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Catholic Hospital History Project

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



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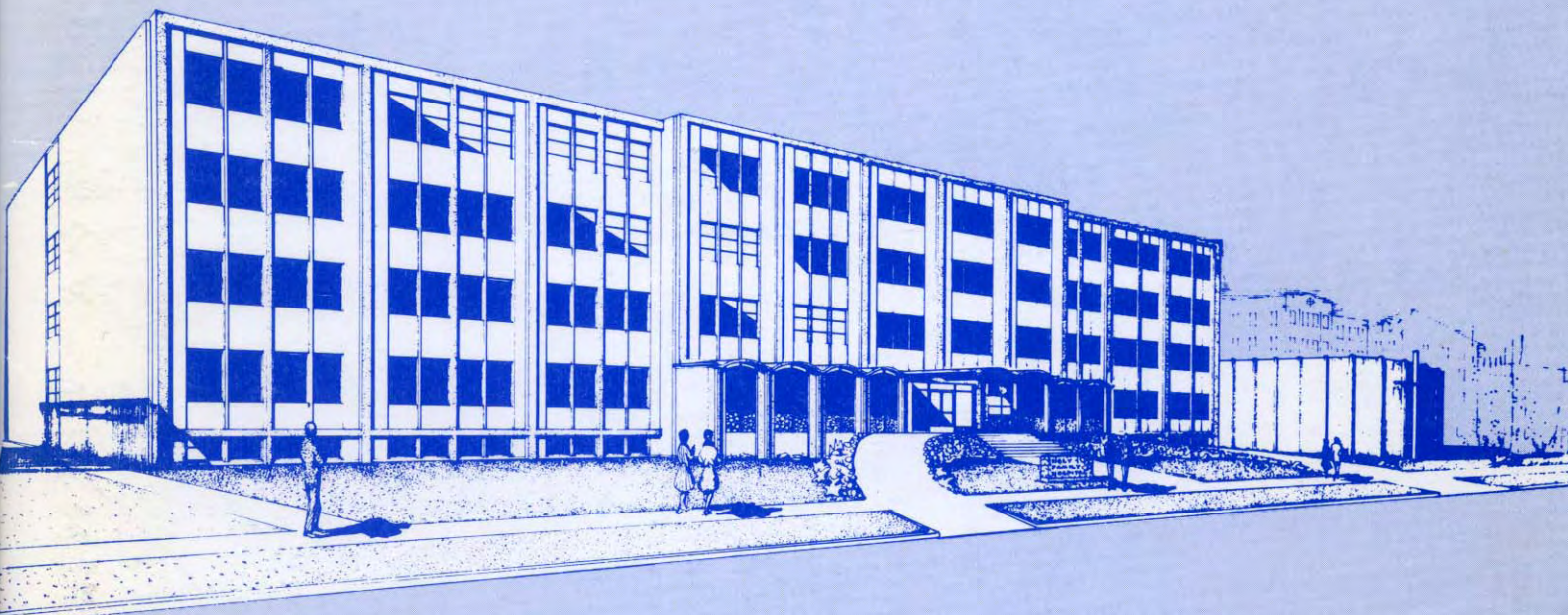
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Holy Family Hospital
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan**

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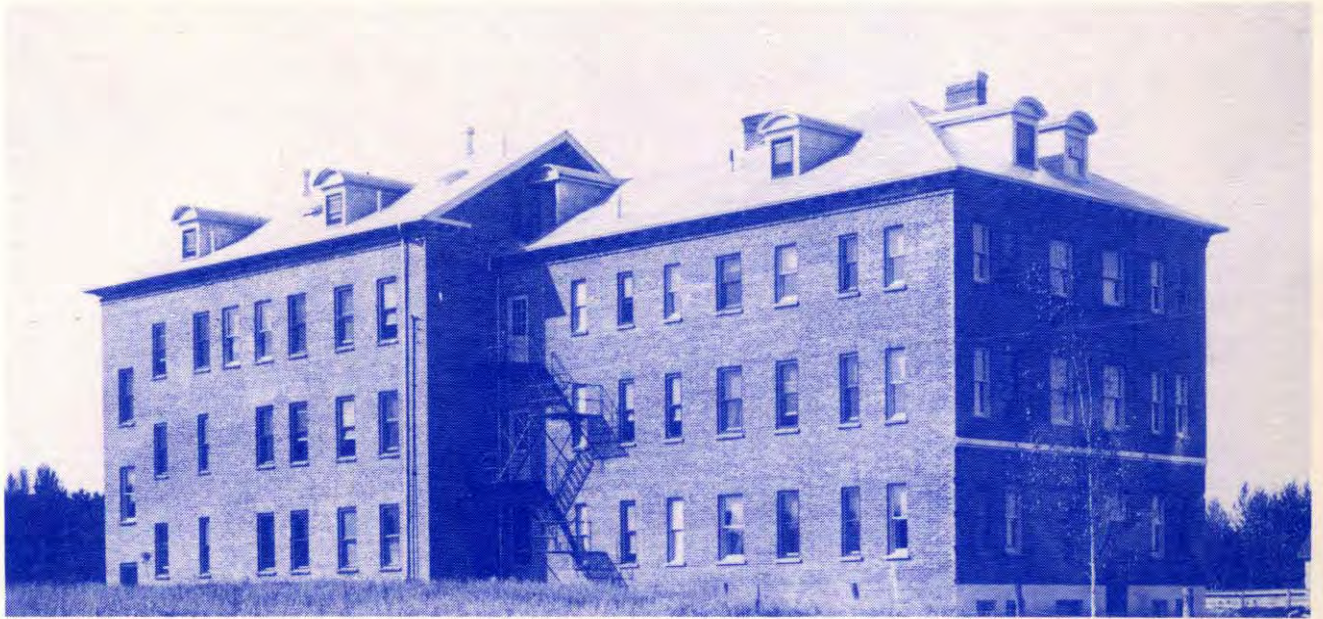
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1910 Celebrating Caring 1985



Holy Family Hospital

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan



Holy Family Hospital
1915



Holy Family Hospital
1935

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL, PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN

1910 - CELEBRATING CARING - 1985

With deep gratitude 'Celebrating Caring' is dedicated to all who have been associated with the Holy Family Hospital during these seventy-five years.

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HIS HOLINESS
JOHN PAUL II

cordially grants a special

Apostolic Blessing

to the **Governing Boards**, the **Sisters of Charity of Immaculate Conception**,
all staff members, medical staff, benefactors
and volunteers of **Holy Family Hospital Prince Albert**

on the occasion of its **Seventy-fifth Anniversary**
as a pledge of copious divine graces.

Ex Audibus Vaticano die 6 Februarii 1985

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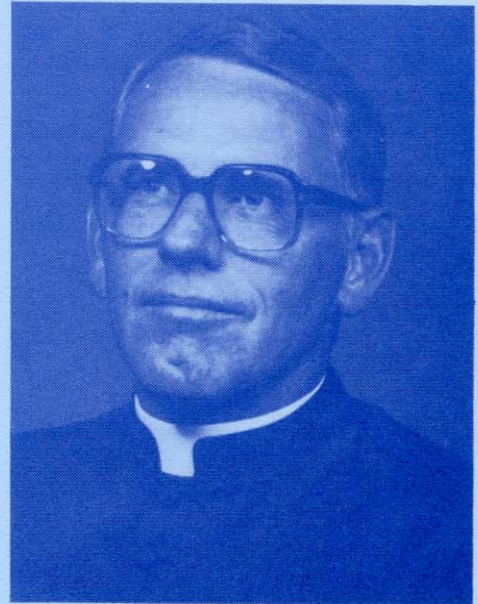
MESSAGE FROM B. MORAND BISHOP OF PRINCE ALBERT

Seventy-five years of Christian Service! Seventy-five years of dedication and commitment to the City of Prince Albert and surrounding areas!

In 1906, the Sisters of Charity were invited by Father William Brueck, O.M.I., to come to Prince Albert from St. John, New Brunswick, to care for orphans. In their Christian spirit of altruism, they left their home as pioneers and reached out to new frontiers. Little did they know, as they left their homeland, that they would end up, not only taking care of orphans, but also founding a hospital in 1910, at Prince Albert. This hospital eventually would boast of having a school of Nursing, second to none. In 1985, this same hospital would have grown to a 162 bed operation.

Many people, along with the Sisters, have been responsible for the success story of Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert. Many of these have come and gone.

It is my distinct pleasure to take advantage of this space allotted to me to congratulate the Sisters of Charity and all the people in whatever capacity they worked over these last 75 years. You have worked tirelessly, courageously and in the spirit of Christ to bring healing, kindness and comfort to God's people in the City and area. You have been a sign to the rest of us of God's goodness among us and we can learn from your example what true witness to Christ really means.



*Most Rev. Blaise Morand
Bishop of Prince Albert*

MESSAGE FROM SISTER ANNE BACHMAN GENERAL SUPERIOR



*Sister Ann Bachman
General Superior*

On behalf of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception I would like to extend sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the Holy Family Hospital.

The 75 years have been years of dedicated service to health care by the total hospital staff - Board Members, Administration, Medical, Nursing and Support Staff, Chaplains and Volunteers.

From the beginning of our association with the people of Prince Albert and the surrounding municipalities we have experienced the warmth and acceptance of the whole community. The Sisters who have served in the hospital love to recall their association with you.

May the years ahead see continued growth in Holy Family Hospital Health Care ministry.

MESSAGE FROM ROMEO H. PAULHUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Romeo H. Paulhus
Executive Director*

It is indeed a pleasure and a challenge to hold the position of Chief Executive Officer at Holy Family Hospital. A pleasure because there are so many dedicated people who join together to make Holy Family Hospital the 'Caring' organization it is.

The challenge is to continue delivering hospital services to the people we serve in the community in the same tradition and with the same commitment and dedication that the Sisters of Charity have so capably demonstrated throughout the past seventy-five years.

During this 75th Anniversary Year, we look back in amazement and wonder how it was possible for the Sisters of Charity to establish such a sophisticated hospital service in a developing community. As we look forward to the future we see many exciting challenges which well assure our community a high standard of hospital services for many years to come.

The continued sponsorship of Holy Family Hospital by the Sisters of Charity, along with the ever increasing involvement by the laity and the community promises a bright future for Holy Family Hospital in a spirit of co-operation. The benefactors of such co-operation will be the citizens of Prince Albert and District.

My personal thanks and appreciation to each and every person and group for their contribution to a most successful 75th Anniversary celebration.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER ROSE KETCHUM LOCAL SUPERIOR

"Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For He has blessed us ..." Eph. 1:3

It is with joy that we are united in grateful remembrance to the many people who have been associated with Holy Family Hospital during the past seventy-five years. These are people who became aware of their personal giftedness and then responded with a sense of mission to share their gifts with others through the ministry of healing.

Compassion, sensitivity, and love are the characteristics which have marked the caring for the sick by these many people over the years. As a Catholic hospital, we have individually and collectively recognized health care as a part of the Church's mission and our response has been to try to provide wholistic care to each person who comes to us.

We, the Sisters of Charity at H.F.H. rejoice that we are 'Celebrating Caring' in this our 75th Anniversary Year.

We pray as we continue to serve in the mission of healing, we will ever keep before us a sense of justice, peace and equality so that our caring may be an expression of love that will help bring people to wholeness as persons.



*Sister Rose Ketchum
Local Superior*

MESSAGE FROM GRAHAM TAYLOR, MINISTER OF HEALTH



*Graham Taylor
Minister of Health*

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I extend warm congratulations to the Sisters, members of the Board of Directors, and Staff of Holy Family Hospital on the occasion of your Hospital's 75th Anniversary.

As well, I commend you for long-standing commitment to the provision of high standards of care which is reflected in your exceptional record of accreditation through the Canadian Council on Accreditation.

May you continue to build on your proud tradition of providing high quality of care and service to residents in the Prince Albert area.

MESSAGE FROM DICK SPENCER, MAYOR OF PRINCE ALBERT



*R.E. (Dick) Spencer
Mayor*

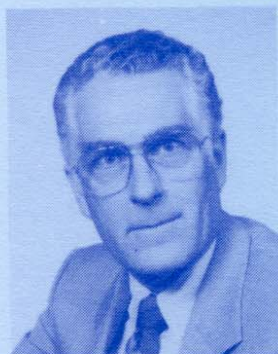
I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet you during this year's 75th Anniversary celebration and thanksgiving.

As Mayor of Prince Albert, I feel very close to the Holy Family Hospital. We are fortunate to be served by such an excellent institution and to have been so served for 75 years.

For my own part, I pledge my continuing support of the Holy Family. I believe in the principle of public funding for public service. I've demonstrated this and will continue to do so.

Good luck in all of your endeavors. Always remember that your work is deeply appreciated by a grateful community.

MESSAGE FROM F. MATHESON CHAIRMAN



*Fred C. Matheson
Chairman*

On behalf of the Governing Board of the Holy Family Hospital I wish to express our sincere congratulations and appreciation to the Sisters of Charity of 75 years of service to Prince Albert and District.

Over the years the Holy Family Hospital has expanded to meet the medical needs of the community it serves.

The Sisters of Charity have provided quality health care guided by a Judaeo-Christian Philosophy.

The Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to offer our Prayers and Best Wishes to the Sisters of Charity for continued health care delivery to Prince Albert and District.

MESSAGE FROM DR. FRED MAIER, CHIEF OF STAFF



*Dr. Fred Maier
Chief of Staff*

In this 75th Anniversary Year of the Holy Family Hospital, here in Prince Albert, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of all Hospital Medical Staff, to extend sincere congratulations and best wish to the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, who founded this institution, and to all Hospital Boards, both past and present, for a superb health care facility. The community has benefited greatly over the years from its existence here in Prince Albert, and will always be deeply indebted to those who seek to serve God through caring for others. The ongoing commitment of the Sisters of Charity to help modernize this facility is much appreciated by all those who work in it or are served by it. May God bless them, and may we all do our part in preserving and utilizing this health care facility to the best of its ability for present and future generations.

SUPERIORS AND ADMINISTRATORS 1910 - 1985

Sister M. Benedict (Mary Rodgers)	1910 - 1913
Sister M. Martha (Rose Anne Goan)	1913 - 1919
Sister M. Veronica (Marguerite Murphy)	1919 - 1927
Sister M. Vincentia (Elizabeth Keohan)	1927 - 1933
Sister M. Benedicta (Mary Anne Johnston)	1933 - 1936
Sister M. Mona (Blanche Keohan)	1936 - 1939
Sister Mary Eileen (Mary Sullivan)	1939 - 1942
Sister M. Camillus (Ann Marie Duke)	1942 - 1948
Sister M. Regis (Winnifred Cyr)	1948 - 1949
Sister Margaret Marie (Jean Magee)	1949 - 1955
Sister Mary James (Jean Mulvaney)	1955 - 1956
Sister Margaret Marie (Jean Magee)	1956 - 1962
Sister Mary Lawrence (Mary Quigg)	1962 - 1963
Sister Margaret Marie (Jean Magee)	1963 - 1966
Sister Jane Francis (Frances Rooney)	1966 - 1969
Sister Margaret Theresa (Margaret Vickers)	1969 - 1972
Sister Ann Marie McGloan	1972 - 1973
Sister Ruth Thompson	1973 - 1978
Sister Grace Kelly	1978 - 1981
Sister Rose Ketchum	1981 -

ADMINISTRATORS

Many times the Superior and Administrator were the same person.

Sister M. Camillus (Ann Marie Duke)	1949 - 1955
Sister M. James (Jean Mulvaney)	1955 - 1956
Sister Margaret Marie (Jean Magee)	1956 - 1966
Mr. Andy Boehm	1966 - 1973
Sister Frances Rooney	1973 - 1978
Mr. Romeo Paulhus	1978 -



PRESENT SISTERS OF CHARITY IN 1985

Left to right - Back row first: Sister Rose Ketchum, Sister Monica Plante, Sister Rita Duchscherer, Sister Ethel Hogan, Sister Laura Hughes, Sister Patricia Riley.

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Founding of the Sisters of Charity

It was in the late nineteenth century (October, 1852) that Thomas Louis Connolly, O.F.M., Capuchin, was named Bishop of Saint John, New Brunswick. Bishop Connolly was immediately concerned about the lack of facilities in his diocese for religious instruction. After a month in the city, he started looking for Sisters to provide educational establishments for 'the poor children going to destruction'. However; in the summer of 1854 an epidemic of cholera ravaged Saint John and soon Bishop Connolly had to put aside his educational priorities to care for seventy orphans. It was in desperation for his orphans that he set out again in search of Sisters.

Unable to obtain Sisters from the existing Orders, the Bishop procured four novices from the Sisters of Charity, Mount Saint Vincent on the Hudson River, New York, and with this

nucleus established the Sisters of Charity. The little group arrived in Saint John in September, 1854 and with their zealous Superior, Mother M. Vincent (Honorina Conway) began the task of establishing an orphanage and organizing a new religious community. Her companions were Sister M. Frances (Mary Rootan), Sister M. Joseph (Mary Madden) and Sister M. Stanislaus (Annie McCabe).

The work of these pioneers prospered and their numbers increased. Several missions were opened in Eastern Canada but it was not until July, 1906 that the first venture outside New Brunswick was to become a reality. It was in answer to an appeal to care for orphans in Prince Albert that brought the Sisters into the western territory of Saskatchewan.

The Foundress

Honorina Conway (1815 - 1892) a native of Galway, Ireland, was born in Dover Castle on June 15th, 1815, where her Father's regiment was garrisoned at the close of the Napoleonic Wars. Having immigrated to Saint John, New Brunswick in 1837, she eventually settled here Meteghan, Nova Scotia. In 1852, at the age of 37, she entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul at Mount Saint Vincent, New York. This Community was a branch of Mother Seton's Sisters of Charity, Emmitsburg. In 1854, Honorina Conway, a novice, known in religion as Mother Vincent, returned to Saint John, New Brunswick as Foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Saint John. Mother Vincent and her three companions continued their spiritual training under Bishop Connolly and on October 21, 1854, pronounced their religious vows as Sisters of Charity of Saint John. Later they became known as Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.



Rev. Mother Vincent (Honorina Conway)

Orphanage Call

In the summer of 1906, Reverend William Brueck, O.M.I., went to Saint John, New Brunswick in quest of Sisters for the St. Patrick's Orphanage in Prince Albert. In 1900, the Oblates had assumed the responsibility of orphaned youngsters of the area, welcoming, 1901, the devotedness of the Daughters of Providence. In 1903, however, Bishop Pascal having accepted to welcome some sixty British orphans, sponsored by the Catholic Rescue Society, Father Brueck deemed it necessary to entrust the care of these youngsters to Sisters belonging to a predominantly English speaking religious order.

After much deliberation, three Sisters of Charity set out, for what to them was a foreign mission. On July 30, 1906, the three Sisters arriv-

ed in Prince Albert, Sister M. Adele (Griffin), Sister M. Josepha (O'Brien), and Sister M. Austin (Verrow).

The Catholic Orphanage was situated across from where the Holy Family Hospital was built in 1910. A fire at the Orphanage on February 1, 1947 destroyed all the buildings and claimed the lives of Sister Albert Marie (Pilikowski) and six orphans. After the fire, the children were sheltered at the old army Barracks until a new Orphanage was built in 1951, where the Sisters of Charity continued their task of caring and teaching until the doors were closed in 1973.

The first Hospital Sisters lived at the Orphanage for a few weeks until the hospital was completed in December of 1910.



Catholic Orphanage 1900 - 1947



St. Patrick's Catholic Orphanage 1951 - 1973



*Rev. William Brueck, O.M.I.
(died in H.F.H., Jan. 9, 1947)*

Hospital Call

Again in 1908, the Sisters of Charity were called upon for help.

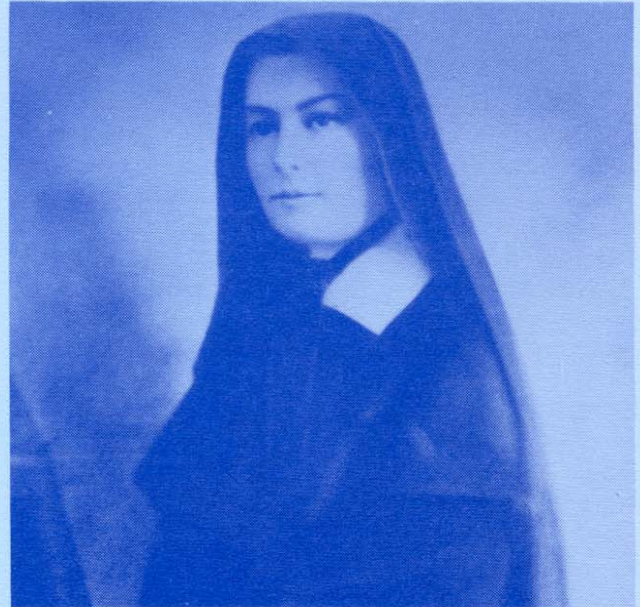
Just two years after the Sisters came to the Orphanage, the people who admired their work and dedication came with a petition for a Hospital to be entrusted to the Sisters. The request supported by Father William Brueck, O.M.I., and the blessing of Bishop Albert Pascal, O.M.I., encouraged the Sisters to consider seriously the care of the sick.

Since November 7, 1899, the Victoria Hospital had been already in operation in Prince Albert with accommodation for seven patients which increased to sixteen patients by 1903. This certainly was not sufficient for the many cases of typhoid, chest infections and accidents at the turn of the century.

The doctors in the city also saw the need for more hospital care for the sick. It was at this time that two medical men, Dr. T.C. Spence and Dr. J.J. Labrecque impressed by the work of the Sisters at the Orphanage, approached the Sisters to consider building a Hospital.

Three other Doctors in the city, Dr. David, Dr. King and Dr. Chisholm were anxious to have their patients in a Hospital operated by the Sisters and gave them every support. The Health Officer at that time, Dr. L. Reid, opposed the plan at first because he had a personal interest in the Victoria Hospital already established. However, later he heartily endorsed it and became one of its main supporters.

Letters concerning the request were sent to the Mother House of the Sisters in Saint John, New Brunswick. Reverend Mother M. Thomas,



*Mother M. Thomas (O'Brien)
Mother Superior (1903 - 1918)*

Superior General of the Order at that time and Sister M. Patrick journeyed to Prince Albert. During her visitation at the orphanage, the Reverend Mother studied the situation of possible health care for the sick in the city.

Some time after, Mother M. Thomas returned to Saint John and consulted with her council. Plans were launched, land was bought and on April 24, 1910, the first sod was turned and the work of construction was underway.

Soon the plans made headlines. From the Sisters of Charity's Archives we read ...

NEW HOSPITAL WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE

SISTERS OF CHARITY ARE TO HAVE CHARGE

TENDERS CONSTRUCTION ARE BEING CALLED FOR

The new hospital which the Sisters of Charity are to erect in Prince Albert will be an up-to-date institution for the care of the sick. The pro-

ject will be financed by the Sisters and will be entirely under their control. It will be located on West Fifteenth Street opposite the Orphanage. It

is the intention to commence construction on one wing for which tenders are being called, the plans having been prepared by Architect O. Albrechtsen. As necessity arises additions will be made to the hospital. The first section is to be a three storey building of brick with basement. In the basement there will be dining room, kitchen, furnace room, storage room, laundry, janitor's room and a lavatory. On the ground floor there will be a ward with five beds and a ward with six beds, a chapel, a parlor for the nurses and quarters for the clergy, a large scullery, a kitchen, and toilet rooms. On the first floor up, there will be a ward with five beds, a ward for recuperating patients, an operating room, sterilizing room and preparation rooms, two private wards, one with a private bath, linen

closets, etc. On the top there will be a ward with seven beds and one with five beds, two private wards, the nurses' bathrooms, and bathrooms for the patients.

It is said that the initial outlay will be \$75,000.00. The hospital will be available for all irrespective of creed.

In order to own property, to contract debts, to mortgage, to sue or be sued an institution must become a legal entity through legal incorporation within the province.

The first Act of Incorporation of the Community in Saskatchewan in 1910 granted:

- i.) Right to carry on work in the hospital
- ii.) Granted premission to build Holy Family Hospital at a cost of \$10,000.00 (obviously to borrow the necessary funds).

HOSPITAL BEGINNINGS — 1910 - 1914

The Holy Family Hospital

The Holy Family Hospital was the first adventure in hospital work for the Sisters of Charity. Since the Order had few formally trained nurses, several Sisters were immediately sent to such training centers as the Grey Nuns, General Hospital at Ottawa and Saint Boniface; also to Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.

As the construction progressed on the hospital, the Sisters became deeply involved preparing themselves professionally for the task that lay ahead. Sister M. Veronica (Murphy) R.N., Sister M. Leo (McGonnigal), R.N., Sister M. Catherina (Lamb), R.N., left Saint John, New Brunswick in August of 1910 to take a post-graduate course at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Saint Boniface, Manitoba.

Sister M. Veronica writes later reminiscing about the time spent in Saint Boniface. "We enjoyed the course very much. It was interesting but difficult. The Grey Nuns were good to us and continued to be kind to the Sisters of Charity over the years. We would not have been so successful in our hospital work were it not for their valuable assistance. We received a very practical course in surgery while at Saint Boniface and gained much knowledge in the art of nursing very ill patients. While we were at the hospital an epidemic of Typhoid Fever developed. It was a very strenuous time and we worked hard."

Meanwhile, everyone in Prince Albert was interested in the construction of the new hospital. On September 7, 1910, a small item appeared in the "Le Patriote de L' Ouest" (a French-language newspaper of Western Canada), "The constuction of the new Catholic Hospital is advancing rapidly; the exterior is nearly completed and the inside work will begin soon." (translated from the French)

In December of 1910 four Sisters of Charity arrived to open the hospital. They were Sister M. Benedict (Rodgers), Sister M. Leo (McGonnigal), Sister M. Catherina (Lamb) and Sister M. Veronica (Murphy). There is very little recorded about these four brave pioneers to the West to begin hospital work either in local newspapers or local histories.

Sister M. Veronica writes about their arrival in early December. "The Sisters at the Orphanage were delighted to see us and gave us a warm welcome. Sister M. Josepha (O'Brien) the Superior, Sister Adele (Griffin) and Sister Austin (Verrow) made us feel right at home. As the hospital across the street was not finished we enjoyed some weeks at the Orphanage. Father W. Brueck also made us feel so much at home that for the time being we were part of his staff."

Sister M. Benedict (Rodgers) was Superior



*Sister M. Benedict (Rodgers)
First Superior 1910 - 1913*

of the small group while Sister M. Veronica (Murphy) a graduate from Worcester, Mass., U.S.A. was in charge of the institution which was named "Holy Family Hospital"

The blessing of this Hospital took place on December 20, 1910 and on the following day the first Mass was offered in the Hospital, by Reverend Bishop Albert Pascal, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Albert. A very appropriate day indeed, the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle, which was the feast or name day of Mother Thomas, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity who had opened the Western Missions. The Bishop offered Mass for a special blessing from God upon the Sisters and their hospital work in the West.

The following is a translation from Bishop Pascal's Acta Cancellariae 1910. "Today, December 20, 1910 and on the following day the tion of blessing the hospital and the dedication along with the chapel to the Holy Family. Attending the ceremonies were Reverend Fathers Lacoste, McCaffrey, Brueck, Perquis and Brother Lacroix, along with the Reverend Sisters of Charity who then invited us for the evening meal. Tomorrow, we will celebrate the first Mass."

The First Patient at Holy Family Hospital

"On Christmas Day, 1910, we were cordially invited to the Orphanage for dinner", writes Sister Veronica, "and on crossing the street we saw a horse coming with two men in the sleigh. It was Dr. R.L. King and a patient who was very ill with "Quincy" - a very sore throat. Immediately we went back to the hospital to welcome our first patient. After the patient was admitted and examined a prescription was issued. The Doctor ordered ice to be applied to the patient's throat. There was no ice, so Sister applied cold dressings. One of the Sisters quickly set a basin of water outside to freeze but later when she went out to fetch it, all was gone out of sight. Out went another basin of water with a watchful eye on it and soon there was plenty of ice. The first patient made a wonderful recovery and was very grateful for the excellent service he received. He was not alone very long as the hospital was filled to capacity in a few days.

The good work was continued under many difficulties. Not having an elevator was inconvenient as all patients admitted were not able to walk and had to be carried on stretchers to the

third floor ward, or operating room by the Orderly, the Sisters and a Doctor when there was one present."

In the early day the clientele was largely made up of native people and lumbermen from the numerous lumber camps in the Prince Albert area. The cases treated were usually victims of accidents in the woods, typhoid fever, chest cases and pneumonia. There were many accident cases brought in at night. Men who fractured limbs and had chest ailments could not come to the hospital until night, thus night duty lasted till the early morning hours.



Mode of transportation

Sisters Visit Lumber Camps

In addition to their work in the hospital the Sisters would accompany Dr. R.L. King on his trips to the lumber camps to care for any minor ailments that could be treated outside the hospital. Sister Veronica and Sister Catherina were the first to visit the camps. Later on as more Sisters came to train at the hospital Sister M. **Rosina**, Sister M. **Katherine** and Sister **Martha** would go with Sister Veronica.

"The Sisters set off to the camps with mixed emotions indeed, Fear of the cold, they padded their cloaks with newspapers to break the piercing wind, fear of venturing into a lumber camp which was filled with strange men, but how good these strange men were to them. It was necessary for the Sisters to stay overnight so cots were put up in the Foreman's office. One of the office clerks brought in special sheets, pillow cases, feathered pillows that his mother gave him when he left home. He knew that his mother would want the Sisters to use them. The Sisters were made comfortable. The lumbermen had an organ and an accordion and they entertained them with beautiful singing. They also took up a collection for the hospital which would serve them in their time of needs."

The employees of these lumber camps had a sick care plan which provided them with free hospitalization and for which they paid 75c a week during their time of employment.

While most patients came because they were ill or hurt, occasionally one of the lumbermen would arrive at the hospital to plead; "I've paid my fee every week and have never been sick and I'm tired of sleeping in camp. Just let me have a good rest for a night, Sister."

And so the bushed lumberman would bed down in the hospital between cool, inviting sheets instead of the rough bedding found in a lumber camp. In the morning, after a refreshing night's sleep he would return to camp without complaint.

"We received many invitations to visit the camps frequently," continues Sister Veronica, "but there was no time for entertainment due to the work load at the hospital.

On one occasion - St. Patrick's Day, we received a special invitation to have dinner at the camp. The men who looked after the meals wrote to their homes requesting nice silver and linen napkins, special dishes, etc. for this special feast.



Lumbering Scene

It was a beautiful sunny day and while we were some distance away from the camp, I could hear the band and singing which continued until we reached the camp. They had everything that could be desired and we enjoyed it all so much. The special dishes and pretty flowers on the table and the hymn, "All Praise to St. Patrick" made this a very special day. We were very grateful to these lumbermen."

At one time when returning from visiting the camps, Sister Veronica recalls stopping at a small store in Young, Sask. which was run by Sister Schell's uncle. (The five Schell girls had just arrived from Russia from which they fled

during the First World War). The uncle said to Sister Veronica; "I wonder where these girls could get work." So Sister told him to send them to Prince Albert and they could find work for them. The five arrived and Sister gave them work at the Hospital. The youngest one went off to school. These girls were very faithful and later all five of them entered the Sisters of Charity. Three of them are still living in the Community, two are deceased.

In those early days, we did not have very much to work with, **but we were happy with hard work."**

Hospital News

With the opening of the new hospital in December, excellent care had been achieved by the Sisters of Charity for the sick and suffering. After the severe winter of sickness many beds were left empty.. This small item appeared in the local French-Language newspaper, "Le Patriote de l' Ouest" on June 1, 1911.

"The Doctors of Prince Albert are desperate as there has been very little illness in the city this year. Yet the Sisters of Charity at the Catholic Hospital are really happy to see the progress of their establishment which has been operating since only last December." (translated from the French)

The Sisters also felt that they had not enough work. There were too many empty beds. No doubt many a fervent prayer was sent to God's throne for "more patients". For several months God seemed quite deaf. But at last the Fall of 1911 came and with it the usual outbreak of Typhoid Fever, and their request was answered, especially when all the lay helpers caught the fever and one of the Sisters was also stricken by the disease. Another Sister at the same time got a violent attack of rheumatism and thus the nursing staff was reduced to its most simple expression.

In a few weeks the hospital was crowded to its utmost capacity. The wards were crowded with beds, additional ones had to be placed in corridors and on landings so that finally there was not a spot unoccupied by some poor suffering creature.

"Sighs and moanings were heard from floor to floor, and amid that 'heap of tortured humanity' the Sisters moved unceasingly, ever bright and cheerful, forgetful of their fatigue and weariness, tireless in their efforts to bring com-



Sister M. Veronica (Murphy), one of the first Sisters in 1910, later Superior — 1919 - 1927

fort to all, a little ray of sunshine and hope to many an agonizing soul," writes a friendly acquaintance of the Sisters.

The winter of 1911 - 1912 had been exceedingly severe and owing to this fact the little hospital was so crowded that the need of larger quarters was keenly felt.

On October 12, 1913, we read in "Le Patriote de l'Ouest":

The Reverend Mother Thomas, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity of Saint John made her official visitation at the hospital and orphanage. Reverend Mother marvels at the progress which has been accomplished by the Sisters who are in charge of both these establishments."

(translated from the French)

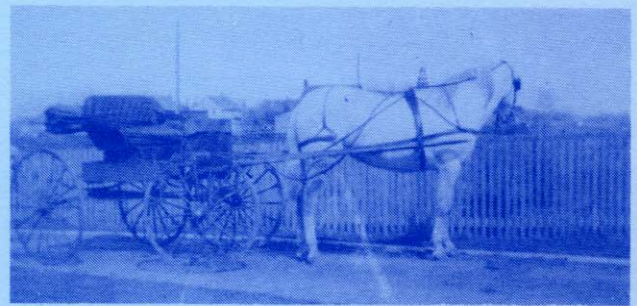
A patient was required to pay \$1.50 a day for public ward accomodation. This amount was the total required to maintain a patient in a public ward in these early years. The rate for a semi-private was \$2.50 per day and \$4.00 for a private room.



Dr. J.S. Chisholm

During these early years, Dr. Chisholm was one of the first doctors at the hospital. He had charge of the P.A. Penitentiary and Sturgeon Lake Reserve as well.

His mode of transportation was "Nellie".



Nellie

Sisters Missioned at the Hospital from 1910 - 1914

Sister M. Benedict (Rogers)
Sister M. Leo (McGonnigal)
Sister Veronica (Murphy)
Sister M. Catherina (Lamb)
Sister Katherine (Mutter)

Sister M. Rosina (Stewart)
Sister M. Xavier (Gagnon)
Sister M. Geraldine (Donovan)
Sister M. Stanislaus (McGourty)
Sister M. de Lourde (Robinson)

Sister M. Laurencia (O'Neill)
Sister M. Martha (Goan)
Sister M. Justine (Leger)
Sister M. Austin (Verron)

Medical Staff

Dr. J.S. Chisholm
Dr. A. David
Dr. R.L. King
Dr. J.J. Labrecque
Dr. J.W. Eede
Dr. F.W. Fourney
Dr. E. Kitchen

Dr. Shelley
Dr. W. Britton
Dr. W.C. Bliss
Dr. J.R. Matheson
Dr. M.I. Humphries
Dr. A. Montreuil
Dr. F.P. Moreau

Dr. Stuart Reid
Dr. N. Strong
Dr. L.E. Mylks
Dr. P.D. Tyerman
Dr. T.W. Williams
Dr. H.A. Reid Health Officer

Chaplains

Father McCaffrey, O.M.I.

Father Emile Pascal, O.M.I.

Hospital Grants

The grant of \$1,004.00 in 1911 was increased to \$3,395.00 in 1914.

There were 588 patients treated in 1914 with a staff of five graduate nurses and six undergrad nurses.

FIRST EXPANSIONS 1915 - 1926

Due to the needs and pressure for more patient beds, plans were made in the fall of 1914 to build an addition. This was to be a four-storey building with a capacity of 30 beds added to the north of the original 1910 structure. This would increase the hospital capacity from 25 to 55 beds.

A basement was equipped for the kitchen and a laundry. There was also a furnace room, a Sisters' and a Nurses' dining room, rooms for an orderly and the maintenance man.

The first floor was Obstetrics and for women patients in general.

The Operating room was on second floor as well as patients' wards. The Chapel was located on the south end.

Men's floor was located on third where both medical and surgical cases were hospitalized.

The upper storey (attic) was reserved for the Sisters' dormitory and a few small private rooms.

On each of these floors was a kitchenette connected with the main kitchen by means of a dumbwaiter operated by pulleys. The nursing staff of each floor had the responsibility for their patients' trays. The food was kept hot by the use of coal-oil stoves in the kitchenette. These coal-oil wicks would often smoke and at times dishes, trays, etc. would be covered with a black, sticky soot. Many a time the lone nurse on night duty had the extra task of removing the soot collected during the day.

During this year of 1915, a Nurses' Residence was built to provide a home for the increasing number of student nurses. (see details in School of Nursing).

As the first Act of Incorporation 1910 was set up only to build and borrow funds for the Hospital, the Sisters felt that the Community should establish its autonomy, so in February 1916, they were incorporated. The Act in part reads:

"An Act to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of The Immaculate Conception.

(Assented to February 29, 1916)

Whereas an association of nuns has existed for some time in the Province of Saskatchewan, under the name of The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, having for its objects the attendance upon the sick in hospitals, missions, congregations for ladies, orphanages, working places, housekeeping schools, agricultural orphanages, industrial schools, deaf and dumb institutions, dispensatories, boarding houses for lame and aged persons, and the education and moral training of pupils in convents and schools, the instruction of prisoners and the visitation of the sick and the poor.

And whereas the petition presented in their name prays that the association may be vested with corporate powers and it is expedient to grant their prayer:

Therefore his Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. Sister May Martha, nee Rose Goan, Sister Mary Ursula, nee Ellen Bradley, Sister Mary Lucille, nee Eugenie Belleveau, and Sister Mary Justine, nee Alice Leger, and such other persons as are now or may hereafter become under the provisions of this Act members of the said association, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body of politic and corporate by the name of "The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception" for the purposes and objects aforesaid.

2. The corporation may borrow money on mortgage of real or personal property or on promissory note.

5. The revenues, issues and profits of all property held by the corporation shall be applied to the maintenance of its members and of the institutions carried on by it, to the construction

and repair of buildings and the acquisitions of property requisite for its purposes and to the promotions of works of charity and benevolence.

6. The head office of the corporation shall be at the city of Prince Albert in the Province of Saskatchewan or at such other place in the province as may from time to time be determined by bylaw.

That same year, 1916, on the 25th day in the month of August, Sister M. Catherina (Lamb), who was one of the pioneer Sisters in 1910 died peacefully at Holy Family Hospital. She was buried in Prince Albert beside Sister M. Regis (McCarron) a Sister from the Orphanage who died December 5, 1911.

These were the first Sisters of Charity to be buried in Prince Albert in the old Catholic Cemetery.

In 1918, the Spanish influenza epidemic swept across the country and Prince Albert was badly hit. Fortunately the residents had the services of both hospitals - Victoria Union and Holy Family. By October the epidemic was so bad that a 'churchless Sunday' was reported. Over 50 citizens died during this influenza.

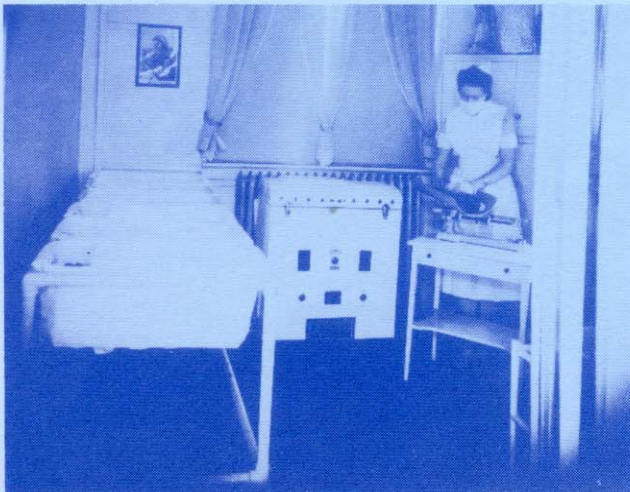
It was during this influenza that the hospital decided to request government assistance for the many destitute persons in the area. The request was granted.

"Upon recommendation of the Minister in charge of the Bureau of Public Health, an order in council, advises that on and after the first day of September 1919, a government grant of one dollar and fifty cents per day be paid for the keep of each destitute incurable patient during the time such patient is in the institution." (Order 2072/19)

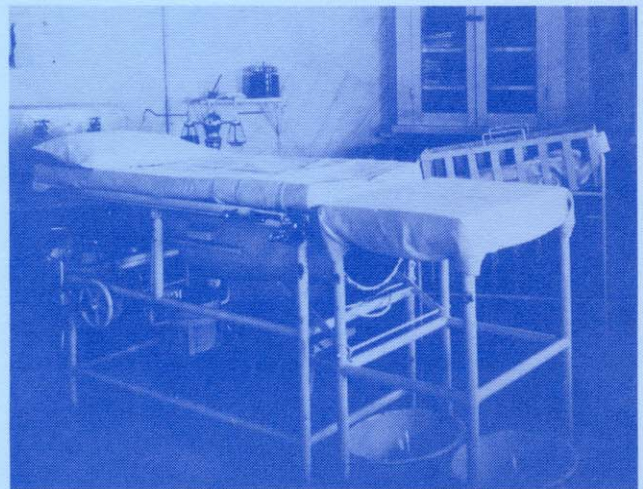
Improvements

In 1920, it was necessary to add further facilities such as the installation of X-ray equipment across from the operating room.

In May or June of 1921, a veranda was added across the front of the building. "This would add greatly to the appearance of the hospital and make it more comfortable in the winter", stated Sr. Veronica. The cost of the veranda was approximately \$1,625.00.



New Born Nursery



Delivery Room

In 1923 the installation of an elevator at the extreme southend of the building was greeted with a sigh of relief by the whole personnel.

A door on the south side of the elevator opened to the outdoor as well so 'ambulance' cases could be taken into the elevator on admission. On either side of the elevator shaft were small bright private rooms on each of the three floors. This added to the bed capacity of the hospital.



Hospital Statistics for 1922

The hospital shows a bed capacity of 75 (5 for Tubercular patients) with a total of 1167 patients admitted. There was 125 new borns and 46 deaths reported this year.

The charge for a public ward was set at \$2.50 per day, \$3.50 for semi-private, and \$4.50 for private room. Maternity rates were \$3.00 - \$4.00.

Operating rates were \$5.00 - \$10.00, while X-rays cost between \$5.00 and \$25.00.

The Government grant was \$7,881.00 and Municipal grant was \$894.00, which increased to make a total income of \$41,569.50. The total expenditures for the year were \$48,579.97.

More Expansions

In the Fall of 1926 Sister Veronica was successful once more in obtaining a "green light" for another addition. Soon excavations were well underway. This time the structure extended westward from the little private room west of the elevator shaft. On completion in the summer of 1927, there were two floors and a basement.

On the first floor was the Central Dressing

Room and a more modern Laboratory. On the second floor, a major Operating Room was located. The remaining space was used for the Sisters' quarters. In the basement was the Sisters' dining area as well as the Nurses' dining room. Following Midnight Mass of Christmas 1927, the nurses entered the new Dining Room for the first time.

Hospital work continued on as usual during

these next few years. However soon after this 1926 addition was finished, more petitions were sent to the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity in Saint John for more additional space for the Hospital. But funds would have to be obtained.

We read from a 1929 letter written by Sister M. Vincentia, Superior to Bishop J.H. Prud'homme, Bishop of Prince Albert visiting his family in Saint Boniface, Manitoba. "The general Administration has at last granted our so often reiterated request to build an addition to the hospital. However there are certain restrictions under which only the permission will hold good.

We are allowed to put up an addition at the cost of \$80,000.00 provided we can find the money, and this without putting a Mortgage on the hospital.

Now we need your advice to know how this could be done? We remember that on some previous occasion, whilst discussing with your Lordship the necessity of getting more accommodation, you seemed to be willing to secure the



Chapel on 1st Floor

money for us at a reasonable rate of interest. Would you still be in a position to do this? What would be the rate of interest we would have to pay? Could your Lordship find the means of getting the money without mortgaging the Hospital? This latter point is indeed the most important one as the permission to build seems to hinge on that one condition. We sincerely trust that you will find us the means to overcome all these difficulties.

Anxiously awaiting your reply and thanking you in advance for whatever you will be able to do for us in this matter."

This request was to be answered at a much later date. Meanwhile the Sisters managed with what they had and their work continued.



Laboratory

Sister M. Alexina (Martz) writes, "I recall arriving in Prince Albert, August 26, 1930 by rail from Saint John, N.B., accompanied by Sister M. Vincentia (Koehan), Sister M. Julienne (Fix), Sister Rosaire (Lundy), and myself.

My assignment was to take charge of the business office with Miss Agatha Weinmeyer (Gillingham) assisting me as stenographer. Sister Florina oriented me and was a good teacher.

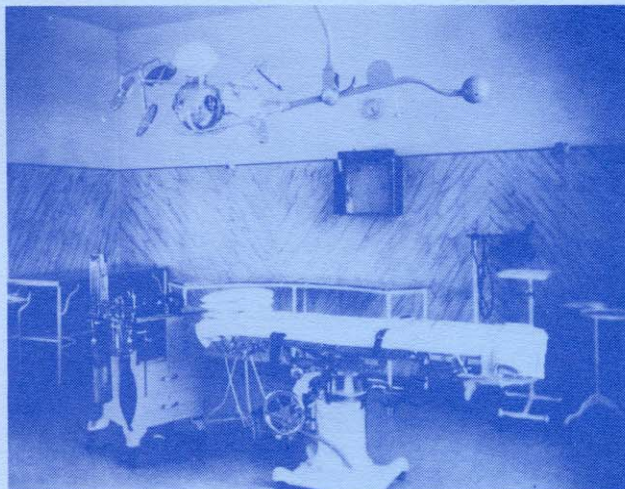
I remember our three tubercular Sisters, Sister M. Rosarie (L. Lundy), Sister M. Margarita (Schneider), who was in charge of the business office before her illness which claimed her death December 31, 1931 and Sister Frances Gertrude (O'Connor) who died the following December 20, 1932 from the illness.

The older Sisters were exceptionally good to us younger ones. Their spirit of service was a shining example.

Father Daoust, O.P., was our chaplain and often I would accompany him with the Eucharist



Central Dressing Room



Major Operating Room

to the sick on his daily morning rounds.

An Ecumenical spirit was existent in the hospital. The zeal of the Sisters for the spiritual welfare of each patient was important as their physical healing.

Many times, as I worked in the office, I recall the funds would be low but the letters requesting donations continued to come. I approached Sister Vincentia to see what could be done and she replied, "Send one dollar and you will receive ten in return. God will not be outdone in generosity." You know it always happened."

SISTERS MISSIONED AT THE HOSPITAL between 1915 and 1934

Sister M. Martha (Goan), Sister M. Veronica (Murphy), Sister M. Katherine (Mutter), Sister M. Austin (Verrow), Sister M. Catherina (Lamb), Sister M. Margarita (Schneider), Sister M. Frances Gertrude (O'Connor), Sister M. Rosina (Stewart), Sister M. Aimee (Pepin), Sister M.



Nurses Dining Room, Basement

Ligouri (Lanigan), Sister M. Virginia (Dalton), Sister M. Vincentia (Koehan), Sister Mary Margaret (Jeffrey), Sister M. Rosarie (Lundy), Sister M. Bonadventure (Johnston), Sister M. Florina (Gallant), Sister M. Symphorosa (Tremblay), Sister M. Helen (Green), Sister M. Raymond (Kelly), Sister M. Delphina (Noonan), Sister M. Benedicta (Johnston), Sister M. Electa (King), Sister M. de Lourde (Robinson), Sister Alexina (Martz), Sister M. Julienne (Fix), Sister M. Stella Maris (Foster), Sister M. Alred (Ecker), Sister M. Winnifred (Schafer), Sister Eileen (Sullivan), Sister M. Cleophas (Campbell), Sister M. Carmel (Power)

CHAPLAINS

Father Gabeau, O.M.I., Father Poulanard, O.M.I., Father Gabillon, O.M.I., Father L. Simard, O.M.I., Father O'Leary, Father Deaucheau, Father Louis J. Daoust, and Father Duprat, O.P.



Doctor's Den, Surgery Suite

MEDICAL STAFF:

The number of Physicians and Surgeons doubled during the late 1914's. This could have been due to the anticipated "boom" resultant Hydro-electric dam to be built at the La Colle Falls at the fork of the Saskatchewan River about twenty miles east of the city.

As this project did not reach fruition the numbers of Doctors decreased and by 1919, according to the Henderson's City Directory, there were only six doctors in Prince Albert.

Dr. W.C. Bliss, Dr. J.S. Chisholm, Dr. J.W. Eede, Dr. R.L. King, Dr. F.W. Fournery and Dr. S.B. McMillian.

Then for a period of about fifteen years the Medical Staff seemed to stabilize and the following names appeared year after year.

Dr. W.C. Bliss, Dr. J.W. Eede, Dr. F.W. Fournery, Dr. M.I. Humphries, Dr. S.B. McMillian, Dr. D.P. Miller, Dr. A. Montreuil, Dr. H.A. Reid, Dr. R.L. King, Dr. C.M. Finlayson, Dr. J.A. McDonald, Dr. E. Shaw, Dr. W.A. Brodie.

MORE GROWTH AND SERVICE 1935

It was likely the rapidly increasing population of the developing districts, especially north of Prince Albert that drew the number of patients seeking admission. As the patients increased space had to be found for them.

Sister M. Benedicta, Superior from 1933-1936, tried to relieve some of this pressure by having the wide - open balconies converted into hospital wards. Once the work was completed, the second and third balconies converted into six bed capacity each adding another twelve beds to the hospital.

The first floor balcony was reserved for a children's ward. The large windows on the East and West ends of the wards as well as those facing North gave more attractiveness to these wards.

Still these extensions of facilities did not provide the sufficient number of needed beds. It was not unusual to have two or three beds in the corridors. Patients were never turned away.

In 1929 another request of the Sisters of the Mother House obtained permission to build, however, there was no money for construction. It was not until September of 1934 that Bishop J.H. Prud'homme turned the sod and excavations started once again.

The Architect, Gentil J.K. Verbeke and Bishop Prud'homme felt it would be better to build a fourth floor by spending another \$10,000.00 Mother M. Loretto and her council decided it would not be feasible to add a fourth floor at present. It was never added later.

The fact that the non-fire-proof building would in the future be condemned as unsafe for hospital use lead to the following considerations in the preparation of the plans for the extension of 1935.

The new addition must be the nucleus of a complete new main building to which can added at a future date with a minimum of alterations. Therefore, the addition must provide for administration, main entrance, future elevator, centrally located and fire proof staircase which will serve as fire escape.

The addition as planned is 68 feet long. A future wing 40 feet long to the east will make it a complete main building 108 feet long.

Contract for additions as planned divided as follows:

General contract	\$ 63,395.00
Plumbing and heating	\$ 13,664.50
Total of contract	\$77,059.50

Deduction from the above contract prices if fourth floor is omitted divided as follows:

General contract	\$ 7,233.00
Plumbing and heating	\$ 777.00
Total deduction	\$ 8,010.00

The above deductions bring the cost of the three storey and basement structure to \$69,049.50.

Initial cost of passenger elevator serving three storeys and basement (approximately) \$4,500.00, equal to \$1,125.00 per floor or over \$86.00 per bed.

A proportionate deduction could be made from the total cost of a three storey and basement structure, 75% of \$7,088.00 = \$5,316.00, bringing the cost down to \$69,049.50

- \$ 5,316.00
\$63,733.00



Private room in the 1935 wing

No extras in connection with the contract are anticipated as all material and workmanship is clearly shown on plans and called for in specifications.

Cost per bed in three storey and basement building approximately \$1,225.00

The furnishings for the new wing were aided

by the help of Sister M. Eileen (Sullivan) and Sister M. Aloyious (Norden) who solicited funds from the local merchants. With the generous help of these merchants of Prince Albert and district, all private rooms and other areas were furnished.

Silver Jubilee of Hospital

In December of 1935, the Silver Jubilee of the hospital, the most recent addition was in readiness to receive both patients and the personnel.

Administration moved into the new offices on the first floor. An office for the Chaplain on the second floor was another appreciated feature of this East Wing.



The closed in balcony around the 1934 converted this first floor into a children's pavillion.

The new structure provided much needed classroom space in the basement for the continuation of nursing education. On January 12, 1936, the Feast of the Holy Family, a new study area was ready to receive the students.

The addition brought to bed capacity of the Hospital to 140 beds and 18 to 21 bassinets.

In these twenty-five years, the small hospital of 1910 grew and continued to increase its services by renovating, adding on, improving and updating both equipment and programs.

In the three years following the erection of the new wing in 1935, Sister M. Mona (Koehan) brought about great improvement in the main part of the older building as well as the outdoors.

Sister secured the help of an excellent landscaper, and soon the east side of the hospital was turned into a small but beautiful park.



New Hospital in 1935

On the west side of the building a much larger piece of land had been cultivated for many years by Francois (Frank) Houdoyer a remarkable gardener and maintenance man. Vegetables and



1935 First Floor Hallway

flowers were both his specialities. This loyal and efficient man served at Holy Family with devotedness and integrity for over 25 years. In 1951, Frank planned to spend his three week vacation in Vancouver. Halfway between Prince Albert and Vancouver, in spending some time at his God-child's home and while in the garden there, he died suddenly. The Sisters and all staff had lost a dear and faithful friend.



Frank Houdoyer, Josephine LeBel

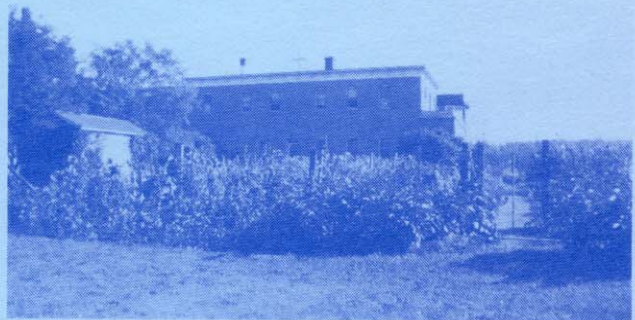
“During the depression years, funds were always low and paying overdue bills caused much anxiety. The nurses' salary was \$30.00 a month while Supervisors received \$35.00. The Sisters were not on a payroll. Monthly Government grants were received per occupied patient bed.

The Sisters had to depend on Divine Providence in a big way and faith was needed for daily physical hospital administration. They also had to depend on Frank. Many farmers from the north districts and other areas would bring cordwood or meat in payment for their hospital accounts. Frank was great in bargaining with the farmers. If their goods were not of good quality Frank would not accept them. At the first sound of haranque directed at him the poor man would

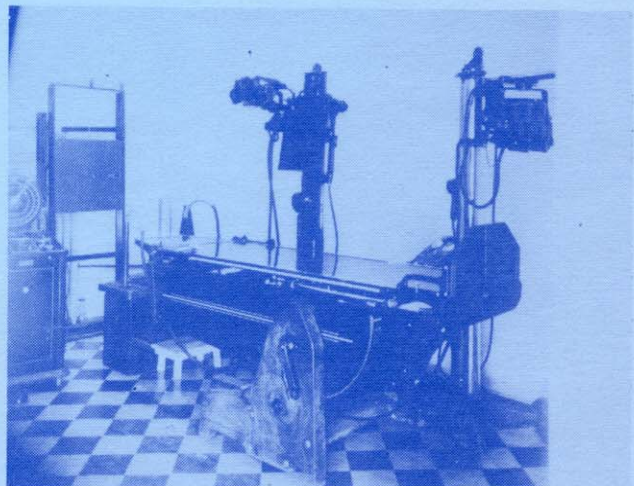
drive out with his unloaded material as fast as his team could take him, run or gallop.

Frank also tended to his beautiful flowers. Whenever he found one or more of his precious blossoms missing, he would measure the footprint nearest the scene in hope of discovering the culprit. If discovered, heaven help the poor thief,” recalls one of the Sisters.

During Sisters Camillus' time mention must be made of Josephine LeBel, a young girl that Sister Camillus befriended in Saint John. Jo followed Sister to Prince Albert and devoted her life in helping the Sisters. Many will remember Jo, as she worked quietly in the corridor which connected the 1926 wing to the hospital. Many a long hour was spent by Jo preparing the bandages to be used in the care of the sick. Jo had her little room on the top level where she lived until the new hospital opened. She then moved into the guest room where she later died peacefully in the late '60's.



1926 Addition with Part of Frank's Garden



*X-ray Equipment of 1920
In 1940, a New X-ray Machine Replaced the Old.*

CONTINUOUS SERVICE 1936 -1957

In October of 1936, Sister M. Mona, writes: "The heavy burden of financing our hospital addition has not been eased by the poor collections of the year. Besides our great outstanding debt for the erection of our much need new wing, the many demands for more scientific equipment leaves us with more obligations and lesser funds than ever. \$75,000.00 plus the interest being our present indebtedness."

No doubt that these were hard years, and in August of 1939, Sister M. Mona returned to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Saint John and Sister M. Eileen (Sullivan) assumed once more the task of Superior at Holy Family Hospital..

Sister M. Eileen applied herself to keeping nursing facilities and equipment up to date. Also she initiated negotiations in view of building a

laundry, a great need due to the marked increase in the number of patients, student nurses and personnel.

There was an imperative need for one or two boilers besides in the boiler house. For this negotiations were held with the authorities at the Prince Albert Penitentiary. By 1940 these heavy pieces, in good condition, were transferred from the Penitentiary to the hospital. The middle-man in this bargaining was Father Daoust, who happened to be Chaplain to both Institutions.

The boilers proved very satisfactory in providing heat to all parts of the hospital, and to the student nurses' residence where the supply of hot water was thus greatly increased.

It was 1940 when the heating system was incorporated.



Laboratory, Sister M. Edwardina (Gillen) and Technician



*Business Office and Admitting
Mrs. Ann Darchuk, Sister Elizabeth (Layden) Sister M. Vincent (P. MacDonald)*

Accreditation

In 1934 the hospital was accredited provisionally by the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. 1936 reviewed the accreditation. In 1948, the hospital received full accreditation as well as the School of Nursing for a three year Diploma Course. Full accreditation has been granted since 1946 to November 1984 by the

Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation.

Sister M. Camillus (Duke) arrived in August of 1942, Superior until 1948, she continued on as Administrator until 1955.

Sister Camillus immediately resumed the initial negotiations for the building and equipping of a laundry. This was an extremely difficult un-

dertaking as metal was hard to obtain after the second World War. In spite of the unavoidable delays due to strikes of different trades and workers, a new modern steam laundry was added

in 1945. In 1964 this laundry was converted into a maintenance shop and is still in use for this purpose.

New Advisory Board Established

1947 saw the establishment of an Advisory Board for the hospital. From 1910 to 1947, the Sisters alone directed the hospital. The burden of administration was now shared with laymen and women from all walks of life. At the first organizational meeting, October 2, 1947, the

Board consisted of: Mr. W.J. Quinn, chairman, Mr. E. Aquilon, vice chairman. Mr. Ernie Baker, secretary, Mr. J.M. Cuelenaere, Mr. F.H. Harris, Mr. Alfred Molstad, Sister M. Camillus, Sister M. Regis and Sister M. Aloysius.

Saskatchewan Hospital Service Plan

From 1910 until 1947, when the Government of Saskatchewan took over the financing of operational expenses of all the hospitals in the province, the responsibility for financing any programs, addition and renovation was borne by the Sisters of Charity, as were the operational costs of the facility.

As Minister of Public Health and Premier of Saskatchewan, the Hon. T.C. Douglas' first priority was to institute the comprehensive Sask. Hospital Insurance Plan which became effective, January 1, 1947.

For the price of \$5.00 each year per person (the maximum for a family being \$30.00) every person in Saskatchewan had the right to be hospitalized with all hospital privileges except very expensive items such as transfusions and plasma. The Government made payments to the hospital at the rate of \$6.05 per patient day which soon increased to \$6.30.

This new plan brought in mounting demands for hospital care which resulted in overcrowding of facilities.

The Government also recommended to extend financial assistance for expected additional classrooms and residential accommodation needed in nursing schools. It would also provide funds for hospital facilities that should be enlarged and upgraded to meet the increasing demand for hospital beds.

In 1948-49, Sister M. Regis (Cyr) was Superior. In 1949 when Sister Margaret Marie (Magee) was appointed Superior, Sister Camillus remained as Administrator until the late summer of 1955. It was during these years that many difficulties were overcome and plans were made for the erection of a greatly needed Nurses'

Residence. This building faced 6th Avenue West and was completed and ready for occupancy in November of 1955. (see details in section of the School of Nursing)

It was in August of 1955, that Sister Mary James (Mulvaney) came to Holy Family with a double mandate - Superior and Administrator. Her task was divided between the opening of the school and nursing and conducting renovations in the East Wing.

With the nurses moving into their own quarters the basement classrooms space was soon renovated and improved for the Pediatric Department.

In the spring of 1956 everything being ready the children could happily be moved from the first floor balcony to much larger and better equipped rooms and wards.

Then in 1956, Sister Margaret Marie (Magee) who had been Superior from 1949 - 1955 returned to Holy Family as Superior and Administrator for a period of ten years. She was very much involved in the planning, construction and opening of the new hospital in 1964.

In 1955, Holy Family Hospital had accommodation for 133 beds and 21 bassinets. There were fifty-six student nurses in training. Thirty-one registered nurses and seven nursing Sisters on staff.

Besides nursing Sisters, twelve other Sisters were on staff. Four worked in the office, one in X-ray, one in the Pharmacy, two in the Laboratory, two in Medical Records, one in the sewing room and one was housekeeper.

An additional 75 persons were employed to assist with administrative duties and care of the patients and building.

Sisters Missioned at Holy Family Hospital — 1935 - 1957

Sister M. Benedicta (Johnston)	Sister M. Julienne (Fix)
Sister M. Mona (Keohan)	Sister M. Esther (Giesinger)
Sister M. Eileen (Sullivan)	Sister M. Rose Catherine (Tremblay)
Sister M. Camillus (Duke)	Sister M. Loretto (M. MacDonald)
Sister M. Regis (Cyr)	Sister Helen Marie (Darrah)
Sister Margaret Marie (Magee)	Sister M. Agnes Patricia (Corr)
Sister M. James (Mulvaney)	Sister M. Vincent (P. MacDonald)
Sister M. Symphorosa (Tremblay)	Sister Maria (McCarthy)
Sister M. Irene (O'Leary)	Sister M. Delphina (Noonan)
Sister M. Rose Agnes (O'Leary)	Sister M. Florina (Gallant)
Sister M. Rosarie (Lundy)	Sister M. Aimee (Pepin)
Sister M. Germaine (Kergoat)	Sister M. Irmina (Pepin)
Sister M. Therese (Harsch)	Sister M. Aloysius (Norden)
Sister M. Elizabeth (Layden)	Sister M. Bonadventure (Johnston)
Sister M. Christella (Canney)	Sister M. Theresa Carmel (Kennedy)
Sister Martha Marie (Dumoncoeau)	Sister M. Anne Veronica (Pilikoski)
Sister M. Lawence (Quigg)	Sister M. Corita (Hartley)
Sister M. Philip (Hayden)	Sister M. Maura (Keyes)
Sister M. Patricia (Lundy)	Sister Anthony Maire (Lean)
Sister M. Charles (O'Keefe)	Sister M. Winnifred (Schafer)
Sister M. Alexina (Martz)	Sister M. Cajetan (Shea)
Sister M. Felicitas (Carty)	Sister M. Myra (Kilfoil)
Sister M. Edwardina (Gillen)	Sister M. Jane Frances (Rooney)
Sister M. Benedict (Peters)	Sister M. Leonard (Hughes)
Sister M. Concepta (Hogan)	Sister M. Aloysia (Wirth)

Chaplains 1935 - 1957

Father Louis Simard, O.M.I.	Father J. Le Bris
Father Poulanard, O.M.I.	Father Dauphin
Father Chartrez, O.M.I.	Father Charron
	Father Dumas

Surgeons and Physicians

During the late thirties, the medical staff consisted mainly of the doctors listed previously. In the late forties a new group of doctors emerged to replace those who had been with us for so long namely:

Dr. J.S. Chisholm
 Dr. R.L. King
 Dr. H.A. Reid
 Dr. A. David
 Dr. W.C. Bliss
 Dr. J.W. Eede
 Dr. F.W. Fourney
 Dr. A. Montreuil

The Medical Staff continued to increase to being some thirty doctors in the fifties. The number remained rather stable until the introduction of Medicare in 1961. The Surgeons and Physicians during 1935 - 1957 were:

Dr. C.H. Andrews
 Dr. Rene Boulva
 Dr. D.V. Chipperfield
 Dr. G.R. Dyker
 Dr. A.D. Edes
 Dr. C.M. Finlayson
 Dr. Glenn R. Green
 Dr. H.H. Hall

Dr. O.K. Hjertaas
 Dr. M.I. Humphries
 Dr. W.J. Cranley
 Dr. M.J. May
 Dr. G.B.S. Powles
 Dr. P.W. Chappelle
 Dr. S.B. McMillan
 Dr. D.P. Miller
 Dr. P.D. Tyerman
 Dr. A.M.J. Hynes
 Dr. W.E. Pourbaix
 Dr. P.J. Rich
 Dr. R.B. Rowde
 Dr. M.F. Savisky

Dr. W.H. Setka
 Dr. Ed Shaw
 Dr. M. Surkan
 Dr. L.C. Tisdale
 Dr. W.R. Swaffield
 Dr. D.C. Begg
 Dr. R.K. Johnston
 Dr. J.J. Johnston
 Dr. H.W. Fry
 Dr. L. Cox
 Dr. H.C. Maynard
 Dr. Thomas Ho
 Dr. H.V. Towell

Statistics - 1957

Total Number of Patients - 3669

Total Number of New Borns - 678



A GROUP OF SISTERS - JUNE 1955

BACK ROW: Srs. Anthony Marie (Lean), Felictas (Carty), Germaine (Kergoat), Lawrence (Quigg), Esther (Giesinger), Anne Veronica (Pilikowski), Martha Marie (Dumonceau), Elizabeth (Layden), Julianne (Fix), Benedict (Peters), Rosairie (Lundy), Rose Katherine (Tremblay), Edwardina (Gillen)
FRONT ROW: Srs. Christella (Canney), Aloysius (Norden), Margaret Marie (Magee), Camillus (Duke), Philip (Hayden), Corita (Hartley)

NEW HOSPITAL 1958 - 1964

Long Planning

Dreams of a new hospital go back to 1958, when Sisters of Charity, acting on the advice of the Holy Family Hospital advisory board, asked the architects, Webster, Forrester, Scott & Associates, to submit plans.



It had been apparent for a number of years that new buildings and equipment would have to be made available in order to maintain a high standard of hospital service.



The first step in the expansion program was the erection of the new nurses' residence. This project was completed in 1955.

The decision was then made by the Sisters and the advisory board to replace the old buildings with an entirely new hospital. This decision was reached after careful consideration and in consultation with experts in the hospital field.

Early in 1961 the final plans were approved by the provincial and federal governments and grants made totalling \$1,467,446. Public tenders were called in November, 1961, with the contract going to the Saskatoon firm of Smith Brothers and Wilson at \$2,274,000.



Building operations started in December, 1961, and for two years the Sisters, medical staff, patients, nurses and staff watched patiently as the new building took shape. During this time the advisory board members worked to raise funds to help defray the heavy financial burden undertaken by the Sisters.

Fund Raising Drive - Holy Family Seeking Grants from City, Nearby RM's

A request from the advisory board of the Holy Family Hospital for a grant of \$55,000 from the city towards financing of furnishings and equipment in the new hospital is to be studied and reported on by city council's finance committee.

A delegation of six, headed by D.G. Steuart presented a brief to council Tuesday night requesting the financial assistance.

Mayor John Cuelenaere assured the delegation the city was "extremely proud" of the new Holy Family Hospital now being built at a cost of \$2,274,000, and that the request for financial contribution would be given "a very fair consideration."

The brief to council pointed out that the pre-

sent Holy Family Hospital was established in 1910 by the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception and has been providing care for the sick from the city and surrounding districts for more than 50 years.

It said the cost of the building, was being shared \$1,051,600 by a grant from the provincial government: \$415,846 by the federal government and \$806,554 by the Sisters of Charity.

A total of \$300,000 was needed to finance equipment and furnishings for the hospital. Of this amount the Sisters of Charity would provide \$150,000, private contributions would account for \$75,000 to be contributed by the city and adjoining rural municipalities.

Share Basis

The latter \$75,000 would be shared as follows: City of Prince Albert, \$55,000; and rural municipalities of Prince Albert, \$8,000; Buckland, \$6,000; Garden River, \$4,000 and St.

Louis, \$2,000.

These figures were determined on the basis of assessment and admission percentages, Mr. Steuart said.

Admissions Shown

The Holy Family Hospital brief showed a total of 18,102 admissions to the hospital from 1957 to 1961, or 140,081 admissions since 1910. In the year 1960, the latest for which a breakdown of admissions is available, 37.5 per cent of the patients admitted came from the city; 44 per cent from Garden River; 43 per cent from Buckland, 29.5 per cent from Prince Albert rural; and 17.1 per cent from St. Louis.

The brief said further the hospital provided about 200 persons annually with employment with a total payroll ranging from \$373,270 in 1957

to \$526,168 in 1961. At the same time, a large portion of the total yearly operating expenditure remained in the district.

The hospital also has provided graduate nurses to care for the sick in many areas. Since 1957 a total of 105 nurses graduated and these came from districts surrounding Prince Albert.

The present hospital consisting of two wings has had a rating capacity of 100 beds, but the Sisters were forced to set up 124 beds, placing a strain on service and creating an overcrowded condition.

New Residence

"It has been apparent for a number of years that new buildings and equipment must be made available in order to maintain a high standard of hospital service," the brief said.

First step in the expansion program was the erection of a \$507,844 new nurses' residence. With exception of a \$45,000 contribution from

federal and provincial governments, the cost was borne by the Sisters.

The new hospital will provide 150 beds, including a 25-bed children's ward. This will add 25 beds to the actual capacity and increase the hospital's rated capacity by 50 beds.

Kinsmen Club to Donate

The Prince Albert Kinsmen Club will spend \$1,500 in equipping a six-bed pediatric ward in the

new Holy Family Hospital.

Legion Will Aid Hospital

The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion Wednesday night approved plans to furnish a four-bed ward in the new Holy Family Hospital.

Dr. R.W. Kirkby was appointed chairman of a

drive for funds for the project. An appeal will be made to all Legion members, veterans, and friends of veterans.

It was announced that the ladies' auxiliary will also contribute.

Contributions to Hospital Reaching \$100,000 Mark

The campaign for funds to furnish and equip the new Holy Family Hospital is nearing the \$100,000 mark, said D.G. Steuart, general chairman for the drive.

"The response to date has been magnificent," said Mr. Steuart. Special mention must be made of the \$15,000 contributed by Sicks' Prince Albert Brewery. However, it is also the smaller donations contributed by business firms, individuals and service clubs which make up the bulk of the fund to date."

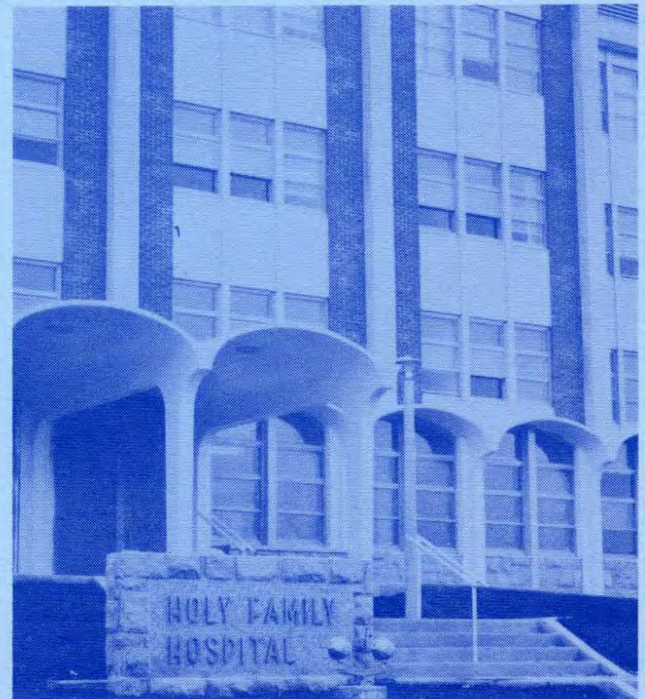
Construction of the new hospital is well on schedule, and plans are being made for the official opening in late summer and early fall.

Commercial firms making donations to date include Jones' Drug Store, Purity Dairy Company, Smith Hatcheries, Ltd., Rose Beverages, Ltd., Ward Johnston Electric Company, Ltd., CKBI, Danish Home Bakery, Ltd., Boychuk Construction Ltd., News Printing Company, Prince Albert Co-operative Association, Ltd., Burger Baron No. 23, Style Barber Shop, Eagle Stationery, Ltd., Memorial Gardens Association, Ltd., Acme Grocery, Steuart Electric and Furniture, Aaron's Ladies' Apparel, S.S. Kresge Company, Ltd., Howard's Shoe Store, The Dairy and Poultry Pool, Prince Albert Daily Herald Industrial Acceptance Corporation, Northern Wood Preservers, Eaton's of Canada, Investors' Syndicate of Canada, Ltd., Binsky's Ltd., Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto Dominion Bank, Niagara Finance, Sicks' Brewery, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank of Canada, Merit Insurance and Webster, Forrester and Scott.

Individual contributions have been made by D.L. Dalziel, A. Chabros, E.T. Bagshaw, Wally Zarry, Dr. Lorne and Dr. Mabel Connell, Dr. Robert Reid, Norman R. Pohl, Bishop L. Morin for the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, Mon-

signor J.A. Boucher, R.J. Casey, J.A. Fournier, Frank W. Moore, Dane Jensen, Gordon Woodhouse, E. Wenzel, Eugene Brassard, Miss Josephine LeBel and anonymous donors and friends.

Service clubs and fraternal organizations have made substantial contributions, according to Mr. Steuart. These include Kinsmen Club, Holy Family Hospital Local No. 81, Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple, Kinettes, A.C.T., Ladies' Auxiliary to the A.C.T., the Prince Albert Catholic Nurses' Association, the Canadian Legion, B.C.S.L. Kiwanis Club, Cosmopals, Catholic Women's League, Patronesses of the Holy Family Hospital, Rotary Club and Knights of



*Picture of 1964 Hospital
as it is today*

Columbus.

The City of Prince Albert has contributed to the fund-raising campaign as have the Rural

Municipalities of Garden River, Buckland, Shellbrook, Prince Albert and St. Louis as well as the village of Debden.

Hospital Fund Swelled by Large Kresge Grant



KRESGE FOUNDATION ASSISTS HOSPITAL

Members of the Advisory Board of the Holy Family Hospital gathered Friday to witness the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 in United States funds, equivalent to \$10,750 in Canadian funds, a gift from the S.S. Kresge Foundation. B.J. Ingoldsby, manager of the Kresge store in Prince Albert made the presentation to Sister Margaret Marie, hospital administrator. Shown here are left to right, R.J. Casey, H.B. Cowan, Mr. Ingoldsby, Sister Margaret Marie, T.I. Gallant, G. Brooker, Sister M. Elizabeth, assistant hospital administrator, Andy Boehm.

The Kresge Foundation has offered a grant of \$10,000 to the fund raising committee towards the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the new Holy Family Hospital, it was announced today by Dave Steuart, chairman of the committee.

There is a stipulation in connection with the Kresge grant in the effect that the balance of the

quota of \$150,000 must be met before July 1, 1964 in order to be eligible for the grant.

With the Kresge Foundation commitment, the committee members will have collected or have been promised a total of \$115,717. This still leaves them short by \$34,300 of what is needed to complete the job of equipping the new hospital.

Still Hopeful

"There are many business firms, clubs and organizations as well as individuals who, we are hopeful, will contribute but as yet have not given any definite promise," said Mr. Steuart. It would be a shame if we fall short of our objective and thus fail to qualify for the Kresge grant."

The funds raised will be used for equipment in the operating rooms, X-Ray, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Dietary Departments and Laboratories.

The new hospital will contain 150 beds, 100 of these designated for medical and surgical purposes. Twenty-five of the beds will be for maternity cases and 25 will be for the children's ward.

"I would urge anyone who can possibly make a contribution to this very worth while project to do so immediately," said Mr. Steuart.

"The Holy Family has an outstanding record of service in this community for over half a century and since this is the first time they have ever appealed for public support, they deserve all the help that they be given," the committee chairman said.

Mr. Steuart stated that the new hospital would make a major contribution to the growing health services now being provided in this community.

The new hospital is scheduled to be completed some time this fall.

The \$10,000 grant will be the second grant the Kresge Foundation has made to hospitals in the city, the first grant going to the recent addition to the Victoria Hospital.

Enhances Hospital Services New Holy Family Hospital Officially Opened in City

The culmination of many years of planning and two years in the building, the new \$2,000,000 - plus Holy Family Hospital was officially opened in Prince Albert, Monday, December 16, 1963.

The gleaming new edifice, which adds so greatly to existing hospital facilities in the city, exemplifies the best and most modern advances

in hospital planning.

Prince Albert's MLA D.G. Steuart, as chairman for the official opening ceremonies, complemented the Sisters of Charity on their dedication and unceasing efforts to care for the sick and suffering.

Presentation of Cheque

Mayor Allan Barsky, speaking on behalf of the City of Prince Albert, presented hospital administrator Sister Margaret Marie with a cheque covering a portion of the city's pledge to the new hospital.

"The people of all faiths applaud you for your vision and Prince Albertans take great pride in your accomplishment," Mayor Barsky told the Sisters, in commending them on the new hospital.

Monsignor J.A. Boucher representing the clergy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert spoke on the humble beginnings of the Holy Family Hospital back in 1910, telling of the sufferings and hardships of the Sisters in establishing such a hospital.

Quoting the Bible, Monsignor Boucher said "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Official greetings were brought by A.W. Holtby, Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Hospital Association of Melfort and by Rev. Sister Bigelow, president of the Catholic Hospital Conference of Saskatchewan.



Sister Margaret Marie (Magee) Hospital Administrator, greets B.J. Ingoldsby, a member of the Holy Family Advisory Board, as the first official visitor.

Send Telegrams

Charles Barton of the Canadian Hospital Association sent his regrets at not being able to attend the opening ceremonies as did Prince Albert's member of Parliament John G. Diefenbaker, Hon. Judy La Marsh, Federal Minister of Health, Premier W.S. Lloyd, and Hon. A.W. Blakeney, Provincial Minister of Health.

Dr. D.V. Chipperfield, President of the Holy Family Hospital Medical Staff, said the doctors were all very happy and proud to be members of the medical staff of such a beautiful new hospital. "It will be a challenge to the medical staff to improve ourselves to keep in step with

such progress," Dr. Chipperfield said.

In his chairman's remarks, Mr. Stewart gave special thanks to the federal and provincial governments, "for without the government grants such a hospital would not have been possible, and to the Sisters of Charity, with the Mother House in St. John, New Brunswick, who also contributed to a great deal financially.

Special thanks went to the surrounding towns and villages near Prince Albert for their contributions and to all organizations and individuals who answered the appeal for funds.

Presents Keys

John C. Webster, of Webster, Gilbert and Scott and Associates, architects for the Planning and Clifford Wright, representing Smith Brothers and Wilson, Saskatoon, general contractors, formally presented the key to the new building to B. Ingoldsby, who accepted it on behalf of the Holy Family Hospital advisory board.

Rev. C.J. Tremblay, hospital chaplain, pronounced the invocation and members of the School of Nursing Glee club, directed by Mrs. C.V. Diemert, entertained with "Thumbelina" and an especially appropriate selection "Bless This House." Accompanist for the group was Mrs. J. Ward.

Guests included medical staff members and their wives, civic officials and others wishing to

pay tribute to the Sisters of Charity as well as representatives of the various organizations who had contributed to the appeal for funds for equipping and furnishing the new building.

Following the formal ceremonies, the guests were taken on a tour of the hospital and later entertained in the new cafeteria by members of the Holy Family Hospital Patronesses.

The general public was admitted after 3 o'clock to tour the new hospital facilities and comments were more than favorable. "Well, if you have to be sick, it would almost be a pleasure here," seemed to be the general consensus of opinion. More than 800 persons toured the new hospital.

A Dream Comes True

Prince Albertans, touring the latest word in hospital accommodation, the New Holy Family Hospital, before the official opening Monday afternoon, will be amazed and delighted at the beauty and efficiency of the gleaming new edifice.

The most up-to-date equipment and modern facilities have been provided in the new hospital which encompasses all that is best in hospital design and operation.

Completely air-conditioned and furnished

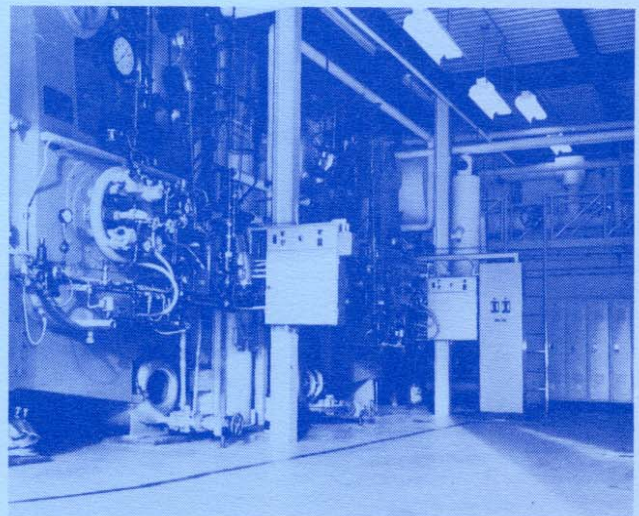
with the latest in hospital equipment, the new hospital has been constructed for the most efficient maintenance and to provide the maximum in service and comfort for the patient.

Total cost of the new hospital has been set at about \$2,274,000 with another \$300,000 spent on fixtures and equipment.

Since first opening its doors in 1910 and up to about March 1963, more than 141,000 patients had sought comfort and treatment within its walls.



Patients Room



Power Plant

560 Graduates

The hospital's lay nursing school began in 1913 and since then, more than 560 young women have graduated and scattered to the four

corners of the earth, dispensing healing and sympathy to the sick and dying.

Designed by architects Webster, Forrester,

Scott and Associates of Saskatoon, the new four storey structure, containing 150 beds, replaces the old structure which formerly housed 124 beds. General contractors for the building were Smith Brothers and Wilson of Saskatoon who employed a good deal of local labor on the job.

Formal ceremonies opening the new hospital, which is by invitation only, are scheduled for Monday, December 16, at 2 p.m. They will

be followed by a general tour of the new building which is open to the public.

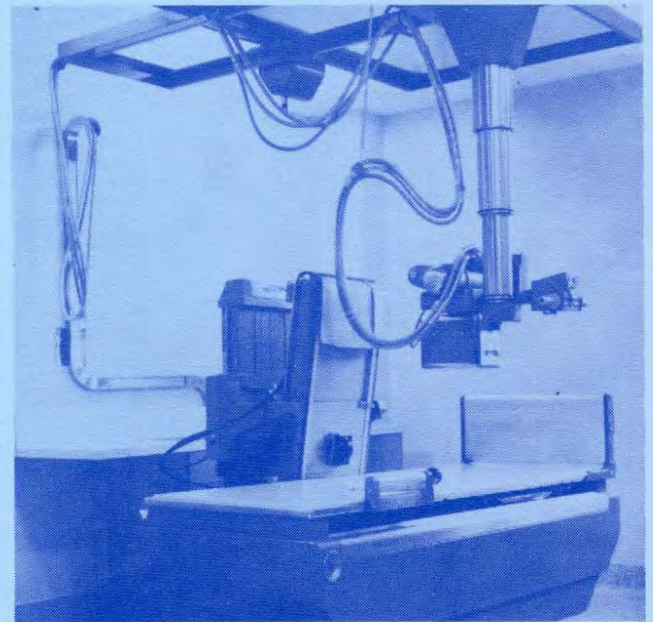
The actual moving of patients and final equipment into the new quarters from the old hospital is expected to take place sometime during the holiday season when there are usually fewer patients confined to bed. Because of the Christmas holiday, many patients are allowed to be discharged a bit earlier than would otherwise be the case.

New Hospital - Some Renovations

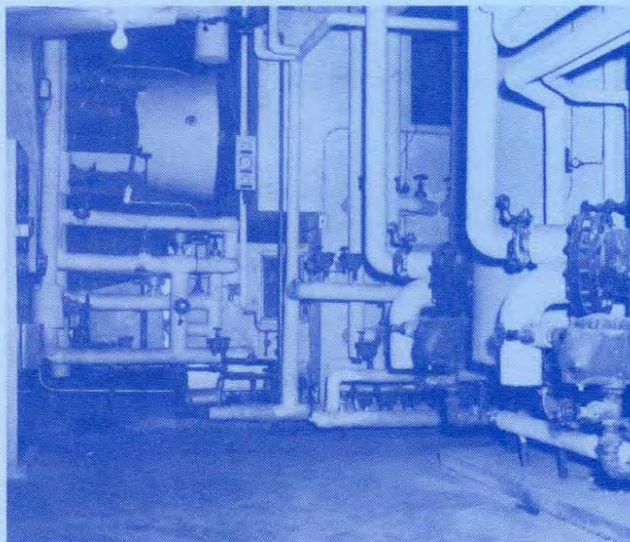
Once the move has been effected, the most modern wing of the old hospital, constructed in 1935, will undergo renovations so as to make it suitable accommodation as a convent for the nursing Sisters and others in the religious order and on staff.

The new hospital provides accommodation for 24 bassinets for newborn babies as well as the 150 beds. Each of the patient areas will contain five private rooms, five semi-private rooms and eight four-bed wards. Separate technique rooms have also been provided.

The main floor of the building contains the laboratory, X-ray, pharmacy and administration departments. The basement boasts one of the most modern kitchens anywhere, completely equipped in stainless steel. In this area is also



X-Ray Equipment



Heating Plant

located the central sterile supply department where all the sterilizing for the whole hospital will be done.

The basement floor also contains the central stores, cafeteria, staff lounges and mechanical equipment room.

The service wing on the third floor is taken up entirely by the operating theatres and recovery room. There are five operating rooms, two major rooms, one for fractures, one designated for urology and one room for minor surgery. Adjacent to the operating room theatre is the patient area for surgical patients.

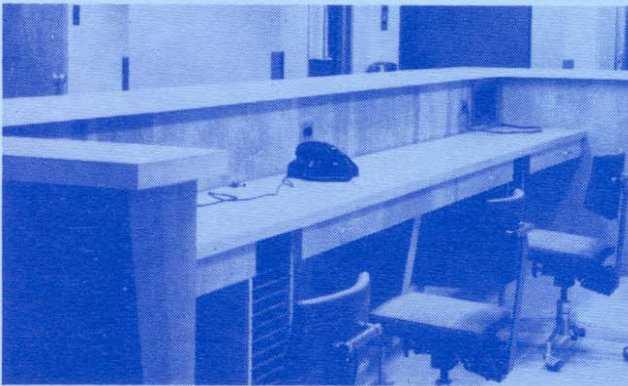
The second floor is devoted to medical patients and to children. Here, the furnishings are most modern and attention is bound to centre on the children's section which has accommodation for children up to the age of twelve.

Attractive Area

Perhaps the most attractive area, and certainly usually the happiest section of any hospital, is the maternity floor. This includes modern delivery rooms, a recovery room, labor rooms, patient areas and nurseries for newborns. These nurseries have special air conditioning features. Also on this floor is the Department of Religion, Patient's Library and Chaplain's quarters.

Sister Margaret Marie, administrator of the Holy Family Hospital, said the existing laundry facilities are adequate to take care of the increased load so that no extra staff will be required for this department but that more maintenance staff members would be required for the hundreds of cleaning jobs necessary in a hospital of this size.

With regard to cleaning and maintenance, the administrator said she anticipated that while there would be increased areas to service, the



New Nursing Station

work would be much easier. All floors are covered either with terrazo, quarry tile or linoleum.

A much larger switchboard connecting all departments of the new hospital has been installed and staff members will be divided into two shifts to service it. Increased staff is also necessary for nursing services to provide care for the larger number of patients, the administrator said.

Sister Margaret Marie points with pride to the completely new building housing the stand-

by electric power, to be used in the event of a city power failure, the two boilers which will service the heating system and the cold generator for the cooling air conditioning. In May of 1962 the boiler house was in full operation.

A large parking lot at the rear of the new hospital provides facilities for the medical and hospital staff members as well as the general public visiting the hospital.

Now the Sisters are about to make the final move into the new quarters and they have asked that their thanks be extended to the advisory board members, the medical staff, the nursing personnel, and other professional and non-professional staff, the student nurses, the Patronesses, and those who "have co-operated with us in making a dream come true." to quote Sister Margaret Marie.

The new modern chapel constructed at the same time connects the Hospital to the 1935 Wing.

As we read from the Acta Cancellariae of Bishop Morin for February 11, 1964.

"At 3:30 p.m., Laurent Morin, Bishop of Prince Albert, blessed the Holy Family Hospital in this city and consecrated the altar.

The Decree placed in the sepulchre of the altar reads as follows:

"In the year 1964, on the 11th day of the month of February, I, Laurent Morin, Bishop of Prince Albert, have consecrated this Altar in honor of the Holy Family, and I have included therein a relic of St. Pancras; and once a year on the anniversary day of this consecration, the Christian faithful by a visit to this chapel may gain an indulgence of forty days, by fulfilling the usual prescriptions of the Church".

FEBRUARY 13, 1964

The faculty was granted to the Reverend Clifford Tremblay chaplain of the hospital, to canonically erect the Stations of the Cross in the new chapel of the hospital of the Holy Family in the city of Prince Albert.

Some Renovations



Chapel

During the completion of the modern 1964 building, the older building and the old Nurses' Residence were demolished. At this time alteration and additions were made and the 1935 "East Wing" was renovated for the Sisters' Residence. This was completed by the Fall. October 17, 1964 was the official opening of the Residence.

Sisters Missioned at Holy Family Hospital From 1958 - 1964

Sister Margaret Marie (Magee), Sister M. Lawrence (Quigg), Sister M. Frances (Rooney), Sister M. Germaine (Kergoat), Sister M. Rosarie (L. Lundy), Sister M. Cajetan (Shea), Sister M. Esther (Giesinger), Sister M. Cristella (Canney), Sister Martha Marie (Dumonceau), Sister M. Fleurette (Girard), Sister M. Julienne (Fix), Sister M. Edwardina (Gillen), Sister M. Marina (Korycki), Sister Maire (Vickers), Sister Marie George (Dun-

can), Sister M. Aloysia (Wirth), Sister M. Philip (Hayden), Sister M. Felicitas (Carty), Sister Paul Marie (Collins), Sister M. Vincent (Pat MacDonald), Sister M. Leonard (Hughes), Sister M. Elizabeth (Layden), Sister M. Frederick (O'Connor), Sister M. Benedict (Peters), Sister Maria (McCarthy), Sister Constance Marie (Crain), Sister Anne Marie (McGloan), Sister M. Rita (O'Brien), Sister M. Concepta (Hogan).

Chaplains 1957 - 1964

Father Clifford Tremblay

Father Nick Castelyns

Surgeons and Physicians

In 1961, Premier W.S. Lloyd, introduced the Medical Care Insurance Act which became effective July 1, 1962. This was a rather unsettling time for the Doctors of the City. A Doctors'

strike lasted 23 days, many doctors took vacations, some left the city, while others left the Province definitely.

Statics - 1964

No. of Patients admitted - 3997

No. of New Borns - 714

Cost per patient (S.H.S.P.) - \$23.79 a day

Semi-private - \$2.50

Private - \$4.00

Grant received for 64/65 - \$14,849.23



BACK ROW: ?, L.C. Tisdale, W.H. Fry, M. Surken, W.J. Cranley, D.V. Chipperfield, H.H. Hall, W.E. Pourboix, C.H. Andrews, O.K. Hjertaas, A.D. Edes, Hoskins

FRONT ROW: H.V. Towell, W.R. Swaffield, M.F. Savisky, Matheson, J.B. Wallace, T. Ho, G.R. Dyker, C.M. Finlayson, Ed Shaw

MATURITY AND GROWTH 1965 - 1984

Changes in Administration

From 1910 to 1966, the hospital was owned and administered as a private legal entity registered as the Corporation of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saskatchewan. In the year 1966, the Holy Family Hospital established its autonomy. By an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan introduction by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and assented to on March 30, 1966 under the title of "An Act to incorporate Holy Family Hospital, Prince Albert", The hospital achieved full autonomy and assumed its new title. The act states in part:

Preamble

Whereas there has existed for some time in the Province of Saskatchewan a charitable order known as the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception", Saint John, New Brunswick; and

Whereas a petition has been presented praying for the incorporation of the members of the said Order at Prince Albert, aforesaid, as a body corporate and politic under the name Holy Family Hospital, Prince Albert, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said petition be granted:

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Incorporation:

1. Sister Margaret Marie (in religion), Sister M. Jane Frances (in religion), Sister M. Rosaire (in religion) and Sister M. Julienne (in religion), all of Prince Albert, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and such other persons as are now or may hereafter become members of the said Order and who may be admitted as members of the corporation in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation from time to time in force, shall be and are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic under the name of Holy Family Hospital, Prince Albert, for the establishment, management and maintenance of hospitals, orphanages, homes

for infants, the aged and the infirm or persons who wish to entrust themselves to the said Order, the teaching and training of nurses and teachers and other works of charity and mercy and take over and continue the work presently carried on at Prince Albert, in the said province by the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, of Saint John, New Brunswick.



Board of Directors 1966

As a result of this Act, The Holy Family Hospital began to operate with a full governing board. The authoritarian board was composed of eight members of the Sisters of Charity and seven lay members representing the community served by the hospital. The first board meeting of the newly incorporated Holy Family Hospital saw the election of a chairman, vice-chairman and appointment of various committees.

Mr. R.J. (Bob) Casey was named chairman of the board, Vice-chairman was Gordon Mann.

The eight Sister-members of the board were Mother Jean Keenan, Sister Jean Magee, both of Saint John, N.B., Sister Marion MacDonald of Vancouver, and Sisters Frances Rooney, Lillian Lundy, Margaret Layden, Ann Fix, and Velma Canney, all of Prince Albert. The seven lay members representing the community served by the hospital were Ald. Frank Dunn, representing

the city; R.J. Stevenson, representing the R.M. of Prince Albert; L. Gobeil, representing the R.M. of Buckland and Mr. Casey, Mr. Mann, M.A. Simonot and T.H. Gallant all of Prince Albert.

Mr. Casey pointed out that this procedure represents some departure from previous custom. In the past privately-owned Sister's hospitals usually had a lay board which functioned in an advisory capacity only.

Mr. Fred Matheson is the present chairman of the Board of Directors in 1985.

Another change from the traditional pattern of administration came into effect in 1966 with

the appointment of a layman as the Hospital Administrator. Previously this position had always been held by one of the Sisters of Charity. With the appointment of a layman as the Hospital Administrator of assistant administrator was held by a Sister of Charity. The first lay Administrator, Mr. Andy Boehm, was in office until 1973 when Sister Frances Rooney became Administrator until 1978. Mr. Romeo Paulhus was named Executive Director in 1978 and is still in that position today. Sister Rose Ketchum is Assistant Executive Director.

Personnel Director

While Mr. A. Boehm was administrator a personnel office was established. Sister Cecilia Martz returned to the Hospital to fill this position, later she was replaced by Sister Eve Peters.

The office continues to be administered by the Sisters of Charity. Sister Laura Hughes is the present Director of Personnel.

Intensive Care Unit

Thanks to a bequest from the late John M. Cuelenaere, a former Mayor of Prince Albert, the Holy Family Hospital acquired specialized equipment for the care of the intensely ill.

In October, 1968, a four bed ward was redecorated and equipped to meet the need of patients suffering from coronary and arteriosclerotic ailments.

In order that the nurses could fulfill their role in the intensive care unit, four nurses took a two week course in the coronary care unit in

Minot, North Dakota in February, 1969.

Upon returning to Prince Albert, the nurses gave the course to the members on the ward, assisted by the medical staff at the hospital. Subsequently a course in intense care was prepared and given twice a year until all were trained in this specialized field. The Chief of Medicine at the hospital is medical director of the four bed unit and the nurse presently in charge is Mrs. Margaret Loschuk.

Regionalization

Over the years, the Holy Family has enjoyed good relationship with the other hospital in the city, the Victoria Union. This meant close cooperation in sharing services resulting in positive advantage to both. The attempt to increase shared or joint services in various areas had been worked out by mutual agreement such as surgical facilities being opened at the Holy Family and the Victoria Union alternately in July and August making it possible for Doctors and nursing staff to benefit from a summer holiday.

In 1968 all Obstetrical patient services have been provided by Holy Family. The Regional

Laboratory has replaced a separate Laboratory in each of the hospitals and all laboratory facilities are administered by one Regional Laboratory based at the Victoria Union. The lab space at the Holy Family is the Bacteriology Department of the central laboratory.

The Psychiatric Unit is also located at the Victoria Union.

Another feature of the regionalization was the contracting services of the Regional Laundry and Linen Service of which Holy Family takes advantage, thus closing the hospital laundry in March of 1969.

Losing of School of Nursing

Another departure from the pattern of the past was the phasing out of Hospital Schools of Nursing. As a result, the Nursing School Residence of 1955 was closed in 1969. The major part of the building was leased by the city as City Hall with offices for Social Services Centre until September of 1984. A small portion was

allocated to the Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences as an Educational facility for diploma students from the Nursing Program. The remainder of the residence, especially the auditorium continues to be used for Hospital activities.

New Departments

As the many departments emerged there was a need to help improve communication among the different departments in the hospital.

An inaugural issue of a newsletter took place in March of 1969. This news bulletin 'Hi-Lite' continues as an important means of unification.

Department of Religion



Father Martin Vanden Akker, Chaplain

The wholistic approach to the care of the patient is of great importance. In 1969, a Department of religion was established under the direction of the Chaplain Father Gaetan Deschamp, and Sister Margaret Vickers, then Superior and

Assistant Administrator. A team of volunteer Sisters, under the 'Sister - Visitor Program', would devote their time to visit, console and pray with the sick and their families. The availability of the Hospital Chapel and a quiet room for anxious relatives added to the effectiveness of the program.

The four Sisters who initiated this Pastoral care were: Sister Helen Jeffrey, R.N., Sister Regina Seiber, Sister Nora Walsh, and Sister Agnes McLaughlin.

As patients of all denominations are admitted to the hospital, an ecumenical committee was organized. Father G. Deschamps as chairman together with the Sisters envisaged the hospital staff as becoming a closely knit Christian Community.

Ministers of the different religion denominations have always been part of the Pastoral Care Team.

The Department of Religion office contains current patient files and is available to all who are involved in visiting the patients.

A Memorial Service is celebrated on the last Friday, for the deceased patients during that month. Relatives and friends are invited to be present. Coffee and lunch is served, making it possible to share common experiences and find comfort and strength in such encounters.

At present in 1985, two Sisters are in the Pastoral Care Services, Sister Rita Duchscherer and Sister Patricia Riley.

Father Martin Vanden Akker was appointed chaplain in November, 1984.

Social Services Department

For several years the staff of Holy Family felt the need for such a department, however, they were unable to find a qualified person to fill the Position.

In October of 1970, Mrs. Jan Rutten, a graduate from the University of British Columbia

with a Master's Degree in Social Work, came to Holy Family as the first Director of Social Service. She provided many new sights in the care of the sick and injured.

Mrs. Sandy Sims is our present Director of Social Services in 1985.

Staff Development

In 1970, there was also a need for staff development and Mrs. Paulette Geoffrion filled the position. She was very successful in holding several in-service meetings throughout her years

at the hospital.

Since 1974, Mrs. Doreen Matheson, is the Director of Staff Development as well as the Health Nurse to the staff.

Extended Care Unit

In March, 1980, an extended care unit of 12 beds for level four patients was opened on the

fourth floor. Sr. Margaret Shea (Grad of 41) was here to initiate this unit.

Physical Therapy

Before the new hospital opened in 1964, a physiotherapist came in for a few hours a day. Mrs. Carol Beck, started as a part-time therapist for a few months in 1964 but as the demand for

more therapy increased she continued on as full time therapist. Today in 1985, Mrs. Carol Beck is Director of Physical Therapy.

Long Service Awards



HOSPITAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO LONG-SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Holy Family Hospital paid tribute to 10 long-service employees at a tea Tuesday. Among those honored was William Mesenchuk, who has completed 25 years as an orderly. The others have completed from 15 to 23 years service. Long-service employees in photo at left are from left, Mr. Mesenchuk; Barbara Gouldhawke, 19 years; Irene Hawksley, 23 years; Nellie Rogoza, 15 years; and Florence Gutch, 19 years; Sr. Ethel Hogan, 20 years; Kay Weatherby, 18 years; Joseph Angelski, 16 years; Eugene Brassard, 18 years; and Sr. Frances Rooney, hospital administrator. Missing was Evelyn Carlson, who has completed 19 years service. Rev. Mother M. O'Rourke, superior general of the Sisters of Charity, was in attendance from St. John.

On September 9, 1975, at the first Long Service Awards Tea the hospital paid tribute to ten long time employees. Among those honored were: Mr. William Mesenchuck, who had completed 25 years as an Orderly. He was presented with a 25 year pin as well as a portable radio. Others who were honored had completed 15 to 23 years of service. This Long Service Awards Tea has become an annual function held on Hospital Day in May.

In this Jubilee Year of the hospital, several employees received special honour on May 10, 1985.

Mr. William Mesenchuk for 35 years of service as an Orderly, Sister Ethel Hogan for 30 years of Nursing Service, Mrs. Florence Gutsch

for 29 years of service, Mrs. Lorna Kent with 28 years of Nursing Service, Mr. Joe Angelski completing 26 years of service as an Orderly.

Four were presented with a 20 year pin; Mr. Arsene Samoila, Mrs. Barbara Tooley, Mr. Ron Sevigny and Mrs. Lucille Bonin. The following were presented with a 15 year pin; Isabel Leaderhouse, Chris Schwan, Gloria Szypula, Fronica McGinn, Evelyn Boyer, Jackie Rishchynski, Alice Davison, Myrtle Pocha, Joyce Michel, Christine Samoila and Linda Ballantyne.

On April 10, 1978, Doctor W.C. Bliss, one of the first doctors to practice at the hospital passed away peacefully in the Holy Family Hospital at the age of 96.

Radiology Department

Holy Family Hospital had been in operation for ten years before the first X-Ray equipment was installed in 1920. Sister M. Eileen (Sullivan) a nurse on staff took a course in X-Ray in Regina and started the first X-Ray Department in 1927.

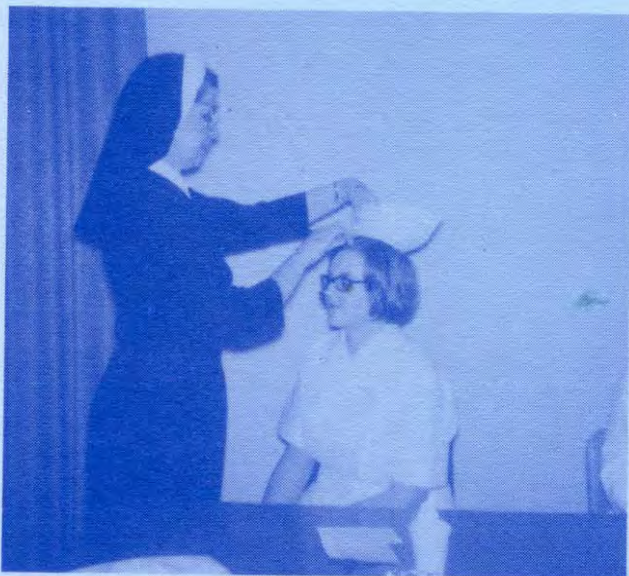
New X-Ray equipment was purchased in 1940 to replace the old 1920 machine.

Sister M. Christella (J. Canney) came to the hospital to work in the X-Ray Department. During this time there was no formal training for technicians. The first radiologist, Dr. Thomas Ho, came in 1947 and remained until 1964. Dr. C.H. Kim became the Chief of Radiology in 1964.

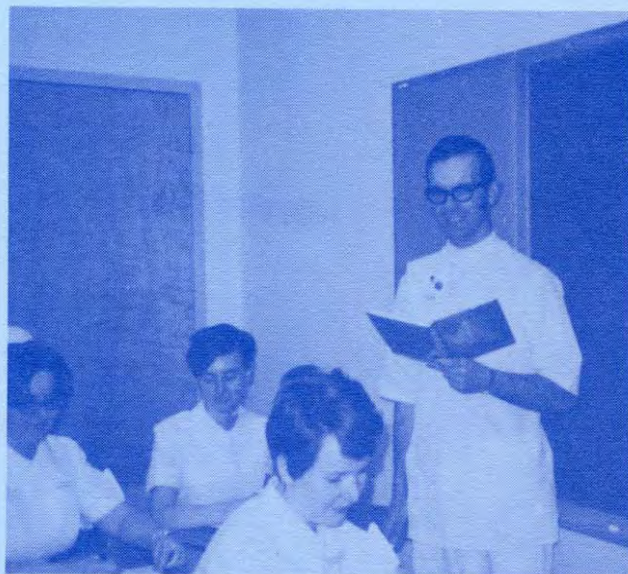
There were no records of the school of Radiology available to determine when it first started functioning to train C.S.R.T. (Canadian



New X-Ray equipment in hospital 1964



Capping of Miss Lois (Wessel) Hall, Class of 1970 by Sister Frances Rooney (Assistant Administrator)



Lois Wessel, Glenda Johnson and Margaret Thompson, Class of 1971. Mr. Bob Dill R.T., Chief Technician

Society of Radiological Technology) students.

Sister M. Christella was replaced by Sister M. Marina (Antonia Korycki) in 1960 to 1973. The last class of students graduated in 1971.

The Department was completely re-equipped when the new hospital opened in 1964. A new automatic film processor was purchased in 1982, and both major X-Ray units were replac-

ed in 1984. Ultrasound equipment was added in March 1980 and the original unit was replaced with a new state of the art unit in July 1983.

Mr. Bob Dill is the present Director Radiography.

Dr. D. Moola is the present Chief of Radiology.

Volunteer Groups

Patronesses

The Patronesses of the Holy Family Hospital were organized around 1945. The group may be defined as an organized group of women who give their services to assist the hospital in ways approved by the hospital's governing board and the Executive Director. This may include volunteer work done by the hospital either inside or outside its walls.

needy mothers, cribs, furnishings, play items for the children's ward, isolettes, ultrasound equipment for physiotherapy and donations to the patient's library. This past year, two audio-visual machines were purchased for the Staff Development Program.

In addition this group has functioned as a liaison between the hospital itself and the com-



Patronesses - From left to right - Mrs. Margaret Caswell, Mrs. Kay Weatherby, Mrs. Linda Davidson, Mrs. Evelyn Shaw, Missing - Mrs. Ann Beaudion

The ladies have a strong interest in fund raising activities but the Administration considers the prime contribution of the patronesses to be their role as volunteer ambassadors of service and public relations.

In the early years, many of their projects were rummage sales, tag days, sale of bake goods and cook books. They also had a visiting committee and presented theatre tickets and Florence Nightingale Lamps at the Nurses' Capping ceremonies.

The main source of income today are; an annual Bazaar, Bake sale and Tea, proceeds from the rental of T.V.'s and flower sales.

This organization has brought a considerable amount of money to provide necessary equipment for the hospital. Some of this equipment was a crash cart, T.V. sets, arm-chairs, Stretcher-beds, radios, hair-dryers, layetts for

munity at large which is served by the hospital.

In 1972, the Patronesses received a 25 year award for affiliated membership in the S.H.A.A. (now known as the Saskatchewan Health Care Auxiliaries Association).

In 1978, the Patronesses won the McDougall Trophy in the National Photography Contest.

The Patronesses also sponsor the Candy Striper Program. Each year they offer two bur-saries for Candy Stripers who are going to further their education in the health care field. The junior volunteers also receive a certificate and engraved teaspoons at this spring tea.

The by-laws which regulate the activities of the Patronesses were approved by the advisory board in 1956, They were currently revised in 1984.

On February 11, 1985, the new slate of of-

ficers featured: Mrs. Kay Weatherby as President, Mrs. Evelyn Shaw, Vice-President, Mrs. Linda Davidson, Second Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret Caswell, Treasurer and Mrs. Ann Beau-doin, Secretary, Mrs. Rose Johnson, Past Presi-

dent is the Councilor.

During this 75th Anniversary year, the Patronesses sponsored the District Meeting for District 6, on April 23, 1985 at the Holy Family Hospital as their part of the year's celebrations.

Candystripers - Junior Volunteers

A program sponsored by the Patronesses is that of the Candy Stripers. Today the modern teenager at the hospital is known as a Candy Striper or Junior Volunteer.

This program was started in October of 1964 when the Advisory Committee to the Holy Family School of Nursing decided that because of the declining number of applications, an outreach was needed to attract young girls to the Nursing Profession.

The first function then of the volunteer pro-

gram was publicity, a recruitment tool. The program also helped to generate in high school students a sense of mission in the world; a sense of service and love of neighbour, of Christ's suffering members.

This program continues to bring progress, satisfaction, and fulfillment to the youth of today.

Mrs. Gwen Balon, continues to co-ordinate this program.

The History of the Dr. Tisdale Patients' Library

At the meeting of the Nurses Alumnae Association of Holy Family Hospital, in January, 1957, Sister Anna Tremblay suggested a Patients' Library be a project of this group. Donations of money and books were received. Mrs. Herbert Doyle (Dasia Selinger) Mr. Hall (Eva Fleming) spent endless hours sorting, classifying and preparing books for distribution to the patients. Graduates and Student Nurses volunteered to serve on their time off.

On June 11, 1957, Reverend Father Dumas, the Chaplain of the hospital, came to the 'wee' room (409) and blessed this modest beginnings of the 'Patients Library'.

In October, 1966, Sister Cecilia Martz was assigned to the Library. When the great demand for reading material became obvious, Sister Martz, with the assistance of Mrs. Agatha Gillingham, recruited volunteers for the 'Library'. In a spirit of ecumenism, an organization meeting was held and volunteer workers and representatives of various churches in the city offered their assistance. This group became known as the "PINK LADIES" because of the pink jackets which they wore while on duty.

The project proved successful and was greatly appreciated by the patients and staff.

In January 1967, it was decided to make 'The Patients Library' one of the Hospitals main projects, for Canadian Centennial Year.

The 'patronesses' of the Hospital agreed to sponsor the Pink Ladies and donated \$500.00

This money was used to purchase a Library Cart, appropriately named 'Encounter 67'.

The Library was re-organized, books and regular book repair attempted, books where all catalogued and file cards made.

Some of the first volunteers were: Mrs. Agatha Gillingham, Mrs. Andre de Kennedy, Mrs. Mim Beggs, Mrs. Jean May, Mrs. Vi Thompson, Mrs. Peggy Mahon, Mrs. Nora Sanderson, Mrs. Marilyn Barsky, Mrs. Heather Bremmer, Mrs. Fern Lloyd, Mrs. Doreen Stuesser, Mrs. Eileen Harris, Mrs. Jean Tomney and Mrs. Jean Whitehouse.

The Pink Ladies had often met in the board room with Sister Rooney and Martz and discussed ways and means to improve the service to the patients.

During the last twenty-seven year the Pink Ladies have operated the library with a true spirit of service and dedication. Over the years new faces have emerged and whenever vacancies occurred it seems that new volunteers have always been available.

Ten volunteers and four relief are on duty two a day, Monday to Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., each lady working once a week.

The service continues with personal contact, courtesy, commitment and love for our fellow men and women.

The Pink Ladies now ask, "What can we bring to the future?"



Pink Ladies

BACKROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Betty Partridge, Mrs. Mavis Tucker, Mrs. Bobbie Aitken, Mrs. Marge Babin, Mrs. Lorie Odnoken, Mrs. Andrea Bergerman, Mrs. Yvonne Casgrain, Mrs. Margaret Selander, Mrs. Jean May, FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Naomi Tucker, Mrs. Aileen Thoms, Mrs. Phyl Thorpe, Mrs. Sylvia Jones, Mrs. Agatha Gillingham, Mrs. Dorothy Walter

Canteen

"In the early days, recalls Sister Veronica, the hospital was a distance from the city and the patients were always wanting tobacco, cigarettes, candy and gum. They would ask the Orderly to go to the city for what they needed, but this was not always satisfactory. In order to keep the Orderly at his work, we took two large drawers from the medicine cabinet, one for candy and the other for tobacco etc. At 7 a.m. the patients went to the office where Sister gave them their money, held for safe keeping on admission. The next step was the pharmacy and Sister Veronica was

there to wait on them. If she had to go to the O.R., she would ask them to come back in the afternoon. Sometimes the doctors would see the men waiting at the pharmacy door and sell them what they needed."

With the opening of the new hospital in 1964, space was provided for a canteen. It is located on the ground floor just inside the main entrance on the way to the elevators. Mr. Phil Leaderhouse, has operated this canteen since its opening in 1964.

Medical Clinic

As time marches on, land is being used and reused. On the site of the old 1910 Hospital now

stands a Medical Clinic which opened in 1981.

New Residence for Sisters

In the fall of 1982, the Sisters of Charity moved from the 1935 Wing into a house a few blocks away from the Hospital. The 1935 Wing con-

tinues to be used for different short-term hospital functions, and Community Services.

Sisters Missioned at Holy Family Hospital 1965 - 1985

The Sisters returned to their family names in 1966, so this list will only include the religious names of some of the Sisters.

Sisters Jean Magee (Margaret Magee), Nora Walsh, Frances Rooney, Anne Marie McGloan, Ruth Thompson, Margaret Vickers, Charlotte Vickers, Bernadette Banning, Lillian Lundy (Rosairie), Margaret Layden (Elizabeth), Anne Boran, Anne Pilikowski, Ruth Casey, Elaine Dorion, Phoebe Tremblay, Elizabeth Walsh, Regina Sieber, Helen Jeffrey (Mary Margaret), Lucie Dumonceau (Marcha Marie), Loretta Ehman, Ruth Monahan, Margaret Carty

(Felicitas), Imelda O'Connor, Mary Quigg, Jeanette Girard, Cecilia Martz (Alexina), Eve Peters (Benedict), Antonia Korycki, Anita Mellan, Grace Kelly, Anita Holmes, Martha Koppes, Jean Lundy, Anne Fix (Julienne), Agnes McLaughlin, Margaret Shea (Cajelan), Frances Writh, Teresa Duncan, Rita O'Keefe, Rita Hayden (Mary Philip), Arlene Brawley, Rosalind McVicker, Lynn Stackhouse, Veronica Stack, Helen McCue, Kay McCrossin, Catherine Montague, Mary Frances Sweeney, Frances Bouska, Stella Goodine, Mary Horak, Eva Bonokowski, Ethel Hogan, Rose Ketchum, Rita Duchscherer, Laura Hughes, Patricia Riley and Monica Plante.

Chaplains 1965 - 1985

Father Clifford Tremblay
Father Gilles Doucette
Father Gaetan Deschamps
Father Peter Puthenpurakal

Father Jean Guy Lang
Msgr. J.A. St. Pierre
Father Martin Van Den Akker

Physicians and Surgeons

Some of the doctors who have been at the H.F.H. for many years were: Doctor M. Surkan, D.J. Rich, G. Dyker, G. Powles, D.V. Chipperfield, J.J. Johnston, R.K. Johnston, C.H. Andrews, C.M. Finlayson, O.K. Hjertaas, M.J. May, W. Fry,

R.P. Sommervill, A. Hynes, Hutchinson, McGrath, M. Walker, C. Moon, R. Jenkins, G.Z. Shenouda, R.G. Green, F. Dias, A.R. Zaidan, G.R. Gilmour, R.O. Ormerod, D.B. Wilkinson, D.G. Thomasse, H. Trapper, C. Lane.

Doctors at HFH as of March 1985

D. Ardell
R. Balakrishna
D.M. Bekolay
J.C. Burt
C. Cadman
D.V. Chipperfield
M.G. Chrusch
D.J. Crawford
J.D. Crockett
J. Cross
F. Depadua
F. Dias
G. Duggleby
G.R. Dyker

S. Eder
C. Elmer
G.R. Gilmour
J. Harris
B.J. Hookenson
J. Johnston
D. Junor
M. Jurgens
L.W. Krush
P. Kuling
E. Maciel
F. Maier
L. Malhotra
T.R. Malhotra

H.A. Martinson
D. Moola
L.M. Onochie
R.O. Ormerod
M. Persaud
L.P. Poulin
L.A.W. Rabuka
P.J. Rich
M. Ruthnum
J. Rye
N. Saliba
G.Z. Shenouda
R.P. Sommervill
G. Surkan

M. Surkan
V. Tai
M.D.G. Thomasse
R.J. Unsworth
J.I.M. Urton
B.R. Vickers
M.E. Walker
L. Walton
D.B. Wilkinson
A.R. Zaidan
T. Zlipko

Statistics 1984

Admissions - 5,774
New Borns - 1,201
Cost per patient ward per day - \$199 (S.H.S.P.)
Semi-Private room - \$5.00
Private room - \$8.00

When the hospital opened in December 25, 1910 a total of two patients were admitted that year.

In 1911, 355 patients were admitted and in 1912, there were 572 admissions.

1911 to 1961 — 140,081 admissions
1962 to 1984 — 116,840 admissions

From 1910 to 1984 included there have been a total of 256,921 patients admitted to the Holy Family Hospital for health care.

Today in 1985, the Holy Family Hospital is an 162 bed acute care general hospital with the only service of Obstetrics in the city. There are 27 bassinets for new borns.

The primary goal and deep concern of the Holy Family has always been that of service to the sick either directly through the medical and nursing staffs or indirectly through the co-operation of all other employees.

This service is inspired and motivated by a true Christian philosophy which gives a new ennobling dimension to the task of helping one's fellowman. Care is offered to patients of any creed, color, nationality or social status.

SCHOOL OF NURSING 1910 - 1969

The Holy Family Hospital School of Nursing was established soon after December, 1910, at the time the new hospital was initially opened to receive patients.

Henrietta Mutter, a young girl from the Muenster District, who through the guidance and encouragement of Father Wm. Brueck, O.M.I., became the first candidate from the west to enter the Sisters of Charity in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Sister Mary Katherine, as she became known in religion returned to Prince Albert to begin her nursing training. Practical knowledge acquired through bed-side instruction from the attending physicians, current theory gleaned from books on nursing available at the time and training during a period of internship at St. Boniface (Grey Nuns) Manitoba, gave the doctors at the Holy Family enough guarantee of competency to grant Sister Mary Katherine a nursing diploma in 1913.

Thus it is that Sister M. Katherine (Mutter) is considered to be the first nurse to graduate from the Holy Family Hospital in the year 1913. The following year, Sister M. Rosina (Jane Stewart) who had emulated Sister Katherine in her interest and knowledge of all aspects of good nursing and after classes in Surgical and Obstetrical Nursing at Holy Cross Hospital (Grey Nuns) in Calgary, also obtained a Diploma signed by all five Doctors, Sister M. Rosina (Stewart) was then the second Nurse to Graduate in 1914 in the Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert.

The first group of lay nurses entered the School of Nursing in March of 1913. This group of young ladies sought admission so that they could, through the means available receive a nursing Diploma. The experience acquired at the patients' bed-side, some theory books, practical instructions from attending physicians as well as some formal lectures from the physicians constituted in those early days the required training for a diploma of nursing.

Sister M. Austin (Alice Verrow) became the



Sister M. Katherine (Mutter) 1st Graduate of Holy Family Hospital 1913. Superintendent of Nurses 1918 - 1924

first Superintendent of the Holy Family Hospital School of Nursing from 1913 to 1918. Sister M. Austin had been one of the first Sisters at the Orphanage in 1906. After some years of work at the orphanage, Sister went to train at the Grey Nuns in Ottawa to receive her R.N. before returning to Prince Albert in 1913 to assume responsibilities of the nursing school.

In the early years of this nursing school only a few applications were admitted. The first Graduates in 1916 were Miss Josephine O'Sullivan and Miss Alice Desrosiers. One of these nurses later entered the Benedictines and became known as Sister Helen.

As the number of hospital beds increased, more young girls sought admission, they needed a place to reside. In 1915, a bungalow type of building was erected on the east side of the

hospital to serve as a residence for the student nurses. This residence was added to as the years went by and served as a residence until 1955.

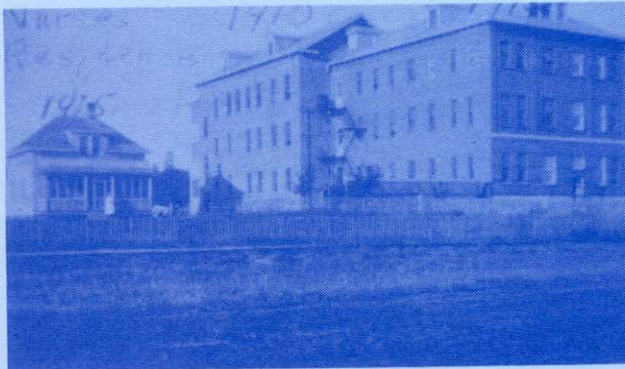
The graduates of 1917 were: Miss Marguerite Boyer, Miss Roberta McCusker, and Miss Florence Beddome.

In 1918, Miss Annie Frevel was the sole graduate and the two in 1919 were: Miss Lillian Holderness and Miss Marie Kilden.

In 1918, Sister Katherine (the first graduate of Holy Family) after acquiring further training at the Grey Nuns in Saint Boniface, Manitoba, succeeded Sister Austin as the Director of the School of Nursing. Sister Katherine held this position until the fall of 1924.

In 1920, the graduating class consisted of Miss Irene Pettit, and five Sisters of Charity, Sister M. Liguori (Langian), Sister M. Aimee (Pepin), Sister M. Cleophas (Campbell), Sister M. Vincetia (Keohan) and Sister M. Virginia (Dalton).

In 1921, Miss Alice Tell, Miss Catherine Johnson and Miss Theresa Schuster were the only graduates.



Nurses' Residence in 1915

One of the graduates of 1922 Sister Mary Margaret (Jeffrey) recalls her trip from Saint John, N.B., to Prince Albert. "I left Saint John in the fall of 1918 to begin my training as a nurse at Holy Family School of Nursing. It was a long trip, taking a full week from the time we left until we arrived in Prince Albert. I saw the big stations at Montreal, and Toronto and kept wondering if we would ever reach Prince Albert. When we were at Duck Lake, Sister Veronica told me that the next big station would be Prince Albert. When we arrived in Prince Albert, all there was to be seen was a little shack at the side of the tracks, no sidewalks whatever and lots of cows roaming about.



First Lay School of Nursing Graduates with Bishop Pascal. The two graduates sitting are; Miss Alice Desrosiers, Miss Josephine O'Sullivan. Other students could be; Miss Marguerite Boyer, Miss Roberta McCusker, Miss Florence Beddome, Miss Annie Frevel, Miss Lillian Holderness, Miss Marie Kilden.

Father Brueck from the orphanage met us and drove us to the hospital in a horse and buggy. The Sisters who welcomed us were: Sister M. Martha, Superior, Sister M. Rosina, Sister M. Aimee, Sister M. Vincentia, Sister M. Benedicta, Sister M. Virginia, Sister M. Liguori and Sister Katherine.

Some of the doctors were Dr. Chisholm, Dr. King, Dr. Montreuil, Dr. Humphries, Dr. Eede and Dr. Miller.

Our Chaplains were Father Gabeau, O.M.I., Father O'Leary and Father Deaucheau."

Another young woman Miss Anna Marie Tremblay recalls her training in 1922 - 1925. She later became known in Religion as Sister M. Symphorosa.

"The Instructions given by Sister M. Austin, her sincere dedication to the welfare of the patients, the spirit of service which she had established by her example as well as the underlying principles taught laid strong foundation for the school of Nursing.

These basic principles were repeatedly and appreciatively recalled by the senior nurse and instilled by the Sister supervisors: Sister Benedicta, Sister Rosina, Sister Aimee and Sister Vincentia, to all who graduated."

By 1923, the graduating class consisted of eight nurses: Miss Christina Baikie, Miss Levina Blancheyye, Miss Ernestine Bremmer, Miss Fannie Liefshitz, Miss Ella Baikie, Miss Alice Luck, Miss Alice Hessdorfer and Sister M. Eileen (Sullivan).

In 1924, Sister M. Electa (Louise King) a graduate and registered nurse of Wochester General Hospital, Mass. U.S.A. came from Saint John, N.B. to become the next Director of the School of Nursing. The four graduates that year were: Miss Mary Ella Woods, Miss Winnifred



Sister Symphorosa (Anna Marie Tremblay), Director of School 1927 - 1945

Bird, Miss Evelyn Annie Taris and Miss Jean McCroe.

Miss Anna Marie Tremblay, who was preparing for graduation in 1925 recalls Sister Electa's contribution to the school of nursing. Besides Sister M. Electa's expertise in nursing, she was an excellent typist and provided the nurses with a faultless typed copy of the Doctor's lectures.

Until 1937, the nurses time on duty was 7 to 7 and class time was part of their few hours off. Students on night duty were called to class with their 'day-time' companions. So after a heavy night duty, trying to take notes from a Doctor's lectures, left many a student with a jumble of broken and mysterious words. A typed copy of the lecture was an answer to many a prayer.

Sister M. Electa purchased whatever teaching material which was available at the time; she was able to include a 'Peggy Chase



Class of 1939 - 1942 in Nurses' Residence, Marjorie Maiman, Marie Herron, Dorothy Bradley, Theresa McDonnell, Ione Rooney, Ruby Stanek and Clara Reich.

Doll!' as an added educational aid.

Miss Anna Marie Tremblay, graduated in 1925 and along with another graduate Miss Lillian Noonan entered the Sisters of Charity in Saint John, N.B. There were seven other graduates that year.

In the fall of 1927, Sister M. Symphorosa (the former Anna Tremblay) returned from Saint John and took charge of the School of Nursing. Sister M. Symphorosa was Director of the school from 1927 to 1945. In her eighteen years she saw many a nurse to her graduation. Among the grads were young ladies who became Sisters of Charity: Mabel Foster, Frances Rooney, Marion MacDonald, Thera Kergoat as well as young Sisters in training: Sisters M. Florina, S. Agnes Patricia, Cajetan, M. Philip and Helen Marie.

As the numbers of student nurses increased, the classes had to be repeated to accommodate those with time off and on night-duty. This meant a very heavy class program. The Sister Supervisors accepted to contribute and help in any way possible. The Charting was looked after by Sister Helen; Central Dressing room practices (Surgical) by Sister M. Aloysius; Procedures in Obstetrical Nursing by Sisters Delphine and Terese. This was an appreciated factor in the development of the school. Sister M. Rosarie looked after the classes in Surgical Nursing and later in the fall became a full time assistant to the school. Sister Rosaire helped to devise and implement a teaching program which gave the school greater efficiency in its teaching methods.

Improvements in the physical set-up were also implemented. A move was made from the scant classroom to a larger room on the ground



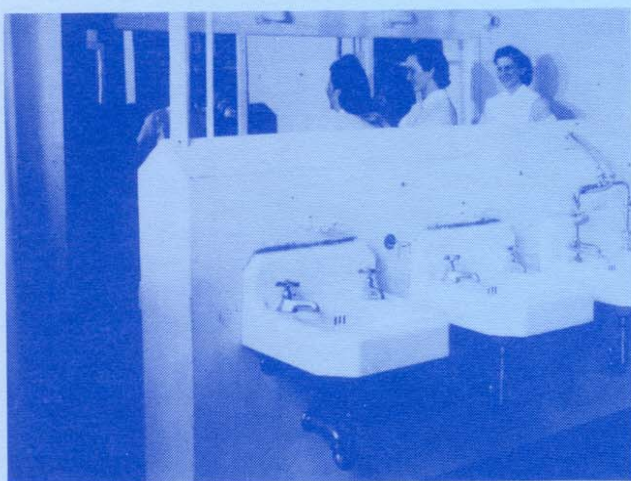
School of Nursing - 1942 with Sister M. Rosarie and students.

floor of the newly built East wing of the Hospital. A good sized blackboard, rollers for charts, a projection screen, a few dozen student chairs and spacious cupboards with shelves were the added features besides a well-lighted room. Soon a Bell-Howell projector followed by other pieces of equipment was acquired, all necessary for an efficient operating class-room.

The largest class of 18 students was admitted in 1937 and the following years the numbers remained about the same. Miss Frances Rooney was one of the graduates of 1937.

With an increased number of students and more space available, more help was needed. Mrs. Tinpauer became a helper in the Nurses' Dining room and residence. After a short time this lady evolved into the role of house-mother. Her abilities were a precious asset and filled a long awaited need, a blessing to all concerned. Mrs. Tinpauer remained in this function until 1944.

In the fall of 1942, Sister M. Rosarie went to help the School of Nursing in Saint John, N.B. and was replaced by Sister M. Irene (Rose O'Leary) who came as a class-room instructress.



Nurses Dressing Room in the Residence

Sister was a good teacher and adapted well to the western climate and mentality. Sister Irene continued as an instructress until 1945 when she became the Director of the School as Sister M. Symphorosa moved on to Vancouver.

With the increased number of students being admitted to the school, along with increased facilities in the hospital, which included a large dining area in 1927 and a large classroom in the 1935 wing, the original Nurses' Residence became very inadequate in spite of numerous ad-



Classroom of 1936, Sister Rosairie (Lundy)



Solairum in the Residence

ditions.

It was during these years while Sister Irene was director (1935 to 1953) that the long awaited dream of a new Nurses' residence received the first positive encouraging evidence that the dream would become a reality.

In 1953, Sister M. Irene was replaced as director of the School by Sister M. Germaine (Teresa Kergoat) a graduate of 1944 who remained Director until 1960.

A Dream Comes True

In November of 1955, a modern brick building with adequate class-rooms, offices,

library, an auditorium and room accommodation for a possible eighty students was officially opened.

New School of Nursing

"A memorable day - November 16, 1955 - the official opening at the new school of Nursing."
(P.A. Herald)

The new school of nursing at Holy Family Hospital was blessed and officially opened on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Ceremonies began with the celebration of Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. by the Most Reverend Leo M. Blais, Bishop of Prince Albert, assisted by Father J. Valois and Father C. Charon. The auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion with baskets of flowers and ferns and streamers of the school colors, a light blue and dark blue, and the school crest. The portable altar was set on the stage of the auditorium with the celebrant facing the congregation. During Mass the Hospital Choir sang the hymn to the Holy Family "Happy We Who Thus United," Rossini's "Ave Marie" and "Panis Angelicus." Ceremonies of the blessing of the building followed.

The afternoon ceremonies were attended by more than 400 visitors and during the afternoon many hundreds more toured the new building. Many tributes were paid to the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception who operate the Holy Family Hospital and School of Nursing, for the splendid work done by them since the early part of the century. The Hon. L.F. McIntosh, member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Municipal Affairs, pointed out in his splendid address that this Congregation of Sisters were the pioneers among religious orders in the west, coming to this community in the year 1906 and that the Holy Family Hospital and School of Nursing has been in operation since 1910, rendering a most valuable service during those many years. It is most fitting that the new building and extension should take place during Saskatchewan's golden jubilee year. Mr. J.G. Diefenbaker, member of parliament, offered congratulations to the Sisters "who, in dedication and consecration, have no consideration other than Christian service."

Mr. Percy Hunt, representing the Department of Public Health, read a message from the Hon. T.J. Bentley, provincial minister of health, bearing greetings and congratulations to the Sisters of Charity for their "Courage and energy

in bringing the new School of Nursing to a reality," and stating that this event would add "luster and dignity to the long and excellent record of the Holy Family Hospital."

Dr. H.V. Towell, chairman of the hospital medical staff, remarked in his address that "he could only feel that this fine building befitted the standards of teaching in the Holy Family School of Nursing, which have always been excellent."

Dr. C.L. Tisdale, Medical Advisor to the School and President of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, brought greetings and best wishes, stating that the students "would appreciate their training much more and would therefore be much better nurses because of this fine new building which would truly be a home away from home."

Messages and telegrams of congratulations were received from the Hon. Paul Martin, Federal Minister of Health and Welfare; Premier T.C. Douglas; Miss L. Wilson, registered nurses' association of Saskatchewan; Sister M. Camillus, who served as Administrator of the Holy Family Hospital from 1942 until August of this year.

Mr. G.J.K. Verbeke, architect, presented the keys of the new school to Mr. Quinn, Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board. The Students' Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Davidson, and accompanied by Mr. Maurice Casgrain, sang two selections: "The Happy Wanderer" and "Bless This House".

Holy Family Nurses Alumnae and the Patronesses of the Hospital served tea to the visitors who toured the building during the afternoon. Among the honored guests who attended the opening ceremonies were Reverend Mother M. Joan, of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity, Saint John, N.B.; and Sister M. Symphorosa, who was director of nursing in the Holy Family School of Nursing from 1927 to 1945.

The programme for the official opening was arranged and directed by Sister Mary James, Administrator of the Hospital; and Sister M. Germaine, Director of the School of Nursing.

New School of Nursing Here

The Sisters of Charity have reminded us that the first influence in the evolution of the nursing profession remains an exceedingly strong one in this humanitarian service today.

History of the profession dates to the early centuries of Christianity. Their religion turned to the care of the sick as a charitable duty. The training of nurses began in Germany in 1836 on a semi-religious basis. War, too, wrought great influence. The work of Florence Nightingale in the Crimea stimulated training and raised the status of nurses. Advances in medical knowledge, of course, was a third influence.

With the opening of the new school of nurs-

ing at the Holy Family this week, the Sisters of Charity have accomplished a blending of these three influences to the great benefit of all in Prince Albert and district.

The devoted efforts of their religious order have succeeded in providing a fine home and modern training facilities for young women wishing to enter upon one of the worthiest of careers. The school helps to fill a great need when a shortage of nurses is a pressing problem of our time.

Prince Albert and district can be deeply grateful to the Sisters of Charity.

P.A. Herald, November 19, 1955

Centralized Teaching Programme

As the enrollment increased, the Faculty also needed to increase. The availability of adequately prepared faculty members had however presented a problem over the years. As this problem existed in many other schools of Nursing in the province, a Centralized Teaching Program was set up in 1953 by the Government of Saskatchewan to provide teachers for the Social and

Biological Subjects in the preliminary four months of the course. The students spent the first four months in Saskatoon with students from other schools and the pooling of teachers eased the shortage. Our students received instruction in the Social Sciences from the Basilian Fathers at St. Thomas Moore College in Saskatoon.

New Trends in Schools of Nursing

For many years, two classes were admitted each year to the school, but because of changing educational patterns it was decided in 1960 that only one group of admissions each year would be accepted.

That year, a graduate of 1937, Sister M. Jane Frances (Rooney) became Director of the School of Nursing, replacing Sister M. Germaine (Kergoat).

In 1963 the preliminary program of Centralized Teaching was extended from a four month term to six months.

For many years several students had received affiliation in Tuberculosis Nursing at the Sanatorium. This was discontinued in 1963, due to the decreasing incidence of the disease, and the closing of some of the facilities in our provincial Sanatoria.

Affiliation in Psychiatry was available to the students. This was obtained at the Munro Wing

in Regina, or at Yorkton Psychiatric Hospital and later at the Psychiatric Complex at the Victoria Union in Prince Albert.

The School of Nursing, using clinical facilities in our accredited hospital, was approved by the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association. Like in all other schools of Nursing in this province, the graduates had written final examinations set by the National League for Nursing since 1957. Prior to that time, the examinations were set by the Board of examiners of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association.

In December of 1963, the Health Program was taken over by the Hospital Health Nurse and further secretarial assistance was obtained, thereby releasing instructors for more time on the school curriculum.

Sister M. Rosarie (Lundy) who had a long time association with the school (1937 - 1942, 1957 - 1963) became the Hospital Health Nurse from 1963 until she retired in May of 1970.

Two Year Nursing

"A recommendation of the S.R.N.A., in January of 1962, suggested that an independent two-year School of Nursing be established, which would result in a diploma in nursing and was intended to prepare hospital staff nurses. A four-year university program was proposed to prepare the graduate for leadership."

When the Hall Report was released in 1964, it endorsed suggestions by the S.R.N.A. concerning two-year courses and expansion of university facilities. It also recommended increased scholarships and training grants." (The First Fifty Years, M.E. Robinson).

As the S.R.N.A. Council continued to meet and discuss, propose and approve changes, one of the most imperative policies was implemented in 1965. The Council had stated that

the school of Nursing should have its own governing body, and an advisory committee to the Director of the School. It also proposed that the Director should have increased authority to direct the School of Nursing, with the school on a separate budget for educational and maintenance cost.

Such an Advisory Committee to Holy Family School of Nursing was set up on March 5 1964, with Sister Jane Frances (Rooney), Director of the School, Chairperson, and Sister Margaret Marie (Magee), Hospital Administrator, Mr. R. Himsl, Superintendent of Separate Schools and Mr. R. Bundon, C.A. This committee was increased by the addition of Mrs. S. Marando and Mr. George Dobson.

Declining Numbers

The Fall class of 1964 was down in numbers in spite of applications. At least 90 students had written for information, 40 of these made application, and only 16 were accepted. (The majority of those not accepted failed to meet the basic academic requirements, which included; Senior Matriculation with 65% average, two sciences, two maths and a second course of language.)

In October of 1964, an outreach for young girls was established. The Candy Stripper

Volunteer was established as a recruitment tool as well as a means of helping young people to express love and service to others.

The Candy Stripper Program was well accepted by the young people; by November 100 out of 165 who applied were volunteering two hours a week to help the patients.

These were mainly young ladies from the city, but a few boys also joined in the program.

Changes Continue to Come

As of March 1, 1965, the post of Associate Director to Nursing Education was filled by Sister Anne Marie McGloan.

In September 1965 on the recommendation of the Hall Report, Holy Family School of Nursing shortened the program in the school to thirty months.

There were 20 Graduates in the Class of 1965.

In November of 1965, a new recommendation stated that nursing education should be dis-associated from hospitals.

In 1966 Nursing Education was placed under General Education by the Government of Saskatchewan.

In September of 1966, Sister Anne Marie McGloan, become the newly appointed Director of the school as Sister Frances Rooney (Jane Frances) was appointed Assistant Administrator of Holy Family Hospital.

In September of 1966, the last class of three-

year students was admitted to the School as the Education of Nurses phased into a two year program under the auspices of the Department of Education.

The newly devised Nursing Education Program was summarized as follows by M.A. Boehm, Administrator of the Hospital:

"A centralized program is to be initiated in Saskatoon at the Institute of Applied Arts and Science in September of 1967. The program is geared to fill an educational rather than a service need; it will be approximately 2 years in length and is financed by the student. After four to five months of academic work at the central school, students will rotate among various hospitals for their clinical experiences."

In October of 1967, a class of nine graduated from the Holy Family School of Nursing.

Aspects of this new nursing program affected the hospital as well. Twenty or thirty students arrived for an eight week rotation of

clinical experience in September of 1968.

Some of the students used the facilities of the Nursing Residence. Holy Family Clinical facilities were used. Sister Frances Wirth was one of the Clinical Instructors hired by the Department of Education.

The Graduating Class of 1968 comprised of thirteen grads.

Closure of the Holy Family School would be achieved as the twelve members of the 1969 Graduation Class received their diplomas.

From the opening of the H.F.S.N. in 1910 to its closing in 1969, 698 Nurses graduated from the Holy Family School of Nursing.

As we look back to 1913 and the one Sister Graduate and the two lay Graduates of 1916; to the subsequent flourishing years of the School of Nursing; to the Sister Graduates, to the instructors and administrators, to the over-crowding and difficult years, to the long awaited Nurses' Residence of 1955, to the changes in Nursing Education, and to the closure of the school in 1969, one thing remained constant the dedicated care of the sick and suffering.

Again in 1985 the words of Florence Nightingale in 1893 may be repeated:

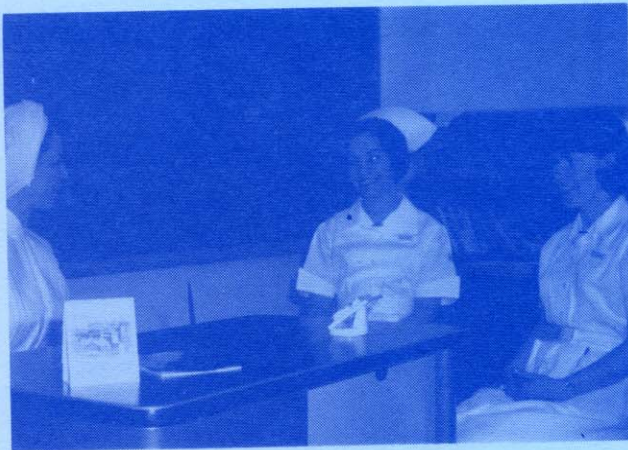
"WE ARE ONLY ON THE THRESHOLD OF NURSING. IN THE FUTURE, WHICH, I SHALL NOT SEE, FOR I AM OLD, MAY A BETTER WAY BE OPENED. MAY THE METHODS BY WHICH EVERY INFANT, EVERY HUMAN BEING, WILL HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF RECOVERY, BE LEARNED AND PRACTISED. MAY WE HOPE THAT WHEN WE ARE DEAD AND GONE, LEADERS WILL ARISE WHO HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED IN THE HARD AND PRACTICAL WORK, THE DIFFICULTIES AND THE JOYS OF ORGANIZING NURSING REFORMS, AND WHO WILL LEAD FAR BEYOND ANYTHING WE HAVE DONE. HIGH HOPES WHICH WILL NOT BE DECEIVED."

May every Nurse take as her motto that of the H..F.S.N. from 1913 - 1969,

"SEMPER FIDELIS"

"ALWAYS FAITHFUL" to the care of the whole person.

Nurses' Alumnae Association



Sister Anne Marie McGloan and a few students of the last class of 1969.

The Holy Family Nurses' Alumnae Association was formed by a Private Act of 1943 as a Benevolent Society for Graduates of the School of Nursing. Sister M. Symphorosa, Director of Nursing at that time, together with Miss Gladys Noonan, the first President of the Alumnae, contacted as many former graduates as possible and formed an association. The Alumnae Association has been active since that date.

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the School of Nursing in 1963, a reunion brought nearly 300 Alumnae from various areas in Canada and the U.S.A.

A reunion has been held every five years since the closing of the school.

A reunion will be held on May 17, 18, 1985 in connection with the celebration of the Holy Family Hospital's 75th Anniversary.



Sister M. Dalton '20
(Virginia)



Sister H. Mutter '13
(Katherine)

Sister M. Rosina '14
(Stewart)



Sister M. Foster '32
(Stella Maris)

Sister M. Aimee '20
(Pepin)
Sister M. Cleophas '20
(Campbell)



Sister M. Sullivan '23
(Eilleen)



Sister A. Tremblay '25
(Symphorosa)



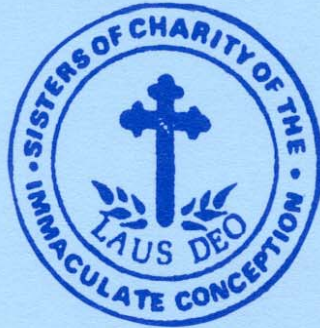
Sister L. Noonan '25
(Delphina)



Sister P. Gallant '29
(Florina)

Sister M. Vincentia '20
(Koehan)
Sister M. Ligouri '20
(Lanigan)

GRADUATES OF HOLY FAMILY



Sister H. Jeffery '22
(Mary Margaret)



Sister R. Hayden '43
(Mary Philip)



Sister T. Kergoat '44
(Germaine)



Sister F. Rooney '37
(Jane Francis)



Sister F. Darrah '44
(Helen Marie)



Sister M. Shea '41
(Cajetan)

Sister Agnes Patricia '41
(Corr)



Sister M. MacDonald '42
(Lotretto)

Sister A. Pilikowski '47
(Anne Veronica)



Sister T. Kilfoil '47
(Myra)



Sister M. Austin (Verrow)
1913 - 1918



Sister (M. Katherine) Mutter
1918 - 1924



Sister (M. Electa) King
1924 - 1927

DIRECTORS



Sister (M. Symphorosa) Tremblay
1927 - 1945



Sister M. Irene
1945 - 1953

OF THE



Sister (M. Germaine) Kergoat
1953 - 1960

SCHOOL



Sister (Rosarie) Lundy
Associate Director
1957 - 1963



Sister (Jane Frances) Rooney
1960 - 1966



Sister (Anne Marie) McGloan
1966 - 1969

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1985

From 1910 to 1985, The Holy Family Hospital has served the people of Prince Albert and surrounding districts - seventy-five years of service and dedication. The theme chosen to commemorate these years is 'CELEBRATING CARING' and has given rise to a year's celebration.

A 75th Anniversary Committee consisting of Members of Administration, Sisters of Charity, Board Members, Medical Staff, S.U.N., C.U.P.E., Department Heads, and Nursing Administration meet monthly to plan and co-ordinate activities.

Celebrations of this 75th year began on December 8, 1984, with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Bishop Blaise Morand in the hospital chapel. December 8th being the major feast-day of the Sisters of Charity who founded the hospital in 1910. The Mass emphasized the theme "Celebrating Caring" as during the celebration, staff members representing the departments within the hospital presented items of caring, used in their work, a Nurses' Cap, a Stethoscope, a pail of Cleaning Items, etc.

After the closing prayer and blessing of the Bishop, the congregation left the chapel and proceeded to the 1935 Wing where refreshments and a display of hospital and nursing photographs etc. were set up.

February 8th at the hospital auditorium, was the scene of our next 75th celebration, as



"Nevada Night" provided an evening of fun and caring as proceeds were able to purchase three bassinets for the Nursery. For a low admission price, one received a chance on a colored T.V., free lunch and \$2,000.00 play money. With your winnings one was able to bid on the different items donated by the Business Firms and Merchants of Prince Albert.

Our March event for the Hospital staff was in the form of a tea with a special 75th flavor, organized by the C.U.P.E. Local 81. Again the theme of caring was evident in the way the tea was planned and celebrated by the staff.

The logo on the back cover was created for this Anniversary Year.

Future Events

In April, the Patronesses will host the Regional Meeting of District 6 Hospital Auxiliaries, at the hospital auditorium.

May's Celebration will include a Nurses' Reunion organized by the H.F.S.N. Alumnae, plus an Ecumenical Service and Programme planned by the 75th Committee.

The Annual Hospital Barbecue in June will have a special 75th flavour

Other events for the year will include recognition of the former Board Members, a float in the P.A. Exhibition, an event planned by the S.U.N. Members, and Medical Staff as well as celebrations for Civic Officials.

The Official closing of the Anniversary Year will be on December 8, 1985, with an ecumenical service to be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert.

As this Historical Booklet goes to press, the

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way to make this truly a year of CELEBRATING and CARING.

FUTURE PLANS and FUTURE DREAMS

Romeo Paulhus, Executive Director

This 75th Anniversary commemorates years of planning and development which have made Holy Family Hospital what it is today. Those seventy-five years have seen considerable expansion in the delivery of hospital services. A number of technological improvements have taken place not only in the hospital sector but also in ambulatory services.

As growth takes place, it is necessary for a Hospital to review the varied approach in the implementation of its goals of service to the community. Administrators, staff and the community realize that when the Holy Family Hospital was planned, erected and altered over the years (1910, 1915, 1926, 1935, 1955 and the latest major construction, the new Hospital in 1964) such accomplishments were in keeping with the technology and the services required at the time.

The commitment to service which the Sisters of Charity made in 1910 holds true today! With the guidance of the Board of Directors and the support of the community of Prince Albert and outlying districts, it is possible to look into the future with confidence and plan to meet the changing needs of the community which the Holy Family Hospital is pledged to serve.

A recent Facilities Review indicates that many of the areas adequate in space requirement twenty years ago must now be redesigned and equipped to meet the present volume of services especially when ambulatory care has increased manyfold from the early 1960's when the new Hospital was planned and constructed. The Board of Directors has approved, in principle, the implementation of the recommendations of the Facilities Review which call for major renovations and construction projects which will remedy the space deficiencies identified in the report.

Everyone associated with the Holy Family Hospital looks with anticipation at the prospects of this new development. The Sisters of Charity have made a commitment to support yet another phase of development at the Hospital. It is fair to say that projects in the past have been a joint venture of the Sisters of Charity and the Local Community through the various Service

Organizations, Local Government and both Provincial and Federal grants. Future developments will follow the same course. The figures will be somewhat different in terms of the cost of projects, but the same co-operative spirit will allow the Holy Family to develop the necessary services to meet the needs of Prince Albert and District.

Buildings are only one aspect of what really makes the Hospital. What you do; how you do it; and who does it, is far more important! In this respect, the Hospital is looking into the future to insure that the philosophy of Christian service and the spirit of dedication which was implanted here 75 years ago by the Sisters of Charity will continue to permeate the organization. Such philosophy as a true Mission expressed in the care of the whole person through the wholistic approach is as important to the development of an organization as the erection of the most modern physical facilities.

Financing of hospital services will undoubtedly see major changes in the future. The various Preventive Health Programs that were seriously lacking in the past will now become more imperative in our society. To meet our commitments it will be necessary for hospitals to become much more innovative in generating the necessary funding to continue meeting its mandate to provide hospital services to the community. In this respect, the Holy Family Hospital will be incorporating a Hospital Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation will be to generate funds for the various hospital projects and services which will be identified as necessary in the community but which may not be totally funded by the provincial health-care dollar. The establishment of such Foundation is viewed as a very exciting venture. It will add a new dimension to the financial resource of the Hospital and will most certainly provide a stabilizing force when the Hospital Board is faced with decisions that have major financial implications.

The foregoing expose is but a sketch of the dreams and projects which can be identified as we look forward in this 75th year. It is clear that the future holds many challenging

developments. Everyone associated with the Holy Family Hospital can be assured that the future looks promising yet, the road will not be easy. Just as the last 75 years have had its baffling changes, so will the future. What will determine the outcome of these endeavours will be the dedication and the commitment of every person within the organization on the very firm base established by the Founders of the Holy Family

Hospital in 1910. A solid structure has been built by those who have taken up the challenge of the early days. Those who will assume the responsibilities of the future years will find that the Holy Family holds a very prominent place in the heart of the Community it has always served with dedication, and therefore can trust with assurance that future dreams will become a concrete reality.

Holy Family Hospital Anniversary Year 1985



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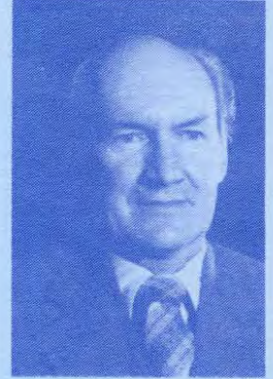
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*Nurses' Residence 1915 - 1955
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