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Catholic Hospital History Project

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



Projet de la *Grande* Histoire
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Retracer l'héritage et la contribution des
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leur mission en matière de soins de santé ainsi que la fondation et l'exploitation des hôpitaux catholiques.

St. Joseph's Hospital: A Lifetime of Saving Lives in Hamilton

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**A LIFETIME OF
SAVING LIVES**

in Hamilton

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

SOMETHING VITAL IS BEING



Architect's model of New Wing for St. Joseph's Hospital, showing front entrance facing onto Charlton Avenue. It will provide 400 more beds, and enlarged facilities for supporting services. Total cost is \$8,450,000. The New Wing, now under construction, is scheduled to open in October, 1962.

THE ADDITION TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL IS VITAL BECAUSE:



➤ St. Joseph's is in urgent need of expanded facilities to strengthen its service in saving lives, easing pain, restoring and preserving health in the Hamilton area. It serves more than 90,000 patients per year.

➤ There is a critical shortage of beds at the Hospital. At present, more than 2,000 men, women and children are waiting for admission to St. Joseph's. Each month, the number increases.

➤ An expanded St. Joseph's means greater life and health protection for the people of the Hamilton area. It also means healthier, more prosperous workers and customers for business and industry in the community.

ADDED TO HAMILTON...



Here's How The **Total Cost** Of The New Wing Is Being Shared

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GRANTS	\$3,050,000
CITY OF HAMILTON GRANT	2,000,000
GIFT FROM SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH	1,000,000*
VOLUNTARY GIFTS TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND	2,400,000

* *The Sisters who operate the Hospital are prepared to borrow \$1,000,000 to help complete the New Wing. They hope to repay the loan, with interest, over a period of years.*

\$8,450,000

A SOUND INVESTMENT: \$2,400,000 for \$8,450,000

You, as one who lives, works, or does business in the Hamilton area, are being asked to invest in your own health protection by giving to St. Joseph's Hospital Building Fund. \$2,400,000 is needed to complete the \$8,450,000 New Wing. The remaining \$6,050,000 is being provided through government

grants and the generosity of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Unquestionably, this is a sound economic investment for one, like yourself, who has a stake in the community. The dividends you reap may well be measured in terms of your life . . . your health . . . your livelihood.

70 YEARS OF SERVICE...

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL... OPEN TO ALL

THERE IS REALLY NO SUCH THING as "trivial sickness." Left unattended, almost any affliction can result in serious illness, permanent disability, untimely death. And no one is immune, for accident and disease strike swiftly and impersonally, with no regard for age, sex, race, faith or financial status. By the same token, everybody wants to be assured that expert, effective treatment and care are always nearby in time of need.

It is a community concern.

But where does a community find this protection? Who provides this vital public service?

In Hamilton, one of the foremost protectors of community health is St. Joseph's Hospital. When life and limb are threatened, the people of Hamilton rush to St. Joseph's by the tens of thousands.

They do so with good reason.

They know the competence and reliability of this ever-alert Hospital, and the Sisters who operate it. They know St. Joseph's stands ready to help *all* who come in need of treatment, care, comfort, advice.

The people of Hamilton have a strong, time-tested bond of confidence in St. Joseph's and the Sisters.

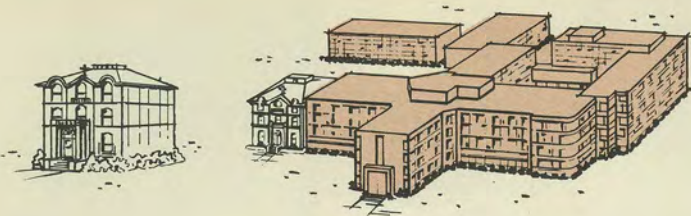


St. Joseph's handles thousands of serious accident cases. Patients thrive on personal care.

On the average, 28 emergencies are treated every day of the year.



A LIFETIME OF SAVING LIVES!



1890 - 1961

IT WAS IN THE YEAR 1890 that a group of Hamilton citizens, led by medical men, appealed to the Sisters of St. Joseph to open a public hospital to serve the southwest part of the City. At that time, the Sisters had been in Hamilton for 38 years and had gained the respect and admiration of one and all as, in flowing robes, they hurried about their errands of charity and healing . . . nursing the sick . . . tending the poor . . . caring for orphans . . . making life brighter for the members of the pioneer community.

The citizens' appeal for a hospital was met quickly and willingly by this handful of dedicated women. It is characteristic of their tradition. They are always prepared to step in when community life and health are threatened. The threat then was a menacing one, for Hamilton was in dreadful need of hospital facilities, and vulnerable to the epidemics which raged across our land at that time.

So it was that the Sisters opened their Hospital in June of 1890, with 25 beds and a room for whatever surgery could be performed in those early years. The first Hospital, a former private residence donated to the Sisters, was located on John Street, on the site of the present Hospital. It is still in use today, although over a century old and certainly unsuitable for modern medical service.

The original building, and other aged, obsolete parts of St. Joseph's will be closed off and demolished when the New Wing is completed.

From this modest beginning, St. Joseph's has grown to magnificent stature. Today it is one of Ontario's finest public hospitals, with 443 beds, 95 bassinets, 10 operating rooms, a full range of modern medical specialities and a staff of over 900.

It serves 90,000 patients per year . . . more than double the total population of Hamilton when the Hospital opened 70 years ago. A good indication of the Hospital's truly public character is the fact that 60 per cent of its patients and 90 per cent of its 400 doctors are non-Catholic.



St. Joseph's is an outstanding paediatric hospital. Children receive special attention.

Over half of all babies born in Hamilton are delivered at St. Joseph's.

NURSERY



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

The steep rise in the amount of service provided by St. Joseph's in recent years has not been accompanied by any increase in Hospital plant. Almost all departments are operating far in excess of the capacity for which their facilities were originally designed.

During 1960, a record number of 25,000 bed patients was admitted. Out-patient and emergency treatments totalled an amazing 65,000. Surgical operations numbered over 10,000. X-ray and lab services have more than tripled during the last five years. 5,400 babies were born at St. Joseph's last year . . . more than half of all births in Hamilton.

Here's an average day in the life of St. Joseph's Hospital:

- 70 new bed patients admitted
- 164 out-patient visits
- 33 surgical operations performed
- 28 accident victims treated
- 3,640 meals prepared and served
- 12,350 hours of patient care
- 2,000 patients-to-be waiting for admission



GROWING WITH HAMILTON

THROUGH THE YEARS, the growth of the Hospital closely parallels that of Hamilton, for it has constantly met the demand for more facilities and service as the fledgling community flexed its muscles . . . as the economy flourished and expanded . . . as population figures soared . . . as Hamilton became an industrial giant, one of Canada's largest, most important cities. Since 1890, St. Joseph's has served more than 600,000 patients . . . enough to form a city twice the size of Hamilton.

Additions in 1894, 1916 and 1924 brought bed capacity to 200, as Hamilton's population neared the 80,000 mark. A suite of operating rooms and new emergency treatment facilities opened in 1941, with completion of Our Lady of Victory Wing. Industrial Hamilton was stepping up production during these dark war years.

The end of World War II brought intense demand for more hospital facilities as Hamilton's population rose to well over 200,000. St. Joseph's was expanded accordingly. The "New Hospital" was opened in 1947 and the Maternity Wing extension completed in 1950.

If St. Joseph's had to be replaced as it stands today, the cost would be at least \$14,000,000.

Incredible as it may seem, the people of Hamilton have not had to pay a penny for building and expanding St. Joseph's to its present size. **This is the first public appeal ever conducted to help enlarge the Hospital.** It is also the first time the Hospital has received a municipal grant for capital expansion.

Who has paid for expansion?

Through sound management, untiring effort and their *donated services*, the Sisters themselves have managed to provide the funds needed for new building, over and above Federal-Provincial statutory grants (available to all public hospitals) and whatever gifts and bequests they have received from individuals, friends and supporters. The Sisters receive no financial reward for their work. Instead, an amount equivalent to their combined salaries is set aside from income and applied to enlarging and improving the Hospital. If they *were paid* for their services, they would receive a total of at least \$150,000 per year.

Thus, they have managed to finance all previous building . . . *at no cost to local taxpayers.*

THE NEED IS DESPERATE

NOW THE SISTERS ONCE AGAIN are faced with the challenge of providing more hospital facilities for Hamilton. The community continues to grow at a rapid rate. Medical advances make possible the successful treatment and cure of an increasing number of diseases and injuries. More and more people seek, and deserve, hospital care.

Public demand for service at St. Joseph's has increased nearly 100 per cent since 1950 . . . when the last addition to the Hospital was completed. More than 2,000 men, women and children are waiting for beds. Surgical operations, unless emergencies, must be booked two to three months in advance. Beds set up in hallways and sun porches have become permanent fixtures. So have many make-shift facilities for X-ray, lab, physiotherapy, out-patients and emergency service.

The need for expansion is urgent, indeed desperate!

This fact is doubly confirmed by the City of Hamilton Hospital Advisory Committee and the Ontario Hospital Services Commission, both of which have studied St. Joseph's needs. They are in complete agreement with the Hospital's need for expansion.

With typical foresight, the Sisters, in consultation with architects and other hospital advisors, have designed a well-planned solution to the critical problems of over-crowding and inadequacy. Plans call for the addition of a large New Wing, to contain 400 beds and other expanded facilities.

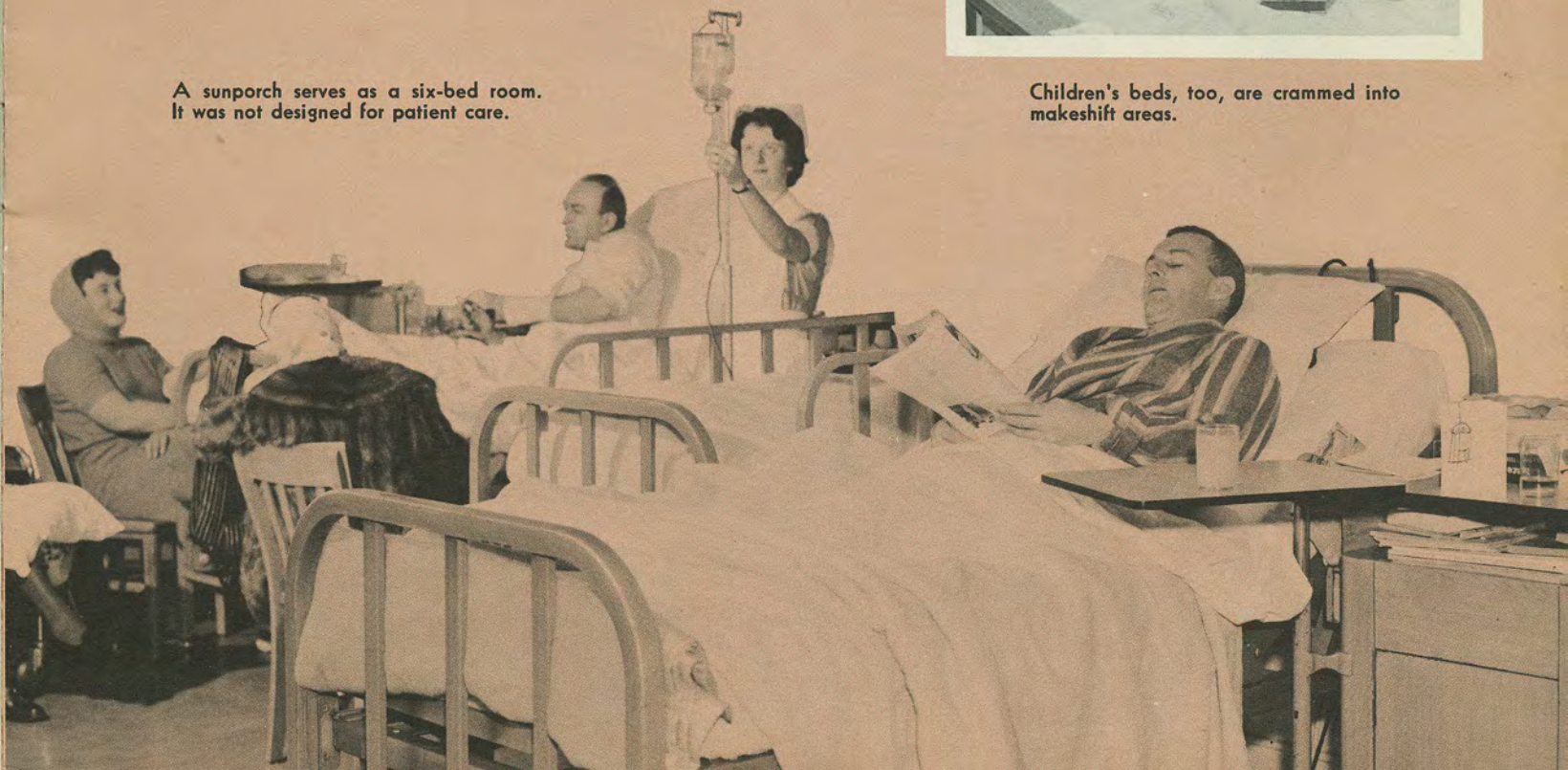
The New Wing, now under construction and scheduled to open in October, 1962, is the largest unit ever to be added to St. Joseph's. It will, in effect, double the size of the Hospital.

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A sunporch serves as a six-bed room. It was not designed for patient care.

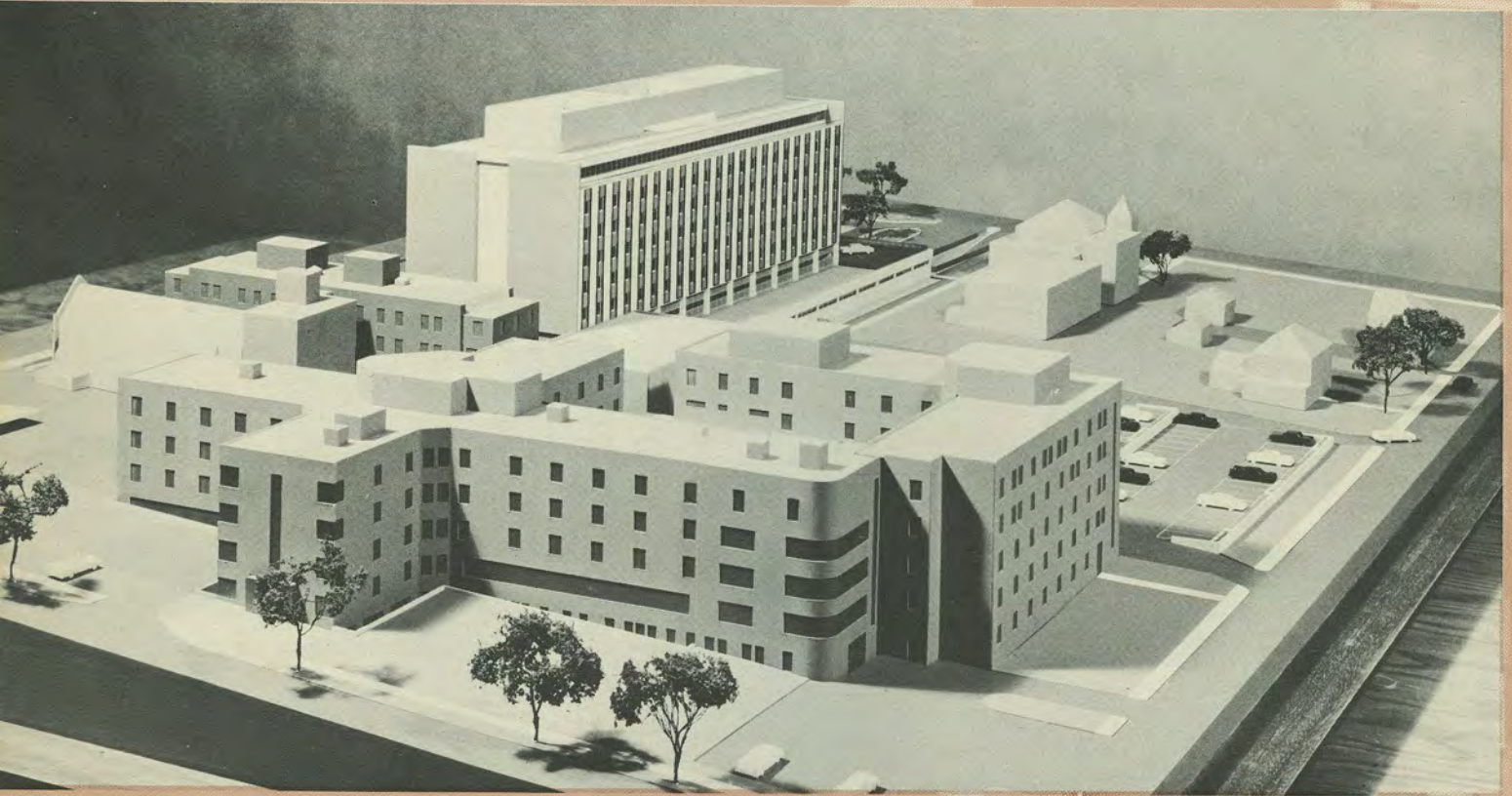
Children's beds, too, are crammed into makeshift areas.



For greater service...

A GREATER

The impressive New Wing is being built on the west side of Hospital property, between Charlton Avenue and St. Joseph's Drive. It embodies one of the most advanced designs in modern hospital architecture. The accent is on time-saving, efficient supply service, much of it automated.



BUILDING COSTS

NEW 8-STOREY WING

To provide 400 active treatment beds and expanded facilities for surgery, lab, X-ray, out-patients, emergency, paediatrics, physiotherapy and other supporting services, including kitchen, dining room and heating plant. . . .

\$7,600,000

FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT

850,000

TOTAL: \$8,450,000



R ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL



PRACK & PRACK, Architects

THE NEW WING

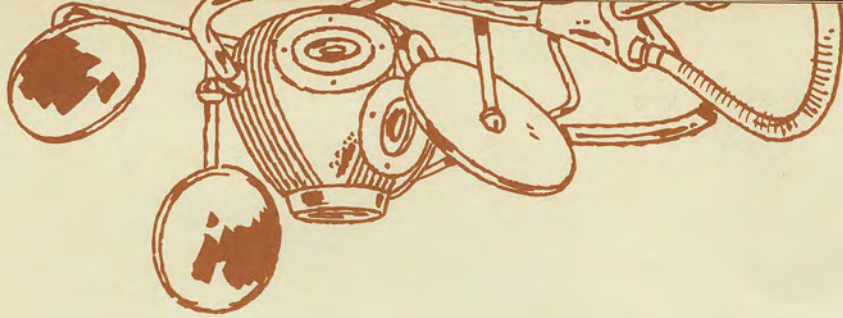
The crushing demand for service at St. Joseph's Hospital cannot be met without a major expansion of facilities. The New Wing is designed to solve distressing problems of overcrowding and inadequacy which exist at present. It will give St. Joseph's the facilities needed to provide even greater hospital service to the people of the Hamilton area.

The New Wing will approximately double the size and operation of the future St. Joseph's, increasing bed capacity from 443 to over 800. Demolition of the older sections of the Hospital will remove about 40 beds.

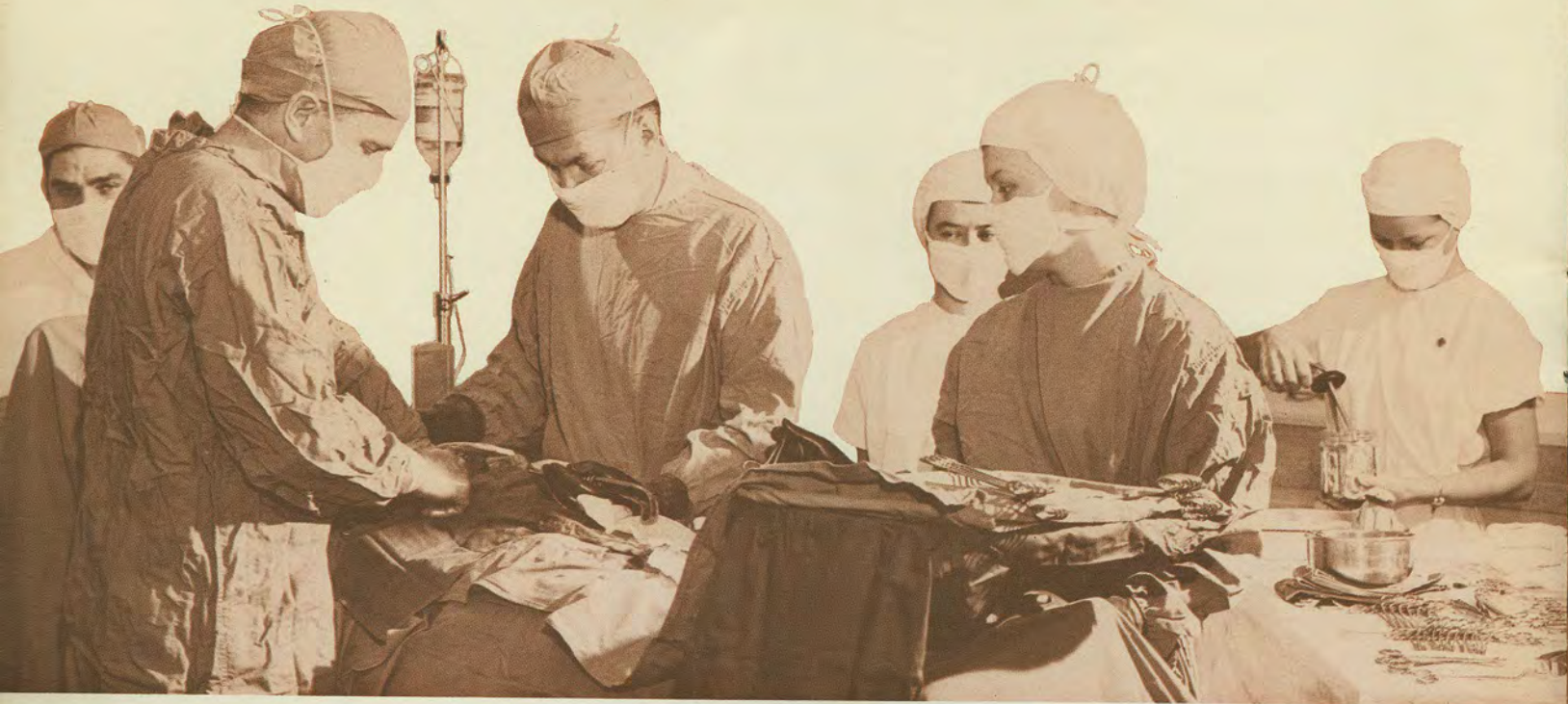
The upper five storeys of the New Wing will contain a total of 400 beds: 100 for children, 300 for medical and surgical adult patients. Surgery, emergency, X-ray, lab and other supporting services will be located on the lower levels of the eight-floor structure.



A canopied arcade leads the way to the front entrance. Exterior of the new building is faced with alternate panels of blue and white brick.



Over 10,000 surgeries are performed per year . . . as many as 50 in one day.



TO RESTORE HEALTH, PRESERVE LIFE

COMPLETION OF THE NEW WING will mean greater health and life protection for the people of the Hamilton area. It will allow St. Joseph's to meet the ever-increasing demand for service more effectively . . . to admit and treat more patients . . . to ease the critical strain on all departments in the Hospital by expanding their facilities . . . to provide more adequate working space and equipment for doctors and nurses . . . to reduce existing inconvenience to patients . . . to minimize waiting periods for admission and surgery . . . to provide the calibre of hospital service desired and deserved by the community.

Perhaps most important of all, it will

enable St. Joseph's to continue to uphold its age-old tradition of personal care and comfort, which is so important to the restoration of health, the preservation of life.

St. Joseph's places great faith in the healing power of personal service; in looking after the individual needs of each and every patient. It is a demanding program for a hospital to follow, but it is certainly an effective one . . . as the St. Joseph's record of success shows.

That St. Joseph's needs more beds and other enlarged facilities is unquestionably clear. It is equally clear that the ultimate benefits to be derived from construction of the New Wing will be shared by the entire community.

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FIRST PUBLIC APPEAL

BUT THIS TIME — *for once in a lifetime of saving lives* — the Sisters must seek financial aid to carry out a Hospital building project. Because of the amount involved — estimated total cost is \$8,450,000 — the Sisters simply cannot provide all the funds needed to complete the New Wing.

Federal-Provincial statutory grants will amount to approximately \$3,050,000. The City of Hamilton's first capital grant to St. Joseph's is \$2,000,000. And the Sisters, true to form, are prepared to borrow and donate \$1,000,000 as their generous share of the project. They hope to repay the loan, with interest, over a period of ten years or more, as they have in the past for previous expansion.

\$2,400,000 more is needed to complete the \$8,450,000 building program. It is needed immediately, urgently. To raise this amount is the purpose of ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND . . . the first public appeal for capital funds.

St. Joseph's helps train doctors at the graduate level. Standards of treatment and care are second to none.



\$2,400,000 NEEDED

THE SISTERS NEVER FAIL to respond to an appeal for help . . . the Hospital itself was founded on such an appeal *from* the community. Now, for once in 70 years, the Sisters are appealing *to* the community to help the Hospital in *its* hour of urgent need.

This is an opportunity for all of us to help the Sisters provide the calibre of hospital care *we* desire, and, in fact, demand.

The appeal is being directed to business and industry, charitable foundations, other levels of local government, individuals, merchants, doctors, professional people, employee groups, clubs and organizations . . . to all who have a stake in the community served by St. Joseph's. All are being asked to share in providing the \$2,400,000 needed to complete the \$8,450,000 New Wing. Many have done so already. Everybody's support is needed to make the appeal a success.

Out-patients number over 160 per day. There are no proper facilities for waiting, dressing or consultations.



Healthy babies are the Hospital's pride and joy. As many as 30 babies are born in one day.

SOME REASONS WHY OTHERS ARE GIVING

Business and industry are giving because they know the vital importance of a healthy community . . . to cut down on man-hours of production lost through sickness . . . to help keep the local economy buoyant. They also appreciate the Hospital itself as an economic factor in the community. With nearly 1,000 employees, St. Joseph's is tantamount to a major industry. It pours \$3,000,000 per year into the local economy . . . \$2,000,000 in wages alone.

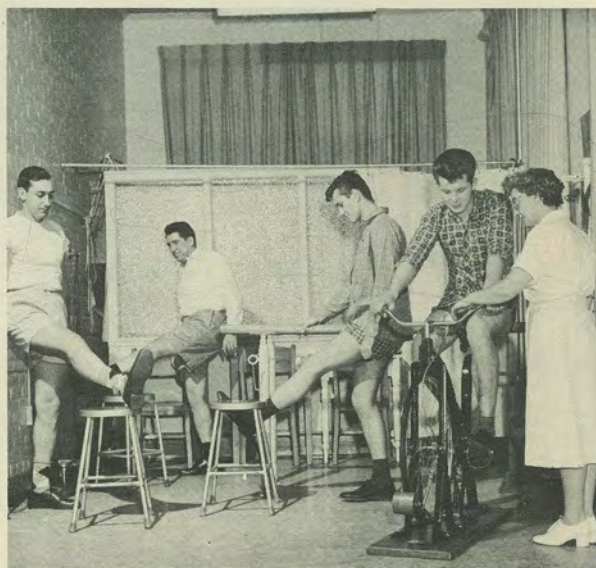
Individuals are giving to St. Joseph's Hospital Building Fund because it means greater health protection for themselves, their families, friends and neighbors. It also means less loss of wages and income because of illness and injury. Everybody wants assurance that top-calibre treatment and care are available when sickness strikes, when accidents occur, when emergencies arise. Completion of the 400-bed addition to St. Joseph's Hospital will help strengthen this assurance. The Hospital has the experience, the talent, the spirit to meet the increasing demand for service. But it cannot fully implement this "know-how" without adequate buildings and equipment.

Your gift, and that of your company or organization, will help make adequate hospital facilities a reality for the Hamilton area.



The X-ray department is always busy. More than 75,000 films are taken per year.

Physiotherapy plays a major role in strengthening weakened muscles. More space is needed for this important work.





The School of Nursing, opened in 1911, has 1,500 graduates. It is one of the finest nursing schools in Canada.

YOUR GIFT TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND is an appeal being conducted by responsible citizens on a voluntary basis. A Fund volunteer will be calling upon you soon to ask for your contribution. Please be prepared to meet him half way. Weigh the merits of the case for St. Joseph's. Consider what improved hospital protection means to you as an individual, as a company executive, as a member of the community.

Decide now upon the amount of your gift, and remember that gifts may be pledged over a period of five years. As a guide, it is suggested that contributions should be proportionate to *ability to give*.

Please give when asked. Please be generous in giving.

The Federal Government encourages you to give, by allowing you substantial tax savings on contributions. All gifts, or payments on pledges, are deductible for income tax purposes, as prescribed by law.

Please make all cheques payable to:

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND.

Hand your gift to the Fund volunteer who calls upon you. If mailed, forward to:

**HONORARY TREASURER,
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND,
301 JAMES STREET SOUTH,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO**

An official receipt will be sent to you promptly.



Half a million lab tests are conducted each year in facilities designed for less than one-third that number.

Day and night the Hospital is on the alert. There is always someone in need of care.





One small dining room serves the entire Hospital staff. Everybody eats in shifts.



3,600 meals per day — over 1,200,000 per year — are prepared in this busy kitchen.

GIFT OPPORTUNITIES...

MANY DONORS to St. Joseph's Hospital Building Fund welcome the opportunity to specify the purpose for which their gifts are used. In giving, it is possible to commemorate a family name; to honour a relative or friend; to identify yourself, your association or your firm with the Hospital.

Gifts so specified will be permanently recorded in an appropriate manner in the New Wing of St. Joseph's. Thus, future patients and visitors will be reminded of the names of the men, women and companies whose generosity helped build and equip this modern medical structure. It is a suitable recognition of goodwill.

Listed below are a few of the gift opportunities (and their estimated costs) available to prospective donors. Fund volunteers will be happy to discuss these, and many others, with you or your group.

Emergency Department, complete.....	\$155,000	Major Operating Room Furnishings.. \$	6,000
Pharmacy, complete.....	150,000	Eye Clinic.....	5,800
Out-Patients Department, complete... ..	95,000	Out-Patients Examination Room....	5,400
Special Procedure X-ray Room, complete.....	83,000	Emergency Examination Room, complete.....	4,600
19-Bed Surgical Recovery Room, complete.....	45,000	1-Bed Recovery Room, complete.....	4,400
Closed Circuit Television System for Surgery.....	40,000	Dental Operating Room Equipment..	4,000
Major Operating Room, complete.....	33,500	Emergency Operating Room Equipment.....	3,500
Laboratories, each.....	\$20,000 to 22,500	Bedrooms for Sisters (48)..... each	3,400
Cystoscopy Room, complete.....	23,000	Fracture Room Furnishings.....	3,000
General X-ray Room Equipment.....	20,000	Emergency Observation Room, complete.....	2,300
4-Bed Patient Room, complete.....	16,250	Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic Furnishings	2,000
Day Room, complete.....	15,900	Laundry Room for Sisters.....	2,000
Children's Play Room, complete.....	15,600	Furnishings for 4-Bed Patient Room..	1,850
Emergency Operating Room, complete	10,000	Furnishings for Day Room.....	1,500
Dental Operating Room, complete....	9,000	Furnishings for Children's Play Room	1,200
4-Bed Children's Recovery Room, complete.....	8,800	Furnishings for 2-Bed Patient Room..	950
2-Bed Patient Room, complete.....	8,450	Furnishings for 3-Bed Children's Room.....	900
3-Bed Children's Room, complete....	8,400	Furnishings for Children's Recovery Room.....	800
Audio Clinic.....	8,000	Furnishings for 1-Bed Patient Room, (child or adult).....	500
General X-ray Room.....	8,000	Furnishings for Out-patients Examination Room.....	400
Portable X-ray Unit.....	7,500		
Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic.....	7,000		
1-Bed Children's Room, complete....	6,500		



IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...

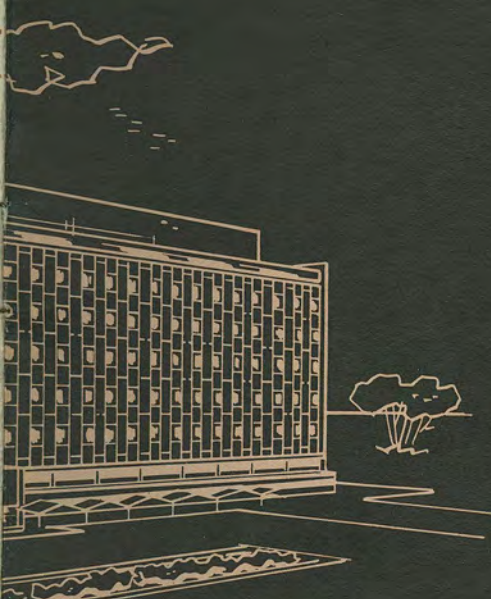


The recently-established Provincial hospital insurance plan (directed by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission) makes no provision for the capital expansion of St. Joseph's Hospital, or any hospital. Rather, the plan is specifically designed to stabilize the year-to-year financial operations of public hospitals, such as St. Joseph's. The aim is to equate annual income with annual expenditures, thus allowing a hospital to operate on an even keel.

There does exist, and has for many years, some governmental assistance for hospital expansion. It is in the form of statutory grants from Federal and Provincial governments, and is based on the number of beds, total square footage and type of facilities being built. In the case of St. Joseph's, these grants will amount to approximately \$3,050,000.

This is the sole statutory capital aid available to St. Joseph's. Support from all other levels of government must be sought on the basis of service to specific areas of population. The City of Hamilton has acknowledged the Hospital's great public service and truly charitable character with a grant of \$2,000,000 . . . the first time the Hospital has ever received any municipal tax money for building purposes.

Thus the Hospital hits a happy medium in seeking funds for expansion. Governments play their part in providing capital grants, within the framework of existing tax structures and without imposing controls on the operation and effectiveness of what is a competent, independent, non-profit public service. At the same time, those who value a particular hospital in a particular community have an opportunity to help it grow, without increasing taxes. In fact, they acquire tax deductions by upholding our Canadian tradition of goodwill giving.



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