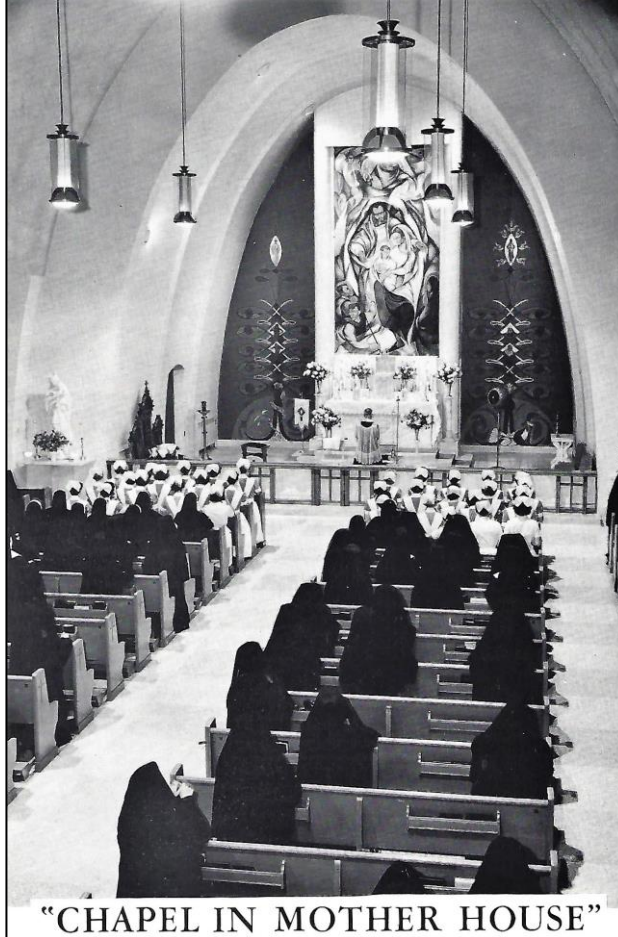
## Chrysanthemum Ball    October 1960

*This is an annual event given by the St Joseph's Nurses Alumnae's  
 Only senior students as invited.*

*It was held in the Burgundy Room of the Fisher Hotel, dancing to the music of Jim Begg's Orchestra.  
 The theme was "Harvest Time".  
 Corsages were sold at the door.*







"CHAPEL IN MOTHER HOUSE"

## MOTHER HOUSE

On Friday, November 4, 1960, the Catholic members of the graduating class, attired in their blue and white uniforms went to the Mother House in Waterdown. When we arrived we were greeted by Mother Alacoque and the postulants. We were served a delicious buffet lunch after which we joined in a sing-song around the piano. Later everyone assembled in the chapel for Holy Hour - Father Lardy gave a most enlightening sermon. Many thanks to all who made it possible for such an enjoyable evening!

**Rose Anne McSloy '61**

***A weekly class with Father Beaudry of religious instructions***

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

Facing each crisis that appears in a day's work, one cannot but realize the importance of fulfilling our spiritual needs. Each in his own way by prayer; much can be accomplished in this aspect, however, sometimes a little guidance can be of the greatest help.

To those seeking advice and answers to puzzling questions our weekly class with Father Beaudry became a time when their questions would be answered.

To you, Father, goes our thanks for you so willingly conceding to conduct this class of religious instructions.

**Geraldine Duc '61**



***Friday November 4, 1960***

***Catholic members of the class of 1961 in blue & white uniforms went to the Motherhouse***

***They were greeted by Mother Alacoque and the postulants. They enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch & a sing song around the piano.***

***They went to the chapel for Holy Hour.***



## INTERMEDIATE SENIOR RETREAT

The student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital had the privilege of Father R. C. Johnston S.J. guiding them, this year in their annual retreat.

Through the three days of silence, prayer and meditation Father directed our thoughts to the past, present and future.

Since our Catechism we have known our purpose in life but the main question remains - how am I to attain my goal? - what is expected of me in this world that will bring me closer and better prepared to eternity? What have I done and what will I do?

The retreatants day began with morning prayers, meditation, mass and Holy Communion. It continued with five scheduled conferences with free time between for spiritual reading, meditation and of course coffee time. There was time for private conferences if anyone so wished.

Each evening the exercises closed with Benediction and recitation of the Rosary with the retreatants retiring weary but satisfied. What greater close to a retreat than the receiving of the Papal Blessing from our retreat master.

Did we make a good retreat? Ask us next year when we can see the influence it has had on our life.

**Mary Ellen Reaume '61**

***Father R. C. Johnston guided the students in their Annual Retreat Through the 3 days of silence, prayer and meditation Father directed our thoughts to the past, present and future.***

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*Rhapsody In Blue*



***RHAPSODY IN BLUE***  
***Annual Ball held at the Royal Connaught Hotel***  
***To the music of Ron Metcalf's Orchestra***  
***Receiving line included***  
***Donna Tier '61 – President of the Student Council***  
***Joanne Reuter '61 – President of the social committee***  
***Madeline Rowe '58 – Student Council Advisor***

## **RHAPSODY IN BLUE**

Our Second Annual Ball of 1961 proved to be quite an enjoyable one. Nurses and escorts entered into the beautifully decorated rooms of the Royal Connaught Hotel. They were met by a most attractive receiving line which included Miss Donna Tier, President of the Student Council and escort; Miss Joanne Reuter, President of the Social Committee and escort, and Miss Madeline Rowe, Student Council Advisor and escort.

At 9 P. M. the music of Ron Metcalf's Orchestra began and continued to entertain approximately 280 guests until the late hour of 1 A. M. This so long anticipated evening left memories and dreams when someone mentions "Do you remember?"

***Julie Capriotti '61***



*Rhapsody in Blue*







*Sunday December 18, 1960  
The whole school assembled in the Auditorium for the 1<sup>st</sup> evening capping ceremony.  
We recited the Jeanne Mance Pledge.*

*The junior class of 1963 received their caps from Sister Superior – Sister St. Paul and Sister Virginia  
Senior students gave each member of the junior class a Florence Nightingale lamp  
and lit it with a taper.*

*The intermediate class of 1962 received their year pins.*

*The senior class of 1961 received their school rings presented by Sister Virginia.*

*A social time with a sing – song and congratulations completed the evening*



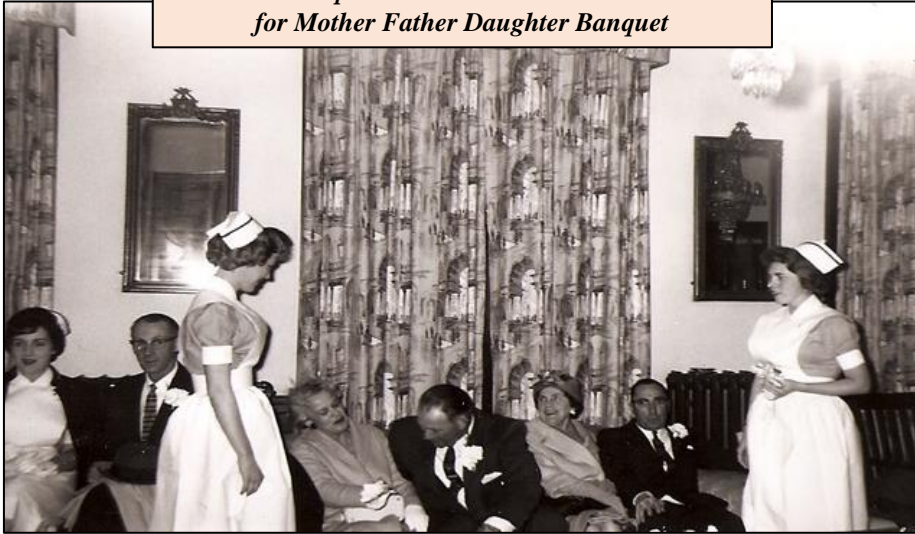
The evening couldn't have been more perfect. We had just returned from the Chapel following the most beautiful capping ceremony and there was an air of excitement and anticipation throughout the room. Rumor had it that we, the seniors, would be given our graduation rings.

Then to a thrilled group of students Sister announced the presentation of school rings. As each of us stepped forward and received them from Sister Virginia we whispered our thank you and knew that this marked another step up the ladder to graduation.

*Doreen Cowan '61*



*Reception Room in Undermount  
for Mother Father Daughter Banquet*



*April 25, 1961*

*Mother Father Daughter Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Royal Connaught Hotel  
Members of the graduating class greeted parents at Undermount, presenting corsages & boutonnieres to them.  
Tables in the Crystal Ballroom were decorated with red roses, caps & diplomas.  
Seated at the Head Table were Carolyn Fletcher, Donna Tier, Mary Ellen Reaume accompanied by their parents.  
Also at the Head Table were Reverend Father Beaudry, Reverend Father Pocock, Mrs John McHale Jr. & Miss M. Rowe.  
Reverend Father Beaudry asked blessing before dinner & Mr. Fletcher gave a toast to the Queen.  
Following the meal, Reverend Father Pocock proposed a toast to the parents and Mr Tier responded  
Mr. Fenton gave a toast to the Graduating and Miss Sue Davis responded  
Mrs McHale the guest speaker, chose as her topic "Time on our hands" & encouraged us  
to make good use of our leisure time & our profession.  
Benediction was given by Reverend Father Beaudry  
We then lingered, introducing our parents to our friends.  
Sister Virginia '45, and our classmates Sister Mary Laurentia '61 and Sister Mary Martha '61 were unable to attend.*



## **MOTHER - FATHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET**

Tuesday afternoon, April 25th, saw the Class of "61" hurrying up and down the halls of Undermount in preparation for the Mother, Father, Daughter Banquet which was being held that evening at 7:30 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel. Dressed in the traditional school uniform, mostly borrowed "blues", we greeted our parents at Undermount, presenting our corsages and boutonnieres. Then it was on to the Crystal Ballroom, where the tables were appropriately decorated with red roses, caps, and diplomas. Seated at the head table were Misses Carolyn Fletcher, Donna Tier, Mary Ellen Reaume accompanied by their parents, Reverend Father Beaudry, Reverend Father Pocock, Mrs. John McHale Jr., and Miss M. Rowe.

Preceding the dinner Reverend Father Beaudry asked Blessing and a toast to the Queen was given by Mr. Fletcher. Reverend Father Pocock proposed a toast to the parents and Mr. Fenton one to the Graduating Class following the meal. These were responded to respectively by Mr. Tier and Miss Sue Davis. Mrs. McHale our guest speaker, chose as her topic "Time On Our Hands", and encouraged us to make good use of our leisure time and our profession.

Following Benediction by Reverend Father Beaudry, it was evident we had enjoyed ourselves as we lingered on introducing our parents to our friends.

So ended the first of many festivities to be climaxed by our Graduation.

Not forgotten was Reverend Sister Virginia and the two graduating Sisters in our class, who were unable to attend.

*Carolyn Fletcher '61*







## BLACK BAND DANCE

May 17, 1961, the Graduating class of 1961 entered the gaily decorated auditorium of Cathedral Girls' High School for the Annual Red Rose Ball.

As they entered, red roses were pinned on the bibs of the school uniform by their escorts. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Wally Mack's orchestra.

The climax of the evening came at 10:30 P.M. when Peggy Gullett was chosen Red Rose Queen, with Arlene Craig and Donna Tier as princesses. Peggy received an engraved silver tray and Arlene and Donna received charm bracelets as a reminder of this occasion.

Our sincere thanks is extended to the members of the Classes of '62 and '63 for making this evening so enjoyable.

May 17, 1961

Black Band Dance

*The annual RED ROSE BALL was held in the auditorium of Cathedral Girls High School  
As the graduating class pf 1961 entered, red roses were pinned on the bibs of the school uniform by their escorts.  
Dance music was provided by the Wally Mack orchestra.  
Thanks were given to the members of the class of '62 & '63 for making the evening enjoyable*



*Donna Tier '61, Fran Fraser '60, Peggy Gullett '61, Arlene Craig '61*

*Peggy Gullett was chosen Red Rose Queen with Arlene Craig & Donna Tier as princesses.  
Peggy was crowned by Fran Fraser, Red Rose Queen of the class of 1960  
Peggy received an engraved silver tray and Arlene & Donna received charm bracelets*



## ALUMNAE BANQUET

On May the third, the Annual Alumnae Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel. On arriving at six-thirty p.m., each member of the graduating class received a red carnation with gold ribbon signifying the school colours. After the Graduate Nurses were seated we took our designated places and before the dinner a toast was proposed to our Alma Mater, St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Mrs. Newman, the president, then greeted us and told us of our responsibilities as graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Marilyn Cooke gave the response for the Class of '61.

One of the features of the evening was the appointment of the officers of the alumnae for 1961. Roll call was then taken of the different classes from 1915 to 1960 --then 1961. Prizes donated by Roy Meehan and Bob Gallaway of the "Tuck Shop" were then drawn for. The lucky winner of the steam iron was Nijole Latauskas and Sandra Chase, Anna Marie Garvey and Mary Jane Noble each won a pen.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Williams, Medical Director of St. Joseph's Hospital gave an interesting outline of the new addition to the hospital.

The Class of '61 wish to express their thanks to the alumnae for such a memorable evening.

May 3, 1961

*Annual Alumnae Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel  
Each member of the graduating class received a red carnation with gold ribbon signifying the school colours.*

*Before dinner there was a toast to the Alma Mater, St Joseph's School of Nursing*

*Mrs Newman, the Alumnae President, greeted the class*

*Marilyn Cooke '61 gave the response for the class*

*During the evening, there was the appointment of the officers of the Alumnae for 1961.*

*Roll call was taken of the different classes from 1915 to 1961*

*There was a draw for prizes donated by Roy Meehan & Bob Gallaway of the "Tuck Shop"*

*Winners of the prizes were Nijole Latauskas, Sandra Chase, Anna Marie Garvey & Mary Jane Noble.*

*Guest speaker for the evening was Dr Williams, Medical Director of St Joseph's Hospital,  
outlining the new addition to the hospital.*



CLASS OF 1961 OFF TO GRADUATION DINNER

### Officers of the Alumnae for 1961

**President:** Mrs R.C. Newman (Elisabeth Herrod '47)  
**Vice President:** Mrs Russell Fletcher (Ila "Dixie" Watts '47)  
 Mrs Dante Savelli (Patricia LaFlamme '57)  
**Treasurer:** Mrs Austin Callaghan (Illa Van Horne '50)  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Sally Robey '28  
**Recording Secretary:** Mrs Alistair Rumbles (Shirley Quance '52)



### 1,000 Cheque For Hospital

A cheque for \$1,000 will be presented by the St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association to Dr. Kenneth Williams, medical director of St. Joseph's Hospital, at the association's annual meeting next month, said Mrs. R. C. Newman, president, at the association's recent meeting at the hospital. Mrs. Murdoch MacKenzie, nominations chairman, presented the slate of 1961-62 officers. They are: Mrs. R. C. Newman, president; Mrs. Russell R. Fletcher and Mrs. Dante Savelli, Burlington; vice-presidents; Mrs. Austin Callaghan, treasurer; Miss Sally Robey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alistair Rumbles, recording secretary.

*\$1000 for building fund for Sister Mary Grace Wing  
presented to Dr K. Williams at the banquet*



*May 10, 1961*

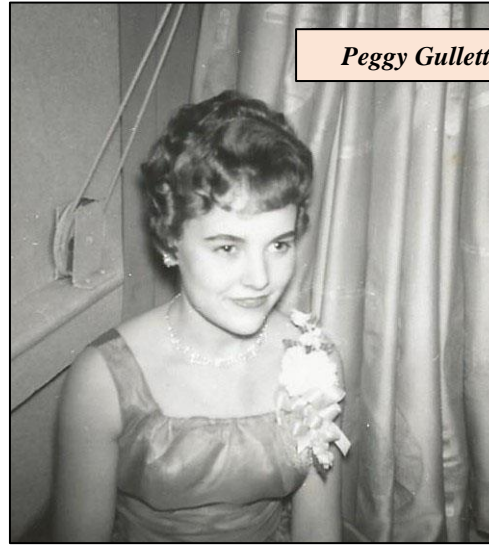
*Annual R.N.A.O. Tea was held in the Auditorium of St Joseph's Hospital.  
It included the graduating classes from McMaster University,  
Hamilton General Hospital and St Joseph's Hospital*

## R. N. A. O. TEA

The Annual R. N. A. O. Tea which included the Graduating classes from McMaster University, Hamilton General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital was held in the Auditorium of St. Joseph's Hospital, May the tenth.

This gave us a sneak preview of a regular R. N. A. O. meeting to which we will all belong as Registered Nurses.

*Peggy Gullett*



*RETREAT May 13 & 14, 1961*

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

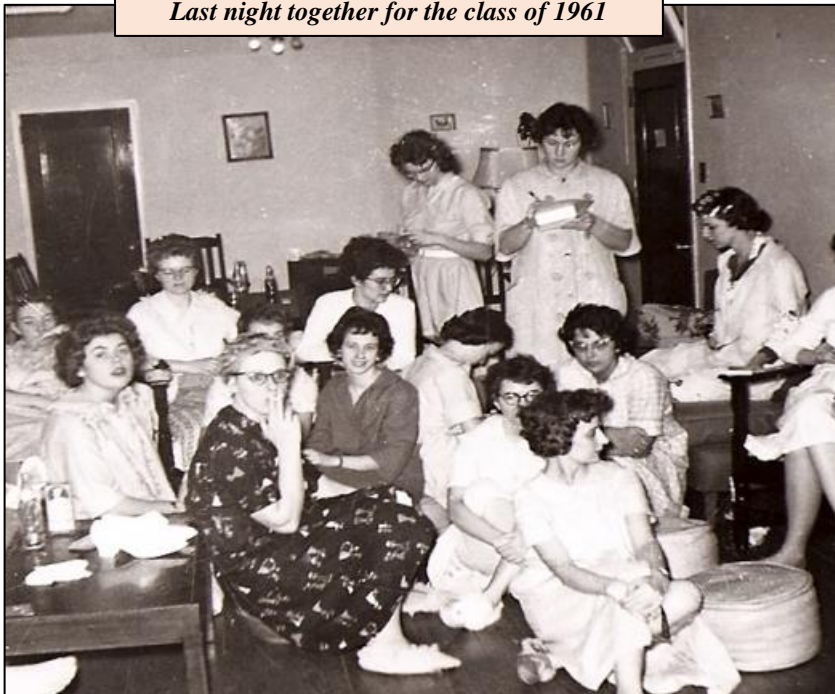
May thirteenth and fourteenth were set aside as "Days of Recollection" for the Graduating Class of 1961. We were very fortunate in having Father G. Pocock S.M.M. as our Retreat Master.

The day began with Holy Mass after which a series of conferences were given. The last conference was followed by Benediction which closed the Retreat.

This proved to be a most inspiring day for those who took part.

Margaret Huppert '61.

*Last night together for the class of 1961*



*Miss LaFlamme, Jackie Button, Margaret Carmody*



*Geraldine Duc, Margaret Carmody, Arlene Craig, Cathy Farrell,  
Kathleen Eedy, Betty Ann Szacas*





## GRADUATION

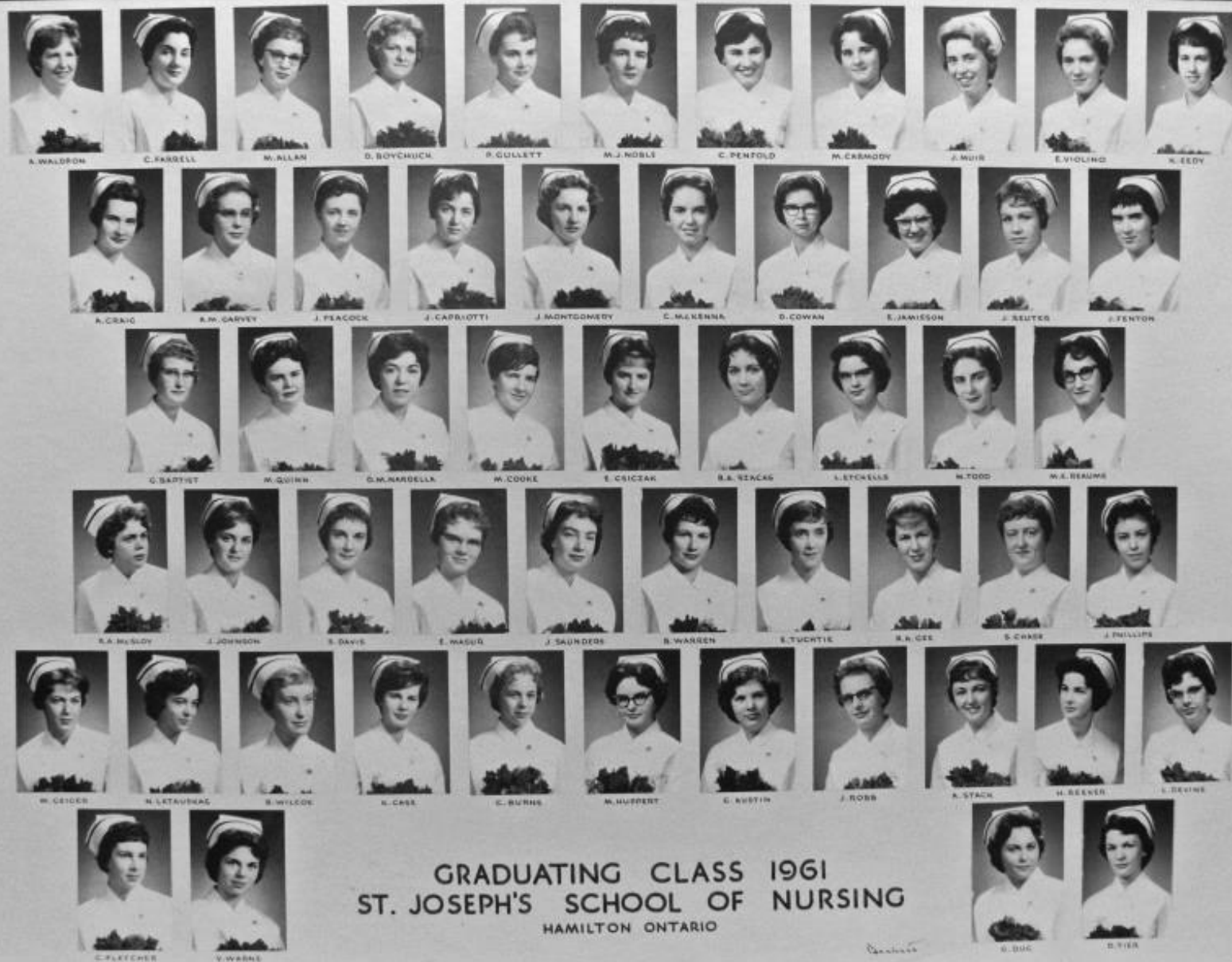
Thursday May 25, 1961



The Sisters of St. Joseph  
and the Graduating Class of  
nineteen hundred and sixty-one  
St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing  
cordially invite you to be present at the  
Graduation Exercises  
Thursday afternoon, May twenty-fifth  
at three o'clock  
Auditorium, Cathedral Girls' High School  
Main Street East, at Grant Avenue  
Hamilton

Reception  
to follow

Admission  
by ticket only







**Graduation Breakfast**  
*Mary Ellen Reaume, Kay Eedy, Joan Montgomery, Margaret Geiger*





# GRADUATION DAY

Sounds of carefree laughter and shouts of excited voices echoed through the long, once quiet corridors. This was the eve before the graduation of the Class of 1961. In spite of the mounting tension and excitement each nurse had to force herself to bed in an attempt to get a few hours of rest. Sleep, however, did not come as quickly as it had on previous nights. Instead the few remaining hours before dawn were spent recalling pleasant memories of the past three years and trying to anticipate what the morrow would bring.

At five-thirty the following morning one of the nurses, noted for sleeping in, exclaimed: "It's graduation day!" This exclamation reminded everyone that this actually was the day of their graduation and one not likely to be forgotten. Roll call was taken at six-fifteen and we then proceeded to the beautifully decorated chapel. Here a High Mass was offered by Reverend Father Beaudry for the graduating class. Following the mass breakfast was served in the cafeteria at tables decorated with bouquets of flowers. On our place-mats each of us found an engraved red leather photo album given to us by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Having finished breakfast we visited Sister Mary Virginia and Sister Mary Austin, our Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing Education, respectively, who, we are very sorry to say, were unable to attend graduation due to illness. The latter part of the morning was spent in gaiety and laughter as our excitement increased with every passing moment.

At one o'clock that afternoon we filed into buses and were then driven to Cathedral Girls' High School amidst a chorus of songs and shouts. After being ushered into classrooms we put on our bibs and aprons and each was given a cascade of roses.

With the commencement of the tune, "Land of Hope and Glory", the procession began slowly down the centre aisle of the auditorium. Our heart beat faster and tears of joy trickled down our cheeks as we ascended the platform and took our places. We waited for an eternity, it seemed, until it was time to receive our diplomas and pins.

On unsteady feet we descended the stairs, shook the warm, outstretched hand of Bishop Ryan and then with trembling fingers grasped our diplomas. In a daze we crossed in front of the platform received our pins and again took our places on stage. Through a mist of tears we caught short glimpses of our proud families and their smiling faces. Several minutes later the programme ended as we, our families, and our friends joined together in the singing of "God Save the Queen".

The reception which followed, terminated our day of graduation -- a cherished and forgotten day in our hearts and in our lives.

*Carol Penfold '61*



## GRADUATION DAY

5:30 am we were awake

6:15 am roll call taken

*We proceeded to the beautifully decorated chapel. Reverend Father Beaudry offered High Mass*

*Breakfast in the cafeteria – each place mat had an engraved red leather photo album given to the class by the Sisters of St Joseph*

*After breakfast we visited Sister Mary Virginia (Director of Nursing) & Sister Mary Austin (Director of Nursing Education)*

*They were both unable to attend the graduation due to illness*

1 pm

*we filed into 2 buses and were driven to Cathedral Girls High School. We then put on our bibs and aprons and each was given a cascade of roses. Procession down the centre aisle of the auditorium to "Land of Hope and Glory"*

*We ascended the platform & took our places.*

*We descended the stairs, shook hands with Bishop Ryan & grasped our diplomas. We crossed in front of the platform, received our pins & again took out places on stage.*

*As the program ended we joined in the singing of "God Save The Queen"*

*A reception followed*





# 47th Graduation Exercises

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Hamilton, Ontario

School of Nursing

AUDITORIUM CATHEDRAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday May 25th

1961



## GRADUATION 1961

*Dr. A.C. Johnson. President of the Medical Staff of St Joseph's Hospital was the chairman for the graduation exercises.*

*Dr Johnson offered congratulations to the class for Sister Virginia who was ill & unable to attend.*

*Bishop Ryan addressed the graduates . He then presented them with their diplomas & pins.*

*His Worship mayor L.D. Jackson gave greetings to the graduating class.*

*Other speakers included Dr J.A. Lamont, President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine,*

*Mr J.M. Pigott, Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board and Reverend C.C. Ryan*

*School of Nursing Choir, was directed by Judy Ann Heaslip '62 & accompanied by Shirley Anne Hopkins '63*

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### Valedictorian Tells Class Of '61

## Nursing Demands Entire Gift Of Being

"The nurse is medicine's mother of mercy, sister of suffering, daughter of charity," the Rev. C. C. Ryan, of Toronto, editor of the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart", told the graduating class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing yesterday.

Families and friends of the Class of '61, assembled in the auditorium at the Cathedral Girls' High School, heard the Rev. Ryan congratulate the new nurses, "who, 'through long days of labor, and nights devoid of ease', have reached their objective."

### Entire Gift

VALEDICTORIAN. Miss Eleanor Violino, spoke for the nurses when she said, "We graduates stand at the doorway to a new life. Others have labored before us, and now we have been called on to share their work. Nursing demands the entire gift of our being." She thanked parents, the doctors and nurses on the staff, and the Sisters, for "their example and devotion."

"God," said the Rev. Ryan, "is as much at home in a hospital room as He is in the Convent chapel. There, especially, is where you will find Christ today, in the man of suffering, in the man of sorrow, in the man on the hospital cot."

### Like Beacons

"All the ethical principles of the sacredness of human life are like beacons, that should light up the course of the nursing profession. There will arise situations when you may have to stand alone to defend these principles," he said.

The Rev. Ryan closed his address by wishing the graduates the joy of accomplishment, through their whole lives. "One of the deeper springs of the happiness which floods you on this occasion is the knowledge that what you have been given in your years of training no one can take from you. It is for life."

Sister M. Virginia, director of nursing at St. Joseph's, was unable to attend the graduation because she was ill. Her best wishes and regards were

over. Put them down anywhere in the world, and they'll do fine," he said. Bishop of Hamilton, the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, presented the graduates with their diplomas and pins.

### Special Merit

A scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education, was presented to Patricia McCabe, by Mrs. C. E. Dwyer. The award is given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.

Label Kerr received a post-graduate scholarship from St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff. It was presented to her by Mrs. G. J. Quigley.

Catherine Newell presented a prize for general proficiency in the senior year, to Carolyn Fletcher. The prize is given in memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell, by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Newell.

Juliana Kostelny received the prize given by the 67th University Battery Chapter of the IOOE for general proficiency in the intermediate year.

Mrs. A. E. Skelton presented the prize. Mrs. C. Thomas Lowe presented Catherine Moore with a prize for general proficiency in the junior year; given by the Margaret Gage Buckholder Chapter of the IOOE.

## Graduates Win Honors



## Programme

OPENING PRAYER  
Reverend J. R. Beaudry

ORGAN

O CANADA

Organist - Mrs. G. L. Burjaw, A.T.C.M.

### CHAIRMAN

A. C. Johnson, M.D. - President of the Medical Staff

Valedictory - Eleanor Violino

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PINS BY  
Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Hamilton

### SCHOOL OF NURSING CHOIR

Directed by Judyann Heaslip, '62  
Accompanist Shirley Anne Hopkins, '63

GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS  
His Worship Mayor L. D. Jackson

J. A. LAMONT, 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

REVEREND C. C. RYAN, S.J.  
GUEST SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



Patricia McCabe Reg. N. '60  
Isabel Kerr Reg. N. '60

Carolyn Fletcher '61  
Julianna Kostelny '62  
Catherine Moor '63

**PRIZE WINNERS 1961**  
*Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education*  
*Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education*

*Prize for General Proficiency – Senior Year*  
*Prize for General Proficiency – Intermediate Year*  
*Prize for General Proficiency – Junior Year*

## Awards

### SCHOLARSHIP for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary  
Presented by Mrs. C. E. Dwyer

PATRICIA McCABE, Reg.N. 1960

### SCHOLARSHIP for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff  
Presented by Mrs. G. J. Quigley

ISABEL KERR, Reg.N. 1960

### PRIZE for General Proficiency – Senior Year

Given in Memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell  
by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Newell  
Presented by Miss Catherine Newell

CAROLYN FLETCHER

### PRIZE for General Proficiency – Intermediate Year

Given by the 67th University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton

JULIANNA KOSTELNY

### PRIZE for General Proficiency – Junior Year

Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Presented by Mrs. C. Thomas Lowe

CATHERINE MOOR



Carolyn Fletcher '61, Patricia McCabe Reg. N. '60, Isabel Kerr Reg. N. '60



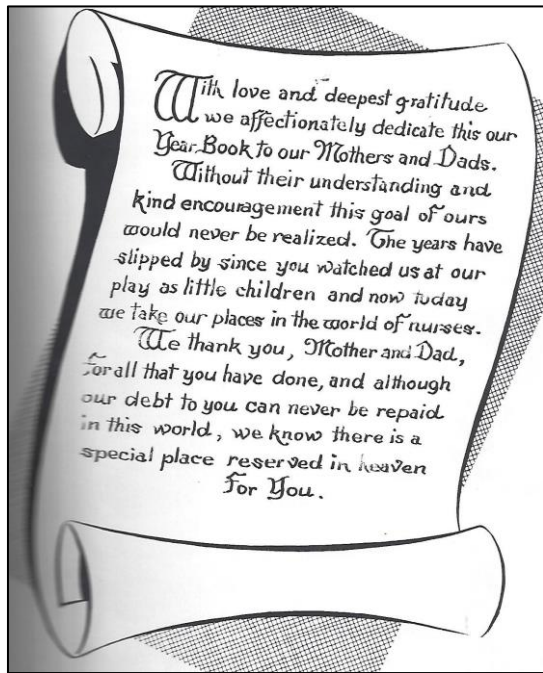
Kay Eedy, Peggy Gullett, Donna Tier, Edith Jamieson '61.

## Graduating Class 1961

SISTER MARY MARTHA, C.S.J.  
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SISTER M. LAURENTIA, C.S.J.  
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*Peggy Gullett*



*Lorraine Etchells, Connie Burns, Diane Boychuk,  
Ruth Ann Gee*



*Class 1961*

*Ann Stack, Lindy Fletcher, Peggy Gullett, Carol Penfold*

..... MOTHER .....

The stretch of the years is now long past  
Since I was your baby girl  
The years when you mended a broken doll  
Or smoothed down a straying curl.

I've come since then to a woman's place  
To my graduation day.  
I'm a nurse - and the dream of my childhood hours  
Stands achieved - and my heart is gay.

You are my model - you my ideal  
Yours - ever the love that was true.  
God couldn't be with me all of the time  
So He gave me a mother like you.

..... DAD .....

To-day I'm a nurse - it seems only a dream  
I can hardly believe that it's true.  
My training is done - I have come to the end  
And my first grateful thought is of you.

I know that you're proud, Dad, to-day as you see  
Your nurse - just so late your wee tot  
But my pride in you, Dad, rings as strong in my heart  
God love you - and bless you a lot.

This is only a verse - just a "thank you" in rhyme  
But its accents are happy and glad.  
For it tells of the love that in gratitude comes  
From a graduate nurse to her Dad.



*Peggy Gullett '61, Judy LaPierre '60*

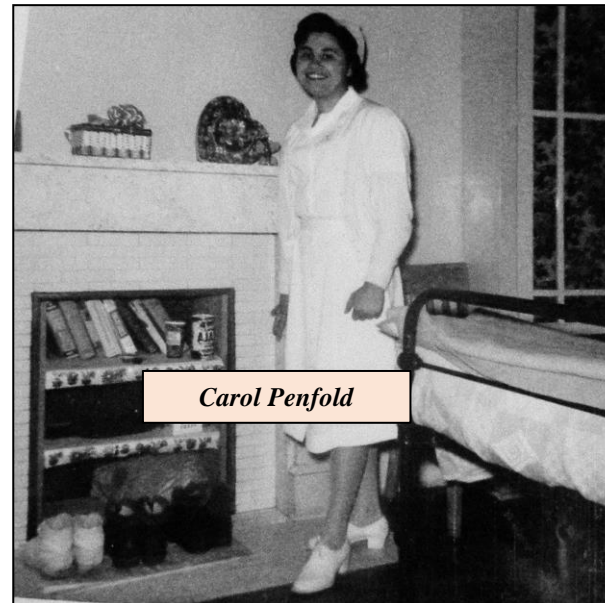


*Elsie Csiczak & Julie Capriotti*





*Sister Virginia Hanlon '45 & Kay Eedy '61*



*Carol Penfold*

# A TRIBUTE

At the commencement of our senior year, we had the disappointment of having our very dear "Sister Mary Austin," our Director of Nursing Education, become ill, and she had to leave her duties. Since that time Sister has been confined to a hospital bed.

More recently "Sister Mary Virginia," our Director of Nursing, has also been confined to hospital.

We have sincerely missed their presence at all our important functions especially our graduation festivities, but most important their presence in the school where we knew we could always go for help and advice. From the depths of our hearts we all truly hope that they will be able to resume their duties in the near future.

Class of '61.





VALEDICTORY - 1961.

To-day we graduates stand at the doorway to a new life. Others have laboured before us in a nursing life of love, dedication and service. Now we have been called to share their work, to give our own care to the sick. We must give more than our professional talents for nursing demands the generous gift of our entire being.

As we stand at the doorway of graduation, we gratefully remember many persons, all those who made this day possible, by guiding us with understanding, skill and love.

God alone can adequately reward our fathers and mothers for their un-failing sacrifices and constant encouragement to continue generously onward in our years of training. We offer grateful prayers for all the Sisters of St. Joseph for their example and devotion has been an inspiration. We sincerely thank the many dedicated physicians, instructors, nurses and other staff members who contributed so richly to our lives in the past three years.

Ours is indeed a most rewarding profession. The sense of accomplishment, the proud feeling of proprietorship, when one of our patients turns the corner that means life and health again. Unless we are humble, unless we so merge ourselves in the patient's service, that he knows his welfare is the first consideration in our mind; that it is in fact, a matter of spiritual concern to us, our patient will be the first to recognize the lack of that divine spark within us and we shall have failed our vocation.

We offer our sincere thanks to all who have helped us to become able to help others.

We beg of you a prayer. We ask you to pray that in God's strength and mercy, we may never fail those patients who wait for us and claim the full measure of our care, our love and our lives.

Privileges such as we enjoy, entail responsibilities. In a world that knows little but self seeking we must remember that we are pledged to serve others. The words of Cardinal Newman may be applied to the vocation of a nurse "God has created me to do Him some definite service; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. We shall do good, we shall do His work, if we but fulfill His commandment, and serve Him in our calling."



*Eleanor Violino '61  
Valedictorian*



As a student nurse approaches her day of graduation she views the field of professional nursing from a new perspective. She has almost forgotten the cloud of glamour and idealism which once surrounded her cherished dream of the future and reduced the true picture of nursing to one of sentimentality. She is now a mechanical formality. A new dimension of nursing is taking form within her. It is a composite of all the things she is, enriched by her background of technical skills but sparked by the soul of nursing - a rich loving person.

One of the great objectives of a Catholic School of Nursing is to salvage the Christian ideals of nursing from the confused environment of a cold scientific approach in the care of the sick. If you would realize these ideals in your lives, then there are three important aspects of your living to be emphasized.

You must see yourself as a religious person, as a social person, and as a professional person. Only when you begin to visualize yourself in these three roles and then integrate them within your total personality will you find your place in life. Your professional personality as a nurse is the distinctive feature of your vocation, it sets you apart from the other categories of living. In your religious and social personality you have much in common with others but as a nurse you are different. Your particular calling is to care for the sick. To do this adequately it needs sufficient knowledge and skill. Your competence require diligent, daily, persevering study because a mistake on your part can mean the difference between life and death for a patient. It is necessary that you pursue your studies with an overwhelming ambition to get the maximum return from your education. Your professional personality must also include a sense of duty. Very often this calls for sacrifice of one's own pleasure but it is essential if you will be true to your professional role.

The transition from student in nursing to the role of professional practitioner is an exciting period filled with making decisions and setting new personal and professional goals. The new graduate has some realization of her responsibility in relation to society in her profession. She knows that to carry out this responsibility, she must continue to improve her nursing practice, promote the welfare of her profession, and take an active interest in the health and welfare of her community.

More than in any other position held by women there is a crying need for the realization of the meaning of Christian womanhood in nursing. The need is not only individual, but general; not just for to-day, but for all time; not just where you are now, but in the whole of our country and in the world.

In conclusion, dear nurses, always be loyal to your patients, your institution and yourselves - a true nurse.

In an address given to participants in the National Congress of Professional Nurses, by His Late Holiness, Pius XII, in September, 1953, he stated "To recognize Jesus in the invalid and to act yourself like Jesus with him - here is the ideal of every Christian nurse. In this way it will come about that the image of Christ will be reproduced twice by every bed of pain; in the sick person, the Christ of Calvary expiating and resigned and in the one assisting, the compassionate Christ, Divine Doctor of souls and of bodies."

God bless you always.



*Sister Mary Virginia C.S.J.  
Director of Nursing*



*Friday May 26, 1961*

*GRADUATION DANCE sponsored by the St Joseph's Nurses Alumnae.*

*It was held in the Starlight Room at Prudhommes Garden Centre*

*The theme was "MAYTIME"*

*The room was decorated with roses & lilacs.*

*WE danced to the music of Ron Metcalfe.*

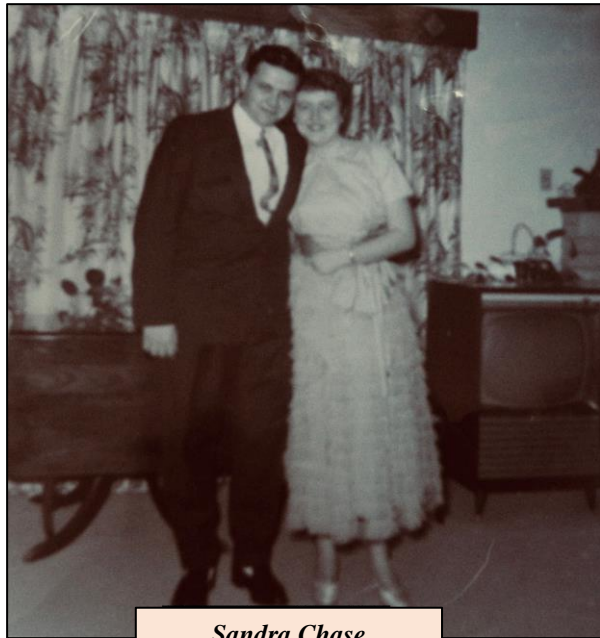
## "MAY TIME"

Friday, May the twenty-sixth, at last, the night of THE BIG DANCE!! For three years we waited for our Graduation Ball, and it was all well worth waiting for.

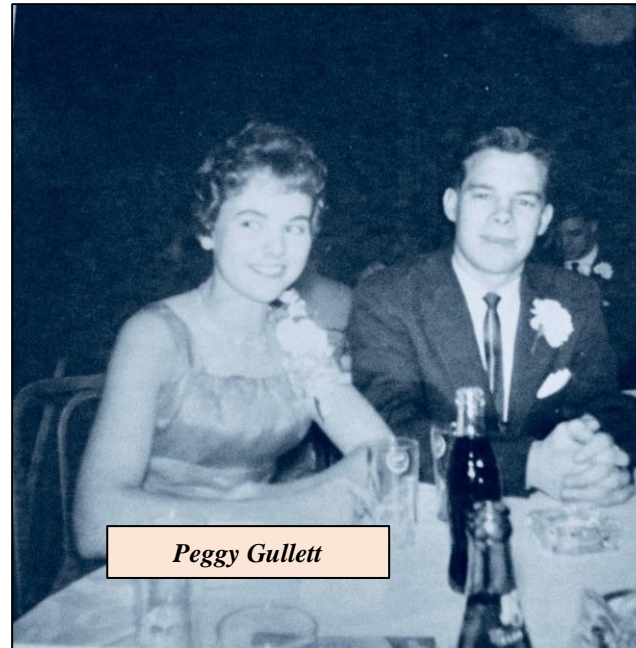
All were excited as we arrived at Prudhommes Garden Centre. The Starlight Room was beautifully decorated with roses and lilacs and the girls wore gowns of every colour imaginable.

The doctors, graduate nurses and their escorts appeared to enjoy themselves as we all danced to the music of Ron Metcalfe.

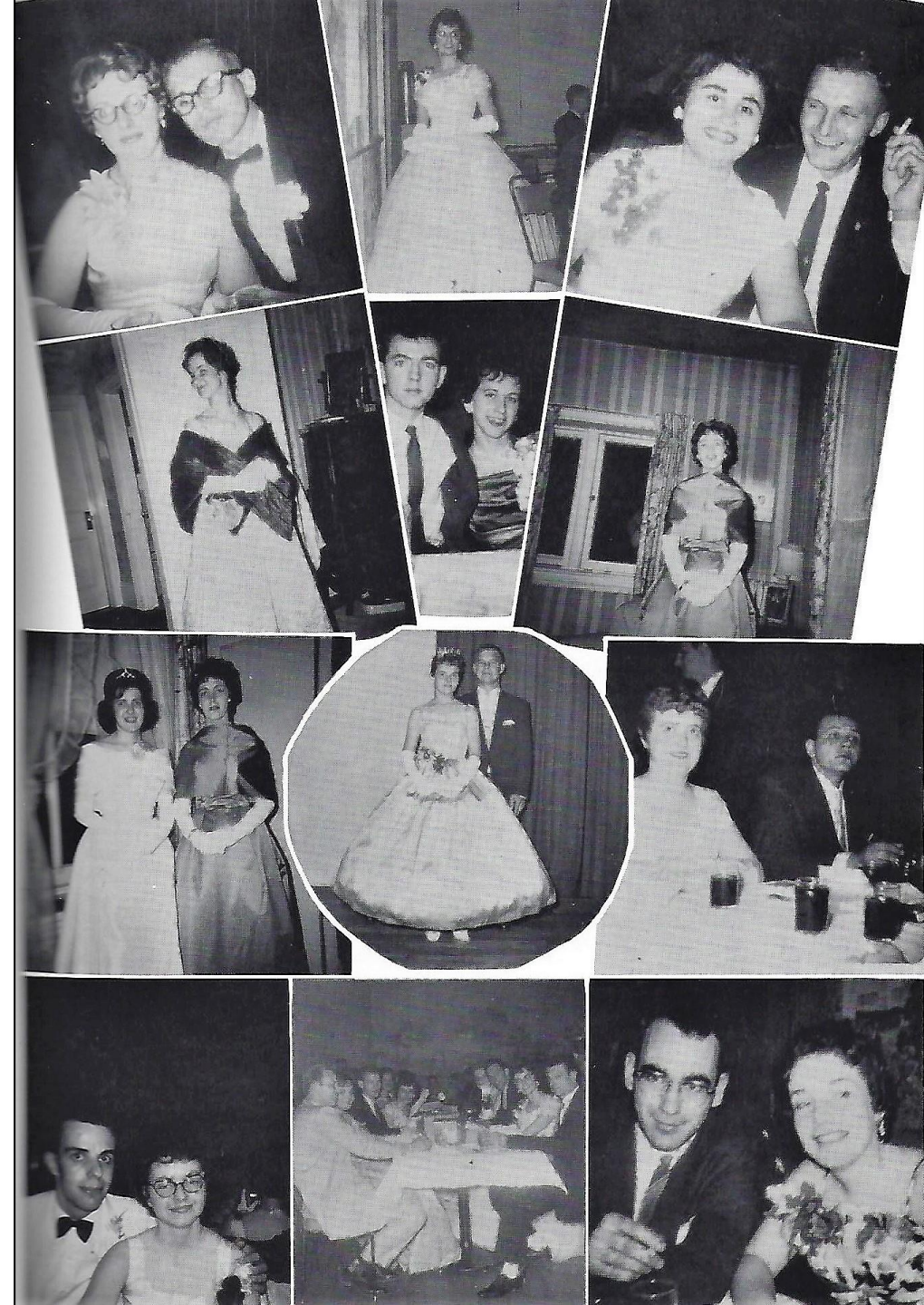
Can we ever find the words to thank St. Joseph's Alumnae for this never-to-be-forgotten evening?



*Sandra Chase*



*Peggy Gullett*







*Reunion Day 2018*









