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Catholic Hospital History Project

Documenting the legacy and contribution of the
Congregations of Religious Women in Canada,
their mission in health care, and the founding and operation of Catholic hospitals.



Projet de la *Grande* Histoire
des hôpitaux catholiques au Canada

Retracer l'héritage et la contribution des
congrégations de religieuses au Canada,
leur mission en matière de soins de santé ainsi que la fondation et l'exploitation des hôpitaux catholiques.

**Mary Immaculate Hospital
Mundare, Alberta
1929-2004
75th Anniversary**

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MARY IMMACULATE HOSPITAL

1929-2004

Old Hospital



New Hospital



June 6, 2004

Sister Eugenia and the Hospital Board!

From far away Rome I wish to join in the celebrations of the 75th Birthday of Mary Immaculate Hospital. I wish to greet and thank the Hospital Board, the Sisters, the Mundare Mayor and Council, the Ladies Auxiliary, the many volunteer groups, and all the devoted friends of the Hospital.

75 years of dedicated medical service to the Mundare community is an important milestone of this institution. From the very humble beginnings in 1928, and due to lack of funds was not completed until 1929, this hospital has been rebuilt, modernally equipped and able to offer many needed services to the public. This updating could not have happened without your generous help. May God bless and reward you, and those who have passed from this earth - eternal rest in the Lord.

I feel very close to this hospital, for I have spent many years there: first as a nurse, and later as administrator. Those were great, rewarding years! The Mundare community was always very cooperative and supportive. I have very pleasant, unforgettable memories of my years in Mundare.

These celebrations immediately bring to mind our first doctor, the late Dr. Nicholas Strilchuk who as a young doctor started his medical career in this Hospital and here ended his earthly days. May God reward him for his dedicated, ever-present service. The Sisters Servants are greatly indebted to the late Dr. Strilchuk!

I pray that Mary Immaculate Hospital will continue to be the centre where people come to be cured physically and spiritually, where each patient is treated with dignity as a child of God.

My spirit is among you today, and I pray God's blessings on you and your families.

With my best wishes

Sister Janice Soluk, smm
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Superior General



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06 June 2004

To Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk, Administrator
Board of Directors and Staff
Mary Immaculate Hospital
Mundare, Alberta

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, to express my congratulations on your commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Mary Immaculate Hospital.

An Anniversary of this kind presents an opportunity to look back, to assess, and to claim your local heritage and patrimony. Through rekindling the memories of the past and what was achieved, we are inspired to move into the future with hope.

In 1929, your dream of a new hospital became a reality after much sacrifice and hard work. Today, 75 years later, we look back with pride and know that these years were rich and productive in love and service to this Mundare and area community.

We thank God for His blessings over those 75 years and pray that the future be as blessed as the past.

May God continue to shower His blessings on all those involved in this ministry of healing and compassion.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,

Sr. Jania Kumanec, OSMI

Sister Jania Kumanec, OSMI
Provincial Superior



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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

It gives me great pleasure to extend prayerful best wishes to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, to the staff, Board members, volunteers and residents of Mary Immaculate Hospital in Mundare on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the blessing of the cornerstone of this, the first Ukrainian Catholic Hospital in Canada. The importance of this event lies in the contribution made over these years to the Christian health care of the residents of Mundare and area. Also, during this time, Mary Immaculate Hospital has been the pride of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and the Ukrainian Community in Canada, with its establishment during the impoverished times in rural Alberta, and its ongoing existence during times of great change in Alberta's health care system. MIH continues to be one of the key institutions of the Ukrainian Catholic community in Mundare and of the Town of Mundare as well.

This is a time for thanksgiving and acknowledgment: thanksgiving for all the work and dedication given by the first founders and builders of the hospital - may the Good Lord reward them abundantly; and acknowledgment for all the ongoing work of the Director, staff, Board members and volunteers who strive to maintain its high quality service to residents and patients. As well, it is the time to turn to Christ, the Physician of our bodies and souls, to trust in His plan for the future of MIH.

May this day be a day of joy and thanksgiving in the Lord, and may the model of Mary, the Mother of God, in her service and dedication continue to guide Mary Immaculate Hospital into the future.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Lawrence Huculak, OSBM,
Bishop of the Edmonton Eparchy.



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May 20, 2004

Dear Sr. Eugenia:

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Thank you for your gracious invitation to attend the 75th Anniversary celebrations of Mary Immaculate Hospital in Mundare. I truly regret that I will be unable to be present in body, although I certainly will be with all of you in spirit on that day.

During my years in Mundare I had the opportunity of working closely with the Sisters and staff of Mary Immaculate Hospital and even of being a member of the Board for a time. So I can testify to the great tradition of care, spiritual as well as physical, that has been a hallmark of Mary Immaculate Hospital since its founding.

May God grant abundant blessings to the Sisters Servants, the hospital staff and residents and may Mary Immaculate Hospital continue to be a beacon of hope and healing for many years to come. *На многая й благая літа!*

With assurances of my humble prayers I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus:

+ Paul Chomnycky OSBM
+ Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Apostolic Exarch



Let History Record

That we took the first step
This was a journey of courage
and faith, and a time of challenge

May these highlights
Remind future generations
Of the struggles and successes of
Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare



LOGO- Holistic Health

Cross ----- Christian Health
Medical sign and torch ---Continuing Health Care Ministry
Hands -----Healing Touch
Alberta Rose-----Province of Alberta

“Reflecting on the great need of my poor people, and believing that this was the will of God for me, I decided to follow the voice of God with dedication and availability... in a Congregation which would become the living light...”

Sister Josaphata Horodashevka
Co-foundress Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

Just 10 years after the founding of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, its Co-foundress and first member of the Community, Sister Josaphata Horodashevka, missioned 4 Sisters from Western Ukraine (Halychyna) to Canada. Their mandate was to minister to the needs of the immigrants who were experiencing the harsh realities of pioneer life in a foreign land.

On November 1, 1902, Sisters Ambrosia Lenkewich, Taida Wrublewsky, Isidore Shypowsky, and Emilia Klapowchuk arrived in Edmonton where they were joyfully welcomed by their people. Filled with arduous zeal, the Sisters were to be a beacon of spiritual hope to Ukrainians who were anxious to preserve their religious and cultural heritage.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." John: 15

On July 7, 1903, the Sisters founded a convent on a homestead in the Mundare district. They began a fruitful and varied ministry which included a school, an orphanage, and health care. With hearts filled with Christian love and compassion, they cared for the sick, using herbal remedies and unsophisticated healing methods that they found effective.

It soon became increasingly apparent that Mundare was one of the most neglected rural areas in the provision of medical services. During the Spanish influenza epidemic following

World War I, the Sisters converted their school into a temporary hospital where they tirelessly ministered to the sick. Not one patient who was in the Sisters' improvised hospital died from this vicious pestilence. In fact, more than 300 lives were saved because of the services rendered by the Sisters.

In 1928, the idea flourished that the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate construct and operate a hospital. The approval for such a facility was granted by Provincial Superior, Sister Athanasia Melnyk and her council. Shortly thereafter, the blueprints were prepared and a campaign committee was established to raise \$20,000. People responded generously by contributing money or produce, and by supporting fundraising projects such as concerts and bazaars. Despite their noble efforts, only \$1700 was raised. The Sisters then obtained a loan for \$18000, and with monetary donations from many benefactors in Mundare and surrounding areas such as Lamont, Skaro, Andrew, and Myrnam, the dream was finally realized. On September 22, 1929, His Excellency Bishop Ladyka OSBM officiated at the blessing of the cornerstone of Canada's first Ukrainian hospital, the Mundare General Hospital. The cost of the completed structure, including furnishings and equipment, was \$38,932. The hospital was truly a testament of the sacrifice and hard work of the first pioneers – the pastors, Sisters, and laity.

The official opening of Mundare General Hospital was held on May 29, 1930. A long-awaited dream had been fulfilled.

Sister Gertrude Lesiuk was appointed the first Administrator, and Sister Macrina Schab was the Director of Nursing. Through their tireless efforts, they set up an accredited hospital according to the specifications of the Alberta government and

the American Hospital Association. This was truly a remarkable accomplishment.

The Sisters at the General Hospital provided compassionate care, epitomizing the deeds performed by Christ the Healer. The first patient, Mr. John Franchuk, was admitted on December 20, 1929. Mr. O. Filevich was the first patient to undergo surgery which was performed by Dr. N.C. Strilchuk, assisted by Dr. J. Yakimischak, in February 1930. On January 31, 1930, the first baby, Mary Shelast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fedoruk, was born in this new rural facility.

Both patients and Sisters rejoiced when the first liturgy was celebrated by Father Kamenecky, OSBM in May 1930.

During the Depression years, the hospital struggled to survive, and often its success seemed a futile goal. Since money was a scarce commodity, hospital bills were often paid in produce, if at all. In spite of all the difficulties, the health care ministry managed to flourish under the expertise and dedication of the Sisters and Dr. Strilchuk.

*The best portion of a good man's life
His little nameless
unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.
William Wordsworth*

Doctor N.C. Strilchuk arrived in Mundare in 1926, and set up a medical practice that would span close to 50 years of dedicated life-healing service. He administered to the sick from his office, the hospital, or in their homes. He faced formidable situations such as bitter winter storms and virtually impassable

roads with courage, hope, and determination. Doctor Strilchuk unselfishly gave of himself, both to his community and his work, with kindness, compassion, humor, and humility. He lived the words: "... come follow Me and I will make you a healer of men."

In June 1936, the hospital was transformed into a scenic setting when several dedicated volunteers began the work of landscaping the grounds. Other volunteers assisted in a multitude of tasks such as planting a bountiful garden, painting, canning vegetables, and making pillows. John Lapicki, a recent immigrant from Western Ukraine, secured employment as a maintenance man at the hospital and embarked on a labor of love with his expertise in various areas, ranging from plumbing to gardening.

The Sisters alone continued to provide total care to the patients, ministering to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. In 1940, the first lay nurse, Miss Catherine McKele, was hired; her salary was \$45 a month.

In the 1950's, Mr. Nestor Chmilar hand-carved a beautiful altar for the hospital chapel. It was consecrated according to Eastern-Rite tradition and is still used today.

To commemorate the Hundredth Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes, a glorious statue of Our Lady was purchased to enhance the beauty of the hospital grounds.

In 1960, an Advisory Board was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. William Ilkiw. Its purpose was to assist in hospital management.

In July 1962, the By-laws of Incorporation of Mundare General Hospital were enacted, and the name was changed to Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare.

In April 1971 the Mundare Hospital Auxiliary was formed under the direction of Mrs. Vera Siracky.

On September 13, 1978, the community again rejoiced at the sod-turning ceremonies for a new 30-bed complex that would replace the timeworn and inadequate facilities. His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn OSBM officiated at the blessing of the new site.

The official opening of the new hospital was held on November 18, 1979. It was a 30-bed complex with both active and extended care facilities. Mary Immaculate also provided diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitative, and emergency services. In recent years, the hospital has witnessed many changes in the services that it provides.

In 1994, Regional Health Authorities were established under the Regional Health Authorities Act. Mary Immaculate Hospital was incorporated into the Lakeland Regional Health Authority, offering 23 continuing care beds. In 1999, the number of beds increased to 28 continuing care beds and 2 respite or palliative care beds.

The Alberta government's most recent restructuring of its health regions resulted in Mary Immaculate Hospital becoming part of the East Central Health Regional Health Authority in April 2003. It continues to operate 28 continuing care beds and 2 respite or palliative care beds.

Since its inception in 1929, Mary Immaculate Hospital has lived up to its mission statement of being a Ukrainian Catholic rural facility, committed to the healing mission of Jesus. Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk SSMI and her staff continue to provide compassionate care and services for their residents, many of whom are long-time residents of Mundare and surrounding districts. Auxilians and volunteers bring joy and solace to the patients by devoting time to them individually, as well as engaging in group activities, hospital functions, and fund-raising activities. The advisory Board continues to assist in the management of the hospital.

May God bestow His abundant graces of health and happiness upon all those who have been associated with Mary Immaculate Hospital and those who continue to work for His glory. May He grant eternal rest and memory to those who have departed to Eternal Life.



Sod Turning Ceremonies Sept. 13, 1978

TIMELINE 1978 -2004

- 1978 Sod Turning for new hospital
Plans for new hospital amended to add laundry department



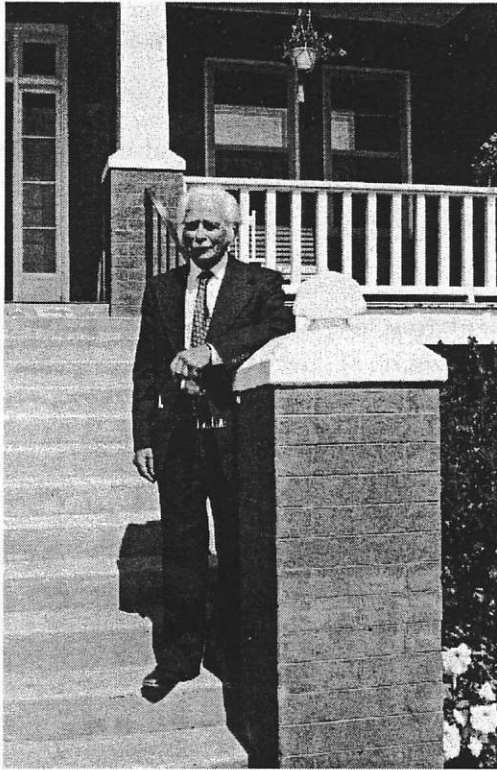
Official opening of Mary Immaculate Hospital Nov. 18, 1979

- 1980 February 13th
Final inspection of the New Hospital
Official Opening
- 1982 Board re-established at April 4th meeting members
John Batiuk, MLA
Henry Siracky
Dr. N.C. Strilchuk
Sr. Stanislaus Soluk, SSMI, Administrator/CEO
Peter Polischuk
Frank Swabb
Fr. Damien Weleschuk, OSBM

May 31st

New board chair Mr. Frank Swabb

Dietary Department now contracted out to Versa Foods



Dr. N.C. Strilchuk

1983 Dr. SMT Yaqub resigned as of Oct. 16.
Dr. R. Brown as locum

1984 January
The Board granted permanent active privileges to Dr.
R.J. Brown

Social Services met with Sr. Janice Soluk to discuss possibility of an outreach program for persons who are discharged from Alberta Hospital to approved homes

May

Mrs. A. Semotiuk replaces Betty Hodgson as President of the Hospital Auxiliary and the Advisory Board

August

Sr. Bernitta Ozubko resigned her position as DON.
Sr. Bernadine Komar takes over the position as DON as of September 1, 1984

1985 February

New representative from town council to the Mary Immaculate Hospital Board

Mrs. A. Daskewich

Dr. H. Katarey was granted active privilege to Mary Immaculate Hospital

Medical Staff:

Dr. R. J. Brown, Active

Dr. J. Sunley, Associate

Dr. T.B. Letts, Active Locum

Dr. H. Katarey

September

Sr. Bernitta Ozubko returns as DON

1986 March

Approval of the Mental Health Day Program was received.

A psychiatric nurse was hired to prepare a program

Stephania Nowak, President of Ladies Hospital Auxiliary replaces Mrs. Semotiuk on Advisory Board
Received approval for \$12,000.00 to purchase a computer

July

A dinner was held as a token of appreciation to Mr. J. Batiuk who served as our local MLA for 15 years during which time he presented our needs and was instrumental in getting approval for our new hospital

October 7th

Official opening of the Mental Health Day Program by The Honorable Jim Dinning, Minister of Community and Occupational Health. This is the first program of its nature in rural Alberta.

1987 January

Mr. Frank Swabb welcomed Jo Ann Dubyk to the Mary Immaculate Advisory Board

July

Sr. Eugenia Stefaniuk was warmly welcomed as Administrator of Mary Immaculate Hospital.

August

Purchase of a mini bus which can accommodate 16 passengers

September

Sr. Zoe Bernatsky takes the responsibilities of DON

1988 March

Received approval for a birthing bed for \$9,995.00

April

Violet Kully, President of Auxilians replaces Stephanie Nowak

September

Mass Causality Response Plan Exercise

November

Dr. M. N. Ray approval of courtesy privilege at Mary Immaculate Hospital

New telephone system from Etcom purchased and installed

1991 Dr. R.J. Brown left our Medical Staff

May

Official opening of the Guest House (Group Home).

August

The Advisory Board welcomed Dr. Richard J. Ansell to Mary Immaculate Hospital and to Mundare

September

The video of the Mary Immaculate Hospital was completed

1992 January

Mrs. Nellie Kitt, President of Mary Immaculate Hospital Auxiliary replaces Violet Kully on the Mary Immaculate Hospital Board as Auxiliary representative

February

Operation Forward - Our Family Our Future program was approved.

June

Between Mundare and Willingdon surplus equipment and supplies and from staff fund donation of \$500.00 along with several personal staff and friends donations made it possible to make a good contribution to the airlift to Ukraine project.

October

Board Chair, Mr. J. Batiuk welcomed Mrs. Irene Talaga to the Mary Immaculate Hospital Advisory Board. She is the town representative.

The Alcoholics Anonymous program continues to be self-sustaining and operates weekly.

1993 January

Purchase of an electric bed for palliative care patients

February

Approval was received for a small walk in freezer unit for Biomedical waste Refrigeration

April

Dr. Kathleen Baergen, Locum replaced Dr. Richard Ansell from April 5th to 8th

May

Sr. Janice Soluk informed the Board of her resignation as Executive Director effective the end of July, as she

has been appointed Provincial Superior of Canada for a 5 year term

CHAA 50th Anniversary

Local celebration was co-hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary.

The banners from all the facilities provided for a beautiful décor to the hall.

September

Advisory Board granted consulting privileges to Dr. David Skelton

October

Sr. Eugenia Stefaniuk took the place of Sr. Janice Soluk as Administrator of the Mary Immaculate Hospital.

1994 January

Ted Kubicki, Medical Student for experience (Family Practice) January 27th to February 23rd

April

Dr. Scott Holder Locum

May

Welcome Dr. Peter Rodd

September 29

Dr. Peter Rodd last day

Dr. DeWitt was filling in for Dr. Rodd

October 27

Sr. Zoe Bernatsky, Sr. Daria Sportak and Sister Eugenia Stefaniuk had the opportunity to meet with the Honorable Ralph Klein, Premier of Alberta at the Mundare Civic Centre. We expressed our concerns about the future of Christian/Voluntary Health Care Facilities during this time of reform

Approval was given from the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate board in Toronto to build a new house in the town of Mundare to aid in attracting and keeping physicians with hospital privileges

November
Dr. Stevens leaves

The board approved the application for active privileges for Dr. S. Covenden. Dr. DeWitt and Dr. Kanani covered until Dr. Covenden was able to start his practice in Mundare.

December 20
Signing of the Umbrella Agreement between Minister of Health Shirley McClellan and the Catholic Health Association of Alberta.

1995 January
Ambulance service will be informed of the types of Ambulance service that can be brought to Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare

March

Anton Powley terminated his position as Assistant Administrator at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

March 18

Pearl Babiuk, Area Manager for Lakeland Regional Health Authority, discussed severance packages with approximately 60 of our staff.

May 31

Lamont Health Care, 4 acute care and 5 long term patients were admitted to our facility due to a fire in the Lamont Health Care Centre.

June 6

Farewell service was held in chapel for staff that received severance packages due to downsizing. Gifts were presented to outgoing staff. Each staff received a glass mug with the Hospital Logo.

June 27

Laboratory changes - Blood work that was being sent to Dr. Hanson's Laboratories in Edmonton had to be sent to Bonnyville if tests could not be done in Bonnyville then Bonnyville sent them to the U of A.

July

Ann Kornicki new president of Hospital Auxiliary

July 6

Key principal for service agreement Voluntary Health Facilities and Lakeland Regional Health Authority were signed.

July 8

The Mary Immaculate Hospital in Willingdon leased a portion of the Hospital to Lamont. Lamont Long Term Residents were transferred to Willingdon

October

Dr. John O'Callaghan Locum while Dr. S. Covenden goes to South Africa

1996 March 7

Katherine Ilkiw was appointed to Mary Immaculate Hospital Board and Alex Bendera as the alternative as town representative

March 10

The tour of the Lakeland Health Authority Chief Executive Officer, Board Chair and Board members. Sr. Eugenia Stefaniuk gave a short review of what the needs of our community and how we can meet these needs with a few extra staff and extra funding.

June 2

Dr. William Hnydyk applied for consulting privileges in Palliative Care at Mary Immaculate Hospital. The Advisory Board approved his application.

December

Theresa Williams Coordinator of Our Family, Our Future is running a pilot project in the Charter School in Mundare. The project deals with topics such as Children and Self-Esteem, the importance of family and friends

1998 April 16

The Edmonton Art Gallery put up their Art display "Suffering and Healing".

May

During renovation of the Lodge five Lodge residents stayed at Mary Immaculate Hospital. Home Care came to assist with their care. Clients stayed until October.

August

Dr. Visconti to replace Dr. S. Covenden on Wednesdays

October

George Cuff Associates were here to visit the Hospital and interview Board Chair, Sister Eugenia and several staff members

1999 January

Health Regions public meeting regarding Lakeland Regional Health Authority Deficit Plan.

February

Dissolving of the Lakeland Regional Board.
Appointment of Robert Cable as the Official Trustee (Administrator) until a new Lakeland Board is appointed

April

Testing of computers for Y2K compliant. Mundare received 5 new computers

May

Cold storage moved from Mary Immaculate Hospital Willingdon to Mundare Hospital and will house Hospital records from Willingdon

June

Kitchen refrigeration upgrade completed

December

We can now access Emergency 911

2000 December 7

Routine visit of the Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee

2001 March 25

Official opening of the Palliative Care Room

April

News release of new regional health authorities

April 25

Strict and clear rules for the protection of personal health information became law

November

Going through a paper evacuation exercise in preparing for a total evacuation exercise Anna Steblyk, Radiology Department, received full accreditation from The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

We were informed that long term care facilities accommodations charges in Alberta will increase effective January 1, 2002

December

Mr. Marvin Walinski was appointed by Mayor Edward Stawnichy and town council to represent town council on the Mary Immaculate Advisory Board replacing Mr. Alex Bendera.

2002 April

Laboratory Review: Dynacare Kasper Medical Laboratories DKML conducted a comprehensive review of laboratory services in the Lakeland Region.

October

Dr. Anne and Dr. Sam Ogbeide visited Mundare. Dr. Anne sent us a request to practice at Mary Immaculate Hospital while Dr. Sam requested to practice in Lamont.

Christine Danyluk hired for the planning coordinating of Our Family, Our Future Program

December

The boundaries of Alberta's nine regions were finalized. The new boundaries came into effect April 1, 2003. Mundare is now in East Central Health Region.

2003 March

The first suspect case of Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Alberta has been reported in the Capital Health Region.

Dr. Anne Ogbeide began her practice at the Mary Immaculate Hospital, Mundare.

April

East Central Health Region launched Health Link Alberta. This is a toll free 24-hour telephone service offering professional health advice and direction to locally available health services.

May 1

East Central Health Board visited us. We were able to give a quick view of the services we provide. Final hook up of the new upgrade to the fire alarm panel.

May 20

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has guaranteed an Alberta Farm investigation of a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) commonly known as Mad Cow Disease

August 1

Long term care accommodation rates increase by \$12.00 per day as of August 1, 2003.

Sr. Eugenia presented the Board with a Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate 100th Anniversary Calendar. Calendars start September 2003.

October

Dr.M. Kabila will be looking after our Long Term Care Residents as of October 20th.

Permission was granted to replace 2 sections of our roof
(section A* and A2) and replace roof top air
conditioning

December

Resignation of Dr. Anne Ogbeide as of December 22,
2003



Mary Immaculate Hospital Auxiliary June 2004

2004 January

The Edward E. Stawnichy Charitable Foundation donated \$50,000.00 towards the Handi Van and the Alberta Government gave a grant to match the \$50,000.00. The bus is designated as a community bus.

Roof Replacement section A8 and A2 is complete

February

Dr. Carolyn Yoo will begin her practice at Mary Immaculate Hospital



Mary Immaculate Hospital Staff June 2004

MIH 75th Anniversary June 6, 2004

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made, Let us Rejoice and be Glad therein.”

Today marks a milestone in the journey in the life of the Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare. It is 75 years since 4 Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate left the comforts of a known country Ukraine, and ventured across the ocean to a foreign country, Canada. They were sent by their foundress Sister Josaphata Hordashevskia on a new mission to be a beacon of light for our Ukrainian people. This was a new challenge for the sisters; it was like stepping from light to darkness, not knowing what lay ahead of them. They went in faith, knowing that God would be present to them at all times.

Arriving in Mundare, Nov.1902 they began weaving the tapestry of their life journey, light began to fill their days and in spite of their hardships and difficulties, they were filled with peace. The reward of their sacrifice was to see the smiles, the joy and happiness on the faces of the people with whom they worked, prayed, played and broke bread together.

Today we look to the past for strength and encouragement. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for the solid foundation that was laid down for us by our pioneer Sisters, Fathers and the people. The foundation was based on the love of God, a strong faith, and in working together in harmony, sharing, helping and supporting one another.

Although times were difficult, progress was made. The first hospital was built in 1929, and the second hospital was built in 1979.

With time change takes place, and we too must submit to change in this fast-changing world. Let us not forget our roots and continue to build on the solid foundation that was prepared for us by our pioneers. Let us live today to the fullest, and look

to the future with faith, hope, and prayer that God will continue to lead and guide us as we walk ahead, working together in harmony for the greater glory of God and the good of all people.

We are proud of our beginnings for Sr. Josaphata had a vision; she dreamed a dream, a seed was planted and the health care in Mundare began to grow and blossom. We must continue to give life to our health care system, always bearing in mind the purpose of our being here is to love and serve God's people. As it was in the past, is today and will continue into the future, the most important person here is the patient and the people who walk into our facility seeking holistic healing and a feeling that they are being listened to because they are important.

My heart is full of emotion; it is filled with much joy, gratitude and thanksgiving first of all to God who inspired Sister Josaphata to start a mission in Canada for His Grace and presence amongst us at all times.

For the past 75 years we were blessed with a dedicated medical staff. We thank them for their faithfulness to their profession and the excellent care given to their patients. They were always ready to bring comfort and healing to the sick. No matter what time of the day or night the call came, they were ready to serve. We especially pay tribute to our late Dr. Strilchuk who was a self-sacrificing, dedicated physician. He was there working hard to build the hospital in 1929 and again in 1979. He will always be fondly remembered with love, respect and gratitude.

A sincere thank you to our Advisory Board for sharing your wisdom and talents as you helped and guided us in our decision making for the betterment of our Hospital. Thank you for such

generous giving of your time without remuneration for all of your services.

To our never tiring, hard working and dedicated Auxilians and volunteers, you are an exceptional group of people. Thank you for your support in raising funds for much needed equipment. Thank you for all of the personal services you provide for the residents/patients. A special thanks for furnishing the Palliative Care Room.

To all Church groups, organizations and all the people who supported us through donations, be it monetary, material or work, we express our gratitude and thank you.

A token of gratitude and thanksgiving to our Bishops, and the Basilian Fathers whose chaplancy services are greatly appreciated. Thank you for being there for the spiritual needs of our people. For the past 75 years you have been a source of strength and spiritual healing for our people.

To our hard-working administrative staff, we acknowledge you and thank you for your perseverance and dedication. Your job is difficult as you are always meeting deadlines, and I am proud to say the deadlines get met. Thank you your dedication.

Loyalty, dedication and devotion have been a characteristic of the MIH Staff for the past 75 years. To each staff, I thank you for who you are and for the giving and sharing of your giftedness to others, especially our residents/patients. May you keep your gaze on your patient/resident and all who enter our facility and see Christ in them, then you will treat them with respect and love.

Thank you to our provincial government for your financial assistance for the operation of our hospital.

Last but not least my heartfelt gratitude to our General Superiors, Provincials and all the sisters who were missioned to work in the Mary Immaculate Hospital for the past 75 years. Thank you Sisters for working with the people and keeping the torch of love, service, and dedication that was lit 75 years ago aflame and burning brightly. What beautiful colors it is making in the tapestry in the life journey of the Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare. There are many Sisters who have come and gone from this facility, and soon there will be no replacements for those of us who are left. We are fortunate to have dedicated people to whom we can pass the flaming torch of love, service and dedication so that they may continue to carry it proudly and continue to uphold the health care system in our facility.

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Mary Immaculate Hospital will be an innovative leader in rural health care and be recognized as such.

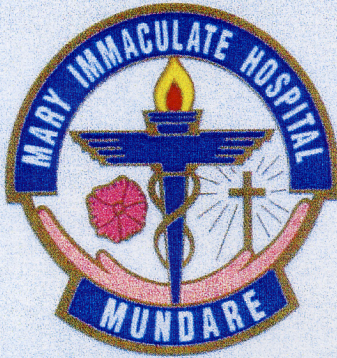
Mission Statement

Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare, a Ukrainian Catholic rural facility, committed to the healing mission of Jesus, provides compassionate care and service to all.

We Value

- Hospitality – promises an atmosphere of welcome, respect, dignity and generosity.
- Spirituality – nurtures the experience that God dwells among and within us through our actions, attitudes and values.
- Cooperation – requires us to work justly and fairly with each other, our communities, staff and the people we serve.
- Creativity – challenges us to find new and innovative ways to respond to the needs of our communities, staff and the people we serve.

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