



**REUNION DAY 2020**

**CLASS OF 1950**

**CELEBRATING 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**



Left to right:

GRADUATION May 31, 1950

**GRADUATION MAY 31, 1950**

- 1st row: seated: Mary Sangster Dorothy Deckert Doris Fisher Joyce Bowen Elizabeth Baron Clare Mazza Noreen Rowley  
 June Leitch Jessie Brown Muriel Bradt Peggy Nelson
- 2nd row: standing: Nancy Giancola Muriel Johnson Mary Cummings Joan Johnstone Dorothy Leonard Mary Van Every Phyllis Pomponi  
 Marion Morrison Frances Saunders Helen Blake Dorothy Battersby Margaret Batte Monica McKee Ruth Lee
- 3rd row: standing: Marie Doherty Mary McPherson Monica Legere Mary Cronin Bernadine Barry Jean Watson Lorna Brown  
 Jean McDonald Teresa Giancola Mavis Ryan Margaret Shepherd Patricia Hanlon Gaye Goss
- 4th row: standing: Dorothy Levitt Ruth Vollick Patricia Scollard Katherine Cheesman Elizabeth McLeod Illa Van Horne Evelyn Ashford  
 Dorothy Metcalfe Margaret Lynn Joy Guenther Marjorie Donovan Mary Valencour, Eileen Schiel Lois Keeble
- Absent from photo: Peggy Jones, Margaret Nelson



The Sisters of St. Joseph  
and the Graduating Class of 1950

St. Joseph's Hospital

School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present

at the

Graduation Exercises

Wednesday afternoon, May the thirty-first

at three o'clock, P.M.

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

*Programme*

Opening Prayer

Orchestra . . . . . O Canada

Chairman

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

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

THE RIGHT REVEREND J. A. O'BRIEN, D.P.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR JACKSON

G. G. HENRY, M.B.

President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

THE RIGHT REVEREND J. A. McDONAGH, D.P.

President of Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada

THE RIGHT REVEREND J. A. O'BRIEN, D.P.

Presentation of Awards

GOD SAVE THE KING

*Programme*

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work in Nursing Education  
Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.  
Presented by Mrs. J. E. O'Brien.

PATRICIA A. HANLON

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work in Nursing Education  
Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae.  
Presented by Mrs. B. Markle.

KATHLEEN M. CHEESEMAN

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

BERNARDINE L. BARRY

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

MARIE M. DOHERTY

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

DOROTHY N. LEAVITT

Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination  
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Sullivan.

MARGARET M. NELSON

Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination  
Given by John Tilden, M.D.  
Presented by Mrs. Tilden.

JEAN V. WATSON

Prize for Gynaecological Nursing and Examination  
Given by A. Hollinrake, M.D., L.M.C.C.  
Presented by Mrs. Hollinrake.

RUTH A. LEE

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

MARY V. CUMMINGS

Prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear,  
Nose and Throat.  
Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and  
H. Nicholson, M.B.  
Presented by Mrs. Crewson.

JEAN P. MacDONALD

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

EILEEN M. SHIEL

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Intermediate Year  
Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Presented by Mrs. A. F. Burns.

THELMA L. TAYLOR

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory in First Year  
Given by F. B. Bowman, M.D.  
Presented by Mrs. Bowman.

LOIS B. RAHN

**Graduates of 1950**

EVELYN MARGARET ASHFORD  
ANCASTER, ONTARIO  
BERNARDINE LUCY BARRY  
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO  
ELIZABETH ANNE BARRON  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
MARGARET ANNE BATTE  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
DOROTHY MAY BATTERSBY  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
LORNA BLANCHE BROWN  
PORT ROWAN, ONTARIO  
JESSIE KATHARINE BROWN  
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO  
MURIEL JOYCE BRADT  
CAYUGA, ONTARIO  
HELEN ELIZABETH BLAKE  
PORT DOVER, ONTARIO  
JOYCE BOWEN  
SIMCOE, ONTARIO  
MARY VERONICA CUMMINGS  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
KATHLEEN MARGARET CHEESEMAN  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
MARY TERESA CRONIN  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
MARJORIE MARYANNE DONOVAN  
ANCASTER, ONTARIO  
MARIE MARJORIE DOHERTY  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
DOROTHY KATHLEEN DECKERT  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
DORIS MARIE FISCHER  
MILDMAY, ONTARIO  
JOY MARGARET GUENTHER  
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO  
TERESA MARY GIANCOLA  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
NANCY GIANCOLA  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
GAY MARGARET GOSS  
ANCASTER, ONTARIO  
PATRICIA AGNES HANLON  
GUELPH, ONTARIO  
JOAN ISOBEL JOHNSTONE  
SIMCOE, ONTARIO  
MURIEL ROSANNA JOHNSON  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
PEGGY ALLISON JONES  
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO  
LOIS AGNES KEEBLE  
BARTONVILLE, ONTARIO

MARGARET JOAN LYNN  
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO  
JANE MYRTLE LEITCH  
PORT DOVER, ONTARIO  
RUTH ANNA LEE  
STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO  
DOROTHY NORMA LEAVITT  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
DOROTHY CECILIA LEONARD  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
MONICA HELEN LEGERE  
CALEDONIA, ONTARIO  
MARY ALEXANDRA MCPHERSON  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
MARION ELSIE MORRISON  
PORT DOVER, ONTARIO  
ELIZABETH CATHERINE MCLEOD  
PORT CREDIT, ONTARIO  
JEAN PATRICIA McDONALD  
PARIS, ONTARIO  
CLARA HELEN MAZZA  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
DOROTHY GERTRUDE METCALFE  
GRIMSBY, ONTARIO  
MONICA MARGARET MCKEE  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
MARGARET MARY NELSON  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
PHYLLIS TERESA POMPONI  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
NORINE ANNE ROWLEY  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
MAVIS AUDRENE RYAN  
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO  
EILEEN MARY SHIEL  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
MARGARET LOUISE SHEPHERD  
SMITHVILLE, ONTARIO  
PATRICIA MARY SCOLLARD  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
FRANCES MARY SANDERS  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO  
MARY CATHERINE SANGSTER  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
ILLA EFFIE VAN HORNE  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
RUTH EILEEN VOLLUCK  
CANFIELD, ONTARIO  
MARY ELIZABETH VALENCOURT  
WELLAND, ONTARIO  
MARY MARGARET VAN EVERY  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
JEAN VANCE WATSON  
CREDIT FORKS, ONTARIO

**SEPTEMBER GRADUATING CLASS OF 1950**



SEPTEMBER GRADUATING CLASS OF 1950

**St. Joseph's  
Is Observing  
Anniversary  
Hospital Opened  
To Public Today**

Solemn High Mass, celebrated on the lawn of Marygrove this morning at 10 o'clock began observance of St. Joseph's Hospital's sixtieth anniversary. Attended by an estimated 500 guests, including clergy of the diocese and staff doctors, the Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Arthur O'Brien, administrator of the Cathedral of Christ the King, while the Rt. Rev. Mgr. G. L. Cassidy, vicar general, was present as representative of His Excellency, Bishop Ryan.

The Rev. Joseph McCowell, Holy Family Church, acted as deacon of the Mass; the Rev. Charles McColligan, St. Ann's Church, was sub-deacon.

Directed by Sister M. Loyola, director of music, Hamilton Separate Schools, the sisters' choir sang the Mass of the Angels. The fourth degree Knights of Columbus attended in ceremonial dress and the graduate nurses of the hospital, now holding their reunion, were also present.

**Open House**

This morning's jubilee Mass was followed this afternoon by open house at the hospital from two until four o'clock. Guests were met at the door by Sister Superior M. Geraldine, then guided through the hospital by the nurses. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital served tea on the lawn. Owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the hospital has served this community since 1890. At that time, they opened the institution with a 24-bed accommodation in the old stone residence, once the home of the Hon. John Young. Today the hospital accommodates over 300 patients, not including the new 100-bed maternity wing, now under construction.

The hospital's first expansion took place in 1894 when a new wing increased capacity to 50 beds. In 1916 addition of a surgical wing added 75 beds and in 1924 the department of obstetrics, opened in 1912, transferred to Casa Maria, the former Bisby residence.

A modern four-storey building for the hospital employees was erected in 1929, while 1941 saw the addition of still another surgical unit.

In 1947, the sisters erected a new building which was one of the continent's most modern hospital units, and now, with demand for accommodation still insistent, work is proceeding for the new maternity wing which will replace Casa Maria.

The services and administration of the hospital are noted for their high standards. The departments are in charge of sisters who are graduate nurses who have taken special courses at the University of Toronto.



**JANUARY GRADUATING CLASS OF 1950**



**PRIZE WINNERS 1950**

The prizewinning nurses pictured above to receive prizes at the graduation exercises at St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday afternoon (left to right): Miss Dorothy Halloran, scholarship in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae; Miss Anne Payne, general nursing and examination, given by Dr. L. L. Playfair; Miss Ella Shupley, efficiency in bedside nursing, given by Dr. Frank Woodhall; Miss Mary Gilvan; Miss Cheri Matthews, surgical nursing and examination, given by Dr. W. F. Boyance; Miss Helen Miller, obstetrical nursing and examination, given by Dr. J. E. Tilden; Miss Rosalie Burnham, public health nursing, given in memory of Dr. James Roberts; Miss Elizabeth Davidson, anatomy and physiology, given by Drs. W. A. Weaver and R. J. Fraser; Miss Helen O'Neill, nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by Dr. A. C. Martin; Miss Rheta Dawdy, nursing and examination in eye, ear, nose and throat nursing and examination, given by Drs. W. L. Crewson and Harry Nicholson. Not appearing above are Miss Jane Simpson and Miss Dorothy Leavitt, prize to be awarded to the former for highest standing in theory for the intermediate year, by the Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.E.; and to the latter for highest standing in theory for the junior year, by Dr. F. Bowman.

**GRADUATION CLASS 1950-FIRST CLASS TO WEAR  
PLASTIC CUFFS, COLLARS AND BELTS**



**St Joseph's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**Solemn High Mass was celebrated on the lawn of Marygrove.  
Estimated 500 guests attended**

**Mass was followed by an open house of the hospital from 2 - 4 pm.  
Guests were met at the door by Sister Superior M Geraldine '30 then guided  
through the hospital by the nurses.**

**The Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital served tea on the lawn,**

**The nurses annual Reunion Dinner was held on the same day.  
The graduates attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.**

6

*St. Joseph's Hospital Observes Sixtyeth Anniversary - June 10th, 1950*

*A Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Marygrove lawn by St. Rev. Fr. Arthur O'Brien, while St. Rev. Fr. L. L. Cassidy, vicar general was present as representative of His Excellency Linch Ryan, on June 10th, nineteen hundred and fifty, to begin the observance of St. Joseph's Hospital's sixtyeth anniversary. Fr. Joseph McConwell and Fr. Charles McPolgan acted as deacon and sub-deacon. Clergy of the diocese, staff doctors, the fourth degree knights in ceremonial dress, the graduate nurses of the hospital and an estimated of five hundred guests attended. Mass of the Angels was sang by the Sisters' choir - directed by Sister Sr. Loyola.*

*The morning looked dark and gloomy. It began to rain - just a short while before Mass was celebrated, which was a source of anxiety to the Sisters, and disastrous had it kept on. Nevertheless, the Sisters had faith and went ahead; arranged the chairs and decorated the altar. When it came time for Mass the rain ceased. After Mass was finished - rain fell again. A "miracle" to say the least was the thought entertained by everyone. The afternoon, however, turned out lovely and bright.*

*Open house at the hospital was held between two o'clock and four o'clock in the afternoon. Sister Sr. Geraldine greeted the guests at the door, and the nurses guided them through the hospital. Tea was served on the lawn by the Ladies' Auxiliary.*

*The Nurses held their Annual Graduation dinner on June eight, nineteen hundred and fifty in the Century Room - Finckley Hotel at seven o'clock in the evening. On the following day June ninth, the Annual Graduation Dance was held.*



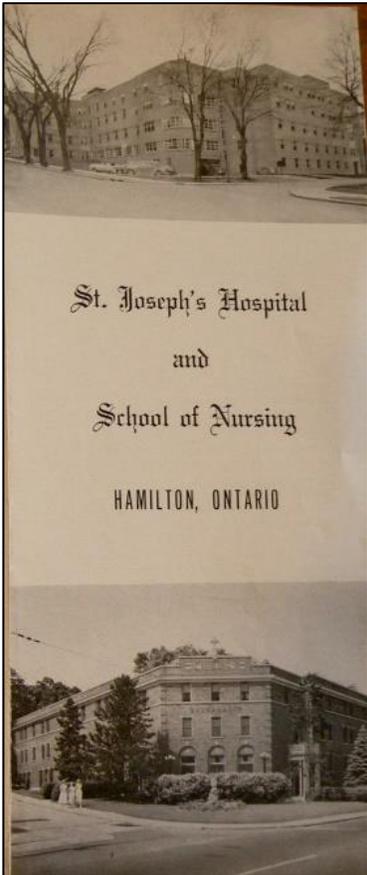
1950 Retreat at Mt. Cevacle Hamilton Ont. Students from classes of '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51

Left to right:

1st row: Ethel Smith'48 Helen O'Neil'48 Rosemary Ruffing'46 Reverend Agnes McCawill'46 Frances Ruffing'46 Mary Evelyn Gannon'46

2nd row: Patricia Lois Margaret ? Monica Rita Eileen Marie Lavonka Bernadine Theresa Joyce ? Marilyn  
 Scollard'50 Keeble'50 Batte'50 ? Legere'50 Scollard'51 Schiel'50 Foley'49 Sebacious'49 Berry'50 Brunning'48 Zelinsky'48 ? Reynolds'52

3rd row: Clara Marilyn Doris Alice Ruth Carmela Ruth ? Kathleen Nellie  
 Mazza'50 Stewart'49 Fischer'50 Callaghan'47 Moore'49 Thomas'49 Lea '50 ? Blake'48 Legein'48



St. Joseph's Hospital  
and  
School of Nursing  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO



St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, is fully approved by the Canadian Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.

The Hospital is privately owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Hamilton, and is conducted by them. It was established in 1890 with a capacity of 25 beds, and has steadily expanded to the present number of 350 beds, of which 84 are maternity, 102 bassinets for new-borns and 60 beds for children. It provides all types of services required in surgical, medical, obstetric, gynecologic, neurologic and paediatric nursing. Affiliation with the Ontario Hospitals and Mountain Sanatorium provides the necessary training in Psychiatry and Tuberculosis.

### Education . . . .

The minimum requirement for entrance to an approved school of nursing in Ontario is the Secondary School Graduation Diploma (of the three option course) of the Department of Education, or an equivalent certificate as determined by the Department of Education. Grade 13 students are preferred.

### Post Graduate Study

At the present time Grade 12 (of the 4 option course) is the minimum requirement for entrance to certificate courses in university schools or departments of nursing in Ontario, but the requirement may be raised later to Grade 13. The requirement for entrance to a university post-graduate degree course is Grade 13.



### Expenses . . . .

Students are required to purchase uniforms and books during the three-year period.

A small monthly allowance is given following the preliminary term.

Provision is made for care of students' health when medical and nursing care are needed.

Tuition, board and laundry are furnished by the hospital. Adequate and comfortable living accommodation is provided in supervised residences.

### Vacation & Late Leaves

Students are allowed annually a period of three weeks' vacation.

Nurses work a six-day week and are allowed an overnight each week, an occasional weekend, and extra time off while on night duty, 10.30 leave each evening, 11.30 Saturday evening, two 12 o'clock leaves a month and during the senior year a 2 o'clock leave for students in good standing. Classes are arranged so as not to interfere with time off duty.

Prolonged leave of absence is granted only in most extraordinary cases. Nursing in one's family is not usually considered sufficient reason for absence.

### Admission of Students

**Nursing—a profession:** Applicants for admission to the School of Nursing should be women of excellent moral character and possessed of a high degree of intelligence. A spirit of service and a sincere interest in people are essential attributes. Cheerfulness, tact and a sense of humour with the ability to exercise self-discipline and self-control, are necessary characteristics.

**Health—Good health is a definite requirement.**

**Height—Five feet, two inches.**

**Age—Minimum age is 17 years if the candidate is emotionally mature and stable.**



A class is admitted each year during the month of September. Where distance permits, prospective applicants are asked to apply in person to the Director of Nurses or her assistant. Application forms will be sent on request. Application should be made approximately six months before the date of entrance.

### When Making Application

The application blank must be carefully filled in, a pre-medical examination, immunization certificate by your physician, letters of recommendation from your clergyman and high school principal and an official provincial birth certificate (issued by the Deputy Registrar General of the Province) and Secondary School Graduation Diploma issued by the Department of Education are required. Where a candidate has not received her diploma, a letter from the high school principal confirming her educational standard must be forwarded to the Director of Nurses. These papers must be complete and on file before your application can be considered.

For applicants resident in another province qualification for entrance to a university in the province in which applicant resides is required. A letter from the registrar of a recognized university of the province must accompany application forms.



28/05/2015 11:41

Flyer for entrance to School 1950



Sister Virginia Hanlon '45    Sister Patricia Hanlon '50

**Ruth Lee Crawford '50 Phyllis Pomponi Mancini '50**



PHOTOS BY TED BRELLISFORD, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR  
Ruth Crawford, left, and Phyllis Mancini look at their class of 1950 photo on display at St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumni Association 90th anniversary celebration at Hamilton Convention Centre recently. There are about 700 nurses in the association. Events included a reunion mass and a special dinner.

**Class of 1950 Donated the Alumnae Doll for their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
**Ruth Lea Mary Sangster Mary Cummings Betty MacLeod**  
**Crawford, Smithson Daly Murphy**



**Mary Fitzgerald Sister Patricia Mary Day**  
**Marrin'47 Hanlon'50 Cummings'50**



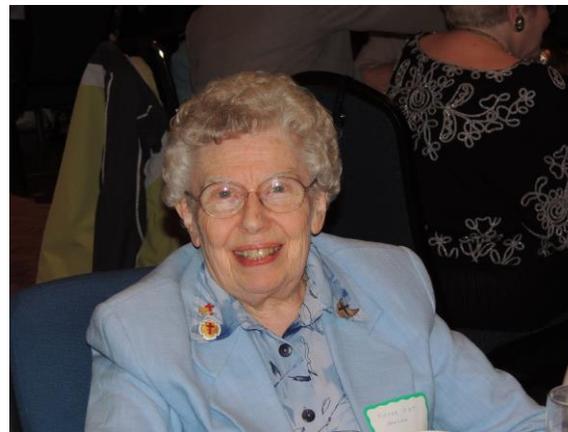
**Above: Mary Marrin, left, Sister Patricia Hanlon and Mary Day at St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumni Association 90th anniversary celebration. Right: Moire Brown, left, Robyn Hill and Terrianne Hotrum view old photos.**

**The class of 1950 donated a fully dressed doll to the Alumnae for their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, celebrated Friday June 9, 2000**  
**The doll is 34" tall and dressed in the school uniform of 1947-1950, complete with cape.**  
**Mary Sangster Smithson '50 designed the clothes.**  
**They asked that she be used in the Alumnae Display Cabinet in the lobby of St. Joseph Hospital**



## *Sister Patricia Hanlon '50*

*The staff of CTU held a surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party and officially unveiled the new Sister Patricia Hanlon Quiet Room, named in honour of her many years of dedication and contributions to her patients and fellow staff at St Joseph's Healthcare*



## CTU Quiet Room recently named in honour of beloved Sister

Sister Patricia was born on June 14th, 1929 in Guelph, Ontario. The fourth daughter of James and Katharine Hanlon, young Patricia spent much of her childhood as a girl guide. In 1947, she graduated from Loretto Academy in Guelph, the only student in her class to complete grade 13. With a deep compassion for wanting to help people, that same year she registered at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1950. Always feeling "the call of the Lord", Sister Patricia decided to become a nun and in 1951, entered St. Joseph's Community, Hamilton, a predominantly nursing order.



With a scholarship that she received upon graduation, she returned to her studies and in 1955 earned a diploma in Nursing Education/Hospital Administration. Over the next decade, Sister Patricia continued her studies, earning her BScN from the University of Ottawa and pursuing Economics at McMaster University. During this time, Sister Patricia held various nursing and management positions at both St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph and Hamilton.



With her nursing career spanning nearly six decades, Sister Patricia Hanlon continues to provide pastoral/palliative care to the patients of the Clinical Teaching Unit here at St. Joe's.

On September 20th, the staff of the CTU held a surprise birthday party to celebrate Sister Patricia's 80th birthday (which took place in June). Attendees included Sister's closest friends, family and fellow St. Joe's colleagues. If that wasn't surprise enough, the staff of CTU officially unveiled the new Sister Patricia Hanlon Quiet Room, named in honour of her many years of dedication and contributions to her patients and fellow staff at St. Joseph's Healthcare.

"St. Joe's is very blessed to have Sister Patricia as part of our family," says Donna Johnson, Nurse Manager, CTU and MAU. "We are forever grateful for the endless prayers, for the caring, compassion, and support that she provides for all of us."



***Sister Giovanni***

***Sister was transferred to St Joseph Hamilton in 1959 and worked in Accounting  
In 1971 she became Manager of the Accounts Department and held that position until she  
retired in 1997***

***During the next few years, she was responsible for Telecommunications and the Admitting  
Department until 1983.***

***From 1997 - 2017 Sister Giovanni was the face of St Joseph's  
at Patient Information***

***Sister Patricia and Sister Giovanni retired at the end of 2017***

***Sister Patricia having given 70 years of service and Sister Giovanni having given 58 years***

