



REUNION DAY 2021

CLASS OF 1951

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Graduating Exercises

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St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

Auditorium
Cathedral of Christ the King
King St. West

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3 p.m. D.S.T.

Wednesday, May 30th
1951



GRADUATING CLASS 1951
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING
HAMILTON ONTARIO

Helen Becher



*Graduation ceremonies held on Wednesday May 30, 1951 at Cathedral of Christ the King.
There were 53 graduates in the class of 1951*

*About 200 members of the Alumnae were present at the annual graduation dinner
to honour the 53 members of this year's graduating class.
The dinner was held at Fischer's Hotel.*

*Mary Fitzgerald '47, Alumnae president, spoke to them on the Nightingale Pledge.
During the evening, Elizabeth Quinn '20 was presented with a life membership in appreciation
on her long, faithful and generous service.*



These pretty girls of the School of Nursing, St. Joseph's Hospital, who will be graduating at the forthcoming exercises on May 30, in the auditorium of the Cathedral of Christ the King, are (left to right): Barbara Gillies, Audrey Graham, Kay Langford, Elsie Robertson. They were at the graduating dinner.—BUSINESS

*Class of 1951 at the Graduation Dinner
Barbara Gillies Audrey Graham Kathryn Langford Elsie Robertson*



Programme

Opening Prayer

Orchestra - - - - - O Canada

Chairman

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

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY

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

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR JACKSON

ALLAN S. KENNEDY, M.B., F.A.C.P.

President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

REVEREND MATTHEW G. MEEHAN, C.S.S.R.

Professor of Philosophy,

St. Alphonsus Seminary, Woodstock

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Presentation of Awards

GOD SAVE THE KING

Prize Winners for the class of 1951

Louise Meyer

Effie Brown

Joyce Hotchin

Aileen McPhail

Thelma Taylor

Eva Neal

Dorothy Davey

Agnes Wurzer

Bernice Gerhart

Evelyn Crocker

Marion Le Sueur

Barbara Dedrick

Barbara Ward

Geraldine Smith

Lillian Madej '52

Dorothy Gibson '53

Scholarship for post graduate work in Nursing Education

Scholarship for post graduate work in Nursing Education

prize for General Proficiency

prize for efficiency in Bedside Nursing

prize for Medical Nursing and Examination

prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination

prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination

prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination

prize for Paediatric Nursing and Examination

prize for Anatomy and Physiology

prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

prize for Pathology and Examination

prize for Public Health Nursing

Canadian Nurse Award for Professional Development

prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Intermediate Year

prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Junior Year



Programme

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

LOUISE MEYER

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work in Nursing Education
Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae.
Presented by Miss Mary Fitzgerald.

EFFIE BROWN

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

JOYCE HOTCHIN

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

AILEEN McPHAIL

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

THELMA TAYLOR

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

EVA NEAL

Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination
Given by Kenneth Murray, M.D., M.S. (Surg.), F.R.C.S. (C.).
Presented by Julia Murray.

DOROTHY DAVEY

Prize for Gynaecological Nursing and Examination
Given by A. Hollinrake, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.O.G.
Presented by Mrs. Hollinrake.

AGNES WURZER

Prize for Paediatric Nursing and Examination
Given by Meyer Carr, M.D., D.C.H. (E.),
M.R.C.P. (S.), F.A.A.P.
Presented by Mrs. Carr.

BERNICE GERHART

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

EVELYN CROCKER

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

MARION LE SUEUR

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

BARBARA DEDRICK

Prize for Public Health Nursing
Given in Memory of the late Dr. James Roberts.
Presented by Llewellyn N. Roberts, M.D., D.P.H.

BARBARA WARD

Canadian Nurse Award for Professional Development
Given by The Canadian Nurse Magazine.
Presented by Miss Edna Freeman.

GERALDINE SMITH

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

LILLIAN MADEJ

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

DOROTHY GIBSON



GRADUATION DINNER 1951

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Annual Graduation Dinner given by the St Joseph School of Nursing Alumnae



Edith Galloway '20 Elizabeth Quinn '20 Mary Fitzgerald '47 Doris Crossley '32
At the Graduation dinner '51, Elizabeth Quinn '20 was presented with a lifetime membership in the Nurses Alumnae

Archive Committee was established in 1994
Margaret Brown Binkley '53, Edith Fumi Stewart '51 and Frances Twist Simpson '45 were the first members of the committee



Edith Firmi '51



Margaret Brown '53



Frances Twist '45



Left to Right :
Sr. Patricia Hanlon '50, Lorraine Jensen McMillan '51, Joyce Hotchin Skuse '51, Eva Neal Staneff '51, Marion Fletcher Spencer '51, Marion LeSueur Anderson '51



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



Eva Neal Staneff '51

Eva Neal was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in the class of 1951. She worked in the O.R. in the John Street Building as Head Nurse. She then continued in that position when the new O.R. opened in the Mary Grace Wing in 1962. Eva later spent time working as Manager of the Sterile Processing Department.



Marion LaSueur a.k.a. Mrs Langballe



Mrs Langballe

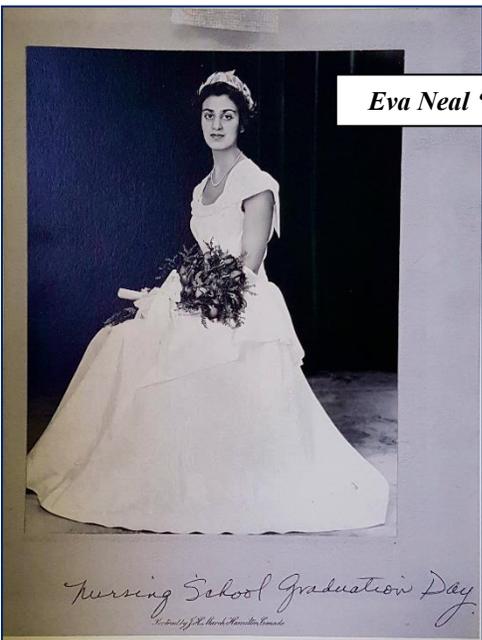


Marion Langballe with class of 1971A on their 1st day

Marion LaSueur was a graduate of St Joseph School of Nursing, with the class of 1951. She worked in the Operating Room and was an excellent O.R. nurse. Marion was the instructor for the St Joseph nursing students in the mid 1950s. She was expecting her 3rd child when her husband passed away.

Sister Virginia offered her the position of "Registrar" for the School of Nursing, tailored to her home needs. Sister Virginia sent Marion to workshops to develop the position of Registrar, a first for St Joseph's School of Nursing. She was dedicated to this position, had a good sense of humour, was compassionate to the students. She was a hard worker and kept the enrolment high.

As Registrar, she organized the assessment for admission to the programme. Later, she would measure students for uniform. She continued on in the role of Registrar until the fall of 1973 when it was announced that the community colleges would take over diploma nursing education. Marion went to teach the RNA programme when she left St. Joseph's.



*Reunion Day 2017
Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58
Muriel Simpson Murphy '51
Jane Simpson O'Brien '49*



January 1959
Annual Tea sponsored by St Joseph's Hospital Alumnae was held on Sunday afternoon.
Left to right
Aileen McPhail '51,
Mrs Cecil Walt (Dorothy Battersby '50) President of the Alumnae
Elizabeth Quinn '20
Mrs Austin Callaghan (Illa Van Horne '50) Convenor



Aileen McPhail '51
Aileen was a graduate of the class of 1951
She held many position in the Nurses Alumnae
Publicity Convenor for the Alumnae in 1953 - 1954
President of the Alumnae from 1955 - 1956
Representative to the Canadian Nurse in 1963 - 1964
Advisory Board from 1964 - 1965
Recording Secretary from 1965 - 1966
Advisory Board from 1966 - 1967



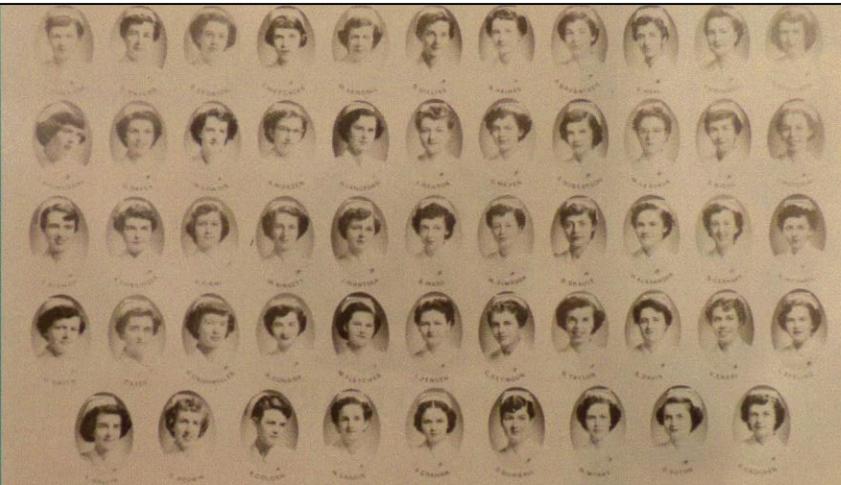
Reunion Day 2016
Eva Neal Staneff '51 Muriel Simpson Murphy '51
Louise Meyer Ormond '51



Reunion Day 2019
Phyllis Pomponi Mancini '50 Clara Mazza Wallman '50 Marion Fletcher Spencer '51
Pat Laflamme Savelli '57 Maureen Arbour Radigan '57



Reunion Day 2018

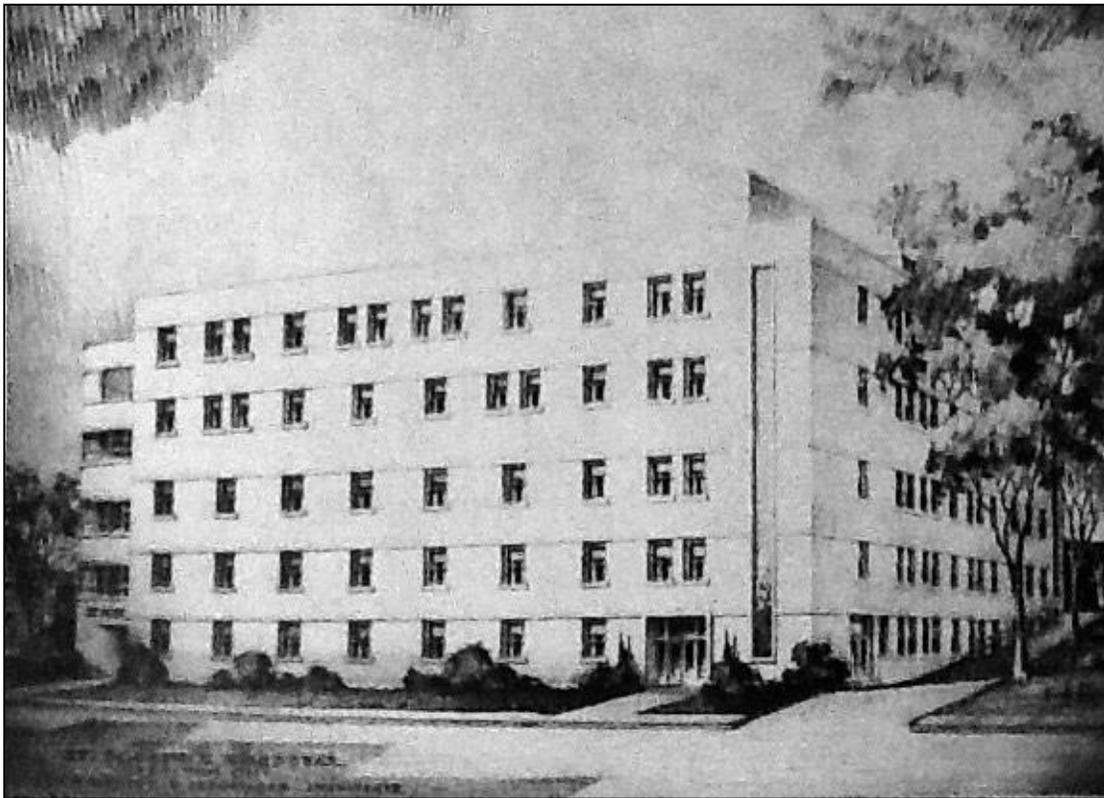


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CLASS OF '51



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Maternity Wing

May 24, 1951

New Maternity wing was opened.

It was 4 times the size of the Casa Maria located on Charlton Avenue and was built in an L-shape around the Casa Maria.

Patient accommodation was now 457 and 102 bassinets.

The Casa Maria building was demolished.

The new maternity and gynecological wing was officially opened May 24, 1951

by His Excellency, Bishop Ryan.

Following the opening ceremonies, the guests toured the new wing, guided by the staff nurses.

The event closed with tea in the nurses cafeteria.

Sister M. Geraldine said the site of the Casa Maria will be used for parking.

Cost of the new maternity wing was \$1,000,000



NEW ST. JOSEPH'S MATERNITY WING—This is an architect's sketch of the new maternity wing at St. Joseph's Hospital, now under construction. The costly new wing will replace Casa Maria and add 100 beds to total hospital accommodation.

118 beds + 102 Bassinets

1951
Alumnae members in full graduation uniform gave tours of the new maternity wing when it opened.

Old Casa Maria Is Being Razed Was Bisby Home

Use Site Now As Parking Ground

Razing operations on Casa Maria, where many younger Hamiltonians were born, have now begun. Housing the maternity section of the St. Joseph's Hospital, the old building has now given place to the new maternity wing opened May 24. Its site will be used as parking space, said Sister M. Geraldine, supervisor of the hospital. The hospital authorities would like to keep it as a lawn-covered court, she added. But lack of parking space prevented it.

In use as a maternity hospital since 1924, Casa Maria was at one time the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bisby, on Haensck Street, later Charlton Avenue.

Set in grounds it was one of the fine residences of its day. Its furnishings included the fine Carlo Dolce painting of the Virgin and Child which remained when the building was turned into a hospital.

Old-fashioned from the view point of present-day hospital architecture, Casa Maria, which means House of Mary, was noted for its first-class record in keeping down infection and its average stay of 8.7 days for maternity cases. This latter was one of the lowest in Ontario.

Casa Maria's first Caesarian birth was performed by Dr. Norman McKeagor in its first week of operation. The first pair of twins was born in March, 1925, with Dr. Herbert Sullivan attending. Its only set of triplets was born February 17, 1929.



NEW SURROUNDS OLD AS CASA MARIA IS RAZED

Hamilton Spectator June 26/51



New maternity wing of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, was opened after 18 months' construction when Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, snipped ribbon yesterday. In background are Mayor Jackson and other dignitaries. Building, which accommodates 118 patients, cost \$1,000,000.

Mary Margaret George '53 Presented the scissors to Bishop Ryan for the ribbon cutting