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Catholic Hospital History Project

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



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

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

Ste. Rose General Hospital: 1939-1989,

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STE ROSE

GENERAL HOSPITAL

1939

1989



Marguerite d'Youville
Foundress of the
Sisters of Charity of Montreal "Grey Nuns"
(1701 - 1771)

Marguerite d'Youville
Fondatrice des
Soeurs de la Charité de Montréal "Soeurs Grises"
(1701- 1771)

BROCHURE SOUVENIR



COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

*In thanksgiving to God
To Blessed Marguerite d'Youville
Foundress of the Sisters of
Charity (Grey Nuns), this booklet
is dedicated to the people who
by their works and prayers
have made Ste Rose General
Hospital a forerunner in
rural health care.*

*En hommage de reconnaissance
à la Divine Providence, à Marguerite
d'Youville, fondatrice des Soeurs de
la Charité (Soeurs Grises), aussi en
témoignage d'appréciation envers les
personnes qui par leur travaux et
leurs prières ont placé l'Hôpital
Ste Rose à l'avant-garde des soins
hospitaliers ruraux.*

Philosophy and Mission of Ste Rose General Hospital

Ste Rose General Hospital is a corporation and has as its mission to carry on works of charity and mercy. It operates a Catholic community Hospital offering primary acute care to all surrounding communities of various ethnic and cultural origins. The Hospital strives to provide the range of services needed by those who seek its aid in a caring and Christian atmosphere. This Hospital is committed to striving for excellence in the quality of patient care and to the provision of pastoral service to the patients, their family, and to employees. It adheres to the Medico-Moral Code for the Catholic Church and draws inspiration from Jesus who visited and healed the sick with tenderness and compassion.

As a Grey Nuns' Hospital, it aims that patients, families and employees are served with loving concern in the spirit of the mission and philosophy of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal "Grey Nuns".

With mutual respect, the Hospital recognizes the individual conscience and faith of its collaborators and its patients who in turn recognize the Corporate conscience of the Hospital and the faith of its owners.

Philosophie et mission de L'Hôpital Général de Ste Rose.

L'hôpital général Ste Rose est une corporation dont le but principal est de poursuivre des oeuvres de charité et de miséricorde. La corporation dirige un hôpital communautaire catholique et offre des soins généraux à toutes les communautés environnantes, d'origines ethniques et de cultures variées. L'hôpital offre ses services dans un esprit de compassion et de charité chrétienne. L'hôpital s'engage à poursuivre l'excellence dans la qualité des soins et offre un service de pastorale aux patients, à leur famille et au personnel. Il adhère aux normes énoncées dans le Code de morale médicale de l'Eglise catholique et s'inspire de l'exemple de Jésus qui est passé sur la terre en faisant le bien, guérissant les malades avec tendresse et compassion.

En fidélité à la mission et la philosophie des Soeurs de la Charité de Montréal "Soeurs Grises" cet hôpital a pour objectif de servir avec amour et sollicitude, les patients ainsi que leurs familles et les employés.

Dans un respect mutuel, l'hôpital reconnaît les convictions religieuses de ses collaborateurs et de ses patients qui en retour respecteront les principes auxquels adhèrent les Soeurs Grises, propriétaires de l'hôpital.



Sa Sainteté Jean Paul II
 accorde de tout cœur à
 l'hôpital Général Ste Rose,
 à l'occasion de son 50^e anniversaire de
 fondation, 1939-1989, une spéciale
 Bénédiction Apostolique
 comme gage de constante protection divine.

Ex Aedibus Vaticanis, die 10. XI. 1989
 + Aedibus Ur. Romae
 Archiepiscopus
 Eusebius Cardinalis Pappalardo



His Holiness John Paul II
 maternally imparts to
 Ste Rose General Hospital,
 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of
 foundation, 1939-1989, a special
 Apostolic Blessing
 as a pledge of continued divine protection.

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Most Reverend Adam Exner
Archbishop of Winnipeg

Dear friends of Ste Rose General Hospital

On the occasion of the fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of Ste Rose General Hospital, I am pleased to offer sincerest congratulations, best wishes and prayers. I do this on my own behalf and on behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Winnipeg which has been enriched for fifty years by the presence and the healing ministry of Ste Rose General Hospital.

By the present, I wish to pay special tribute to the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, the Grey Nuns, who founded the hospital and who over the years have been its soul by their ideals, their dedication and their unstintingly generous and competent service. May God reward them as only He knows how. Tribute is likewise due to all who collaborated with the Sisters in making Ste Rose General Hospital an extension of the healing ministry of the Lord Himself. God Bless you all.

I pray that in the future Ste Rose General Hospital may prosper and may continue to serve God's people with distinction as it has done in the past.

With my blessing and with the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, preceded by a small cross symbol. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

To include a message in this commemorative booklet gives me the opportunity to pay tribute to countless ministers of charity in need of love, compassion and care. To those who served yesteryear and who serve today, Christ Jesus can rightfully affirm: "I was ill and you comforted me..."; (Mt: 25:35). The 50th Anniversary of Ste Rose General Hospital bids us to turn with gratitude and respect to the heritage of service; it invites us to revive and uphold a tradition of commitment to sound values. A Jubilee is indeed a time to recall and to touch again a "miracle of love".



Marguerite Létourneau, s.g.m.
supérieure générale

Comment ne pas évoquer le souvenir des pionnières et pionniers de cette institution qui ouvrait ses portes le 7 février 1939. Les Soeurs Grises fondatrices et le Docteur Gendreau méritent nos hommages et notre reconnaissance. A celles qui continuent cette oeuvre d'amour et de compassion, à vous tous, collaborateurs et collaboratrices qui poursuivez avec les Soeurs Grises la mission de charité inaugurée par Marguerite d'Youville il y a 250 ans, j'exprime des félicitations chaleureuses et un merci du coeur.

Marguerite Létourneau s.g.m.

Au nom des Soeurs Grises qui ont fondé l'hôpital de Ste Rose du Lac et qui y oeuvrent depuis 1939, je désire vous dire notre grande joie de faire partie de votre communauté et spécialement en cette année du 50e anniversaire de fondation de l'Hôpital. Une célébration telle que celle-ci est occasion de réjouissance et de gratitude. Oui, nous exprimons notre gratitude à Dieu Père qui donne la vie et aussi à tous ceux et celles, religieuses, clergé et laïcs qui au cours des 50 dernières années ont servi dans cet hôpital qui se veut un lieu de soins compatissants et professionnels.

This year we celebrate 50 years of foundation of the Ste Rose General Hospital, thanks to dedicated men and women, lay and religious, who, because of a dream and a commitment to help the needy were able to persevere through hard times. I am certain that the founders of the hospital were imbued with the spirit of our foundress, Marguerite d'Youville and that those who are presently here continue in the same line.

The Grey Nuns renew their commitment to the population of Ste Rose du Lac and the surrounding areas. We will remain faithful to our mission of service, to meet the needs and to face the challenges with faith in Providence. For these 50 years of love and dedication thank you and congratulations!



Sr. Jacqueline St-Yves
Provincial Superior

Sr. Jacqueline St-Yves

The year 1989 marks the golden jubilee of the founding of Ste Rose General Hospital by the Sisters of Charity of Montreal (The Grey Nuns). It is fitting that the parish and the whole community of Ste Rose and the surrounding areas extend warmest greetings and appreciation for the quality of health care provided by these dedicated religious and their countless associates over these many years. May God continue to bless you and your co-workers.



Marc Monforton O.M.I.
curé

Paroisse Ste Rose de Lima
Ste Rose du Lac

M. Monforton curé

C'est avec un coeur reconnaissant que nous, les citoyens de Ste.Rose et des environs venons rendre hommage aux Soeurs Grises en ce mémorable 50ième anniversaire de l'Hôpital Général de Ste Rose. Fidèle à leur charisme de venir en aide aux malades et aux pauvres, ces vaillantes religieuses et leurs nombreux associés continuent de se dévouer à la cause. Nous les félicitons et les assurons de nos prières. Que Dieu continue de vous bénir, vous et votre belle oeuvre.



Hervé Molgat
Chairman
Board of Directors
Ste Rose General Hospital

The Board of Directors wish to extend their congratulations to the Grey Nuns of Manitoba on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of Ste Rose General Hospital. For the past fifty years, the Hospital has provided quality health care with compassion and love in the spirit of foundress of the Grey Nuns, Blessed Marguerite d'Youville. The dedicated service of the Grey Nuns could not have been carried out without the outstanding contribution of the medical staff, administration, nursing and support services who have given of themselves in a very caring way. We have not forgotten the support of the volunteers who have donated much time either directly or indirectly providing quality care to the less fortunate and raising funds whenever needed.

It has been a personal privilege to serve on the Board of Directors and I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all fellow Board Members for their dedication and commitment. A thank you to all the surrounding communities for their support in one way or another in making the Hospital what it is today.

Let us keep the spirit alive in this special year and for years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hervé Molgat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

In 1939, Ste Rose Hospital opened its doors under the guidance of Sr. Berthe Ménard and began a long history of caring for the less fortunate. Its early years were marked by the presence of many Sisters providing most of the nursing care, the services of the legendary Dr. Gendreau, and the support of many local employees.

Through 50 years of social change and evolution, the caring for the less fortunate in a Christian atmosphere has continued unabated and undiminished. We find the sense of family, of duty, and of loyalty inspired by the Grey Nuns to be still alive and vibrant. We still find our patients noting a "difference" from other Hospitals - something intangible - more felt than seen.

This is the legacy of the first 50 years of this Hospital - and the primary goal of all who will share in the future.



Ronald Simard
Executive Director

One can be sure of only one thing in the future - that there will be change. The needs of the community we serve are changing, as are the resources available. The key to a second 50 years of providing quality care will be the willingness to adapt combined with an adherence to the Mission of the Hospital. We will continue to rely on the Grey Nuns, the Board of Directors and all of the employees to point the way, to find the path, and to travel the road to our future. We must strive to retain a sense of family, a sense of duty and a sense of loyalty as we adapt to meet our purpose - to serve the needy, to provide quality care - to be the best we can be.

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I wish to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the people of Ste Rose and district and to the Sisters of Charity of Montréal (Grey Nuns) on the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Ste Rose General Hospital.

It is interesting to note that the official opening of the hospital on February 7, 1939 coincided with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of Ste Rose du Lac. The late Archbishop Sinott opened and blessed the facility.

With the compassionate and individualized care provided by the Sisters and the medical expertise provided by the late Dr. Gendreau, the hospital became firmly established and the need for additional beds was met when the present facility was opened on July 4, 1957.



George Johnson, M.D.
Lieutenant-Governor of
Manitoba

The passing of Dr. Gendreau in 1973 signalled the end of an era. Since that time, Ste Rose General Hospital has been served by several excellent physicians who, along with dedicated staff, nurses, technicians and other health professionals, have maintained the high standards of patient care.

The commitment of the Sisters has not diminished and they continue to address the needs of the population.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of
Canada

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings and sincere best wishes to all those associated with the Ste Rose General Hospital on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Throughout the past fifty years, the staff at Ste Rose General Hospital has worked long and diligently for the restoration of health, the prevention of disease and alleviation of suffering. Because of your dedication, the community of Ste Rose du Lac, and area have received excellent health care and services.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to send my very best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and every success in meeting the challenges of the future.

Ottawa
1989

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Brian Mulroney". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.



Gary Filmon
The Premier of
Manitoba

It is a pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of the people and the government of Manitoba to the Ste Rose General Hospital on its 50th Anniversary and to the Grey Nuns of Manitoba for their ongoing support of the hospital they founded.

For half a century, Manitobans in the Ste Rose area have been blessed with the presence of the "Grey Nuns of Manitoba". In their acts of service, particularly with the ill, the Grey Nuns have been tireless and dedicated.

Because of their efforts the Ste Rose General Hospital was founded and continue as an essential health care facility.

While lay people now predominate in the daily running of the hospital, the influence of the Grey Nuns still permeates the philosophy and spirit of this place of healing.

My sincere congratulations are offered as this significant milestone in the history of the Ste Rose General Hospital is celebrated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Filmon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.

It is an honour and a personal pleasure for me, as Minister of the Department of National Health and Welfare, to congratulate the Board of Directors and the Staff of Ste Rose General Hospital on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the hospital's foundation in 1939 by Sister Berthe Ménéard of the Sisters of Charity of Montréal.

Over the past fifty years, the hospital has responded to the health needs of the Ste Rose du Lac community, exemplifying the dedication and selflessness of the original founders. I offer my sincere congratulations for the past fifty years of service and my best wishes for continued success in the future.



Jake Epp
Minister of National
Health & Welfare

A l'occasion du cinquantième anniversaire de la fondation de votre hôpital par Soeur Berthe Ménéard des Soeurs de la Charité de Montréal, je suis très honoré et personnellement touché à titre du Ministre de la Santé nationale et du Bien-être social de féliciter le conseil d'administration et tout le personnel de l'Hôpital général de Sainte Rose.

Voilà déjà cinquante ans que votre hôpital procure des soins de santé à la communauté de Sainte Rose du Lac et ce, dans une tradition même de générosité et de dévouement de ses fondateurs.

Je réitère mes félicitations pour ce demi siècle de service à la population et vous offre mes meilleurs voeux de succès pour l'avenir.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Epp". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

On behalf of my colleagues in Government and the people of Manitoba, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Sisters of Charity on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Ste Rose General Hospital.

I know that all Manitobans who have been touched by the work of the Grey Nuns will agree with me that their selflessness and competence in the health care field has always set the standard for the care of the ill.

Sincerely yours



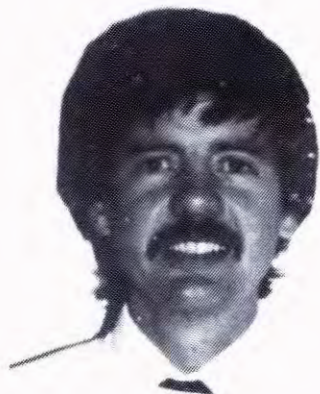
Donald W. Orchard
Minister of Health
of Manitoba

Au nom de mes collègues du gouvernement et de la population du Manitoba, je saisis l'occasion du 50e Anniversaire de fondation de l'Hôpital Général de Ste Rose pour offrir mes plus sincères félicitations aux Révérendes Soeurs de la Charité.

Le travail des Soeurs Grises dans le domaine des soins de la santé est bien connu des Manitobains. Il va sans dire que leur altruisme et leur compétence ont permis d'établir le niveau d'excellence qui existe dans la distribution des soins aux malades.

Avec tous mes hommages,
Le ministre,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Donald W. Orchard'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.



Dr. David O'Hagan MD
President, Medical Staff

Over 50 years ago, one man provided the required medical care to this area. Through his effort, concern and input, along with others, a community dream became a reality - a hospital for Ste Rose. From 1939 to his demise, Dr. Lionel Gendreau, with the assistance of the Grey Nuns, provided medical care not only to the residents of this area, but to many from distant places. His fine work created a most positive reputation for Ste Rose Hospital and thus a legacy, for all who follow, to aspire to.

There have been numerous changes since those years but the hospital continues to provide a high level of care in keeping with this tradition. The Medical Staff share in the goal of providing high quality care and are continually reviewing new areas of expansion and improvement of our current medical coverage. We recognize the role and contribution of all those associated with the hospital - the Grey Nuns, the Board of Directors, the Nursing Staff and all the other employees and volunteers. We trust that the team spirit which has been present in the past, and which currently exists, will continue in the future.

We, the members of the auxiliary, wish to take this opportunity to extend to you our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Ste Rose General Hospital.

During the past 32 years we have enjoyed a harmonious relationship with the hospital in all our fund-raising projects to assist in financing needed equipment, and will continue to offer our assistance in whatever capacity needed. Please accept our best wishes for your continuing success in the future.

Betty Proulx



Mrs. Betty Proulx
President
Ste Rose Health Auxiliary

Ste. Rose Hospital

Short History

In April, 1937, Father Anatole Théoret initiated a process which would eventually culminate in the foundation of a hospital in Ste Rose du Lac. Rallying the support of the Oblate Fathers, and with the approval and support of Archbishop Sinott, Sr. Emilienne, the Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal (Grey Nuns) was encouraged to found a hospital in an attempt to answer the needs of the area. Dr. Lionel Gendreau was already in practice and strongly supported the project. The Grey Nuns were at that point transferring the sponsorship of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Winnipeg to the Sisters of Providence and fortunately were able to consider founding a Hospital in Ste Rose du Lac. The firm of Green, Blankstein and Russell prepared the plans for a forty bed hospital with 12 bassinets. September 15, 1938, the contractors Couture and Toupin began construction. From November, 1938 to official opening, the first Sisters were assigned to Ste Rose and arrived: Sr. Berthe Ménard, Superior, Sr. Berthe Demers, Sr. Ste Euphémie, Sr. Alice Marcoux, Sr. Ann Hopcraft, Sr. Anna Gosselin and Sr. Eugénie Bilodeau.

The official opening was a great event for the Community. On February 7, 1939 Archbishop Sinott opened and blessed the facility. Numerous Grey Nuns from St. Boniface, many Oblate Fathers and officials of surrounding parishes attended. The various levels of government were present: the Honorable M. Griffiths (Minister of Health), the Honorable Mr.



Ste. Rose General Hospital, February 1939

Hawkins, (Speaker of the House), the Honorable Mr. A. Marcoux (Minister without portfolio), Mr. McCarthy (M.L.A. for Ste Rose) and Mr. A. Archambault, the Reeve of the Rural Municipality. Father Théoret presided at the ceremonies. It was a memorable day coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Ste. Rose du Lac.

The first patient was Mrs. Dolly Polisnook of McCreary for confinement, admitted on February 3, 1939 at 5:00 p.m. - four days prior to the official opening. The second patient was Miss Alvine Fradette. The first baby was Audrey Johnson (parents are Mr. and Mrs. Erlender Johnson from Mooredale, Man.) born on February 8, 1939 at 5:15 a.m., the 12th patient of the facility. February 1929 saw a total of 41 patients and by January 31, 1940, a total of 926 patients had been admitted. The first years were poor and the Sisters had to work hard. Large

gardens were planted, wild berries were picked and canned, chickens were raised for eggs (and chicken dinners). The original water was hard and too salty, it corroded pipes, sewers and machines, and was not even acceptable for laundering. Through the effort of Dr. Gendreau and residents of Ste Rose, water was obtained from an artesian well almost a mile away.

Sr. Yvonne Prévost created and guided the Ste Rose School for Practical Nurses during the period of 1944 to 1948. This was the first School in Manitoba to graduate Licensed Practical Nurses and during its existence prior to its amalgamating with St. Boniface Hospital and St. Boniface Sanatorium, graduated some forty L.P.N.'s. This activity is carried on to this day, as Ste Rose is a part of the St. Boniface Hospital School of Practical Nursing, providing experience for numerous L.P.N.'s students every year.



February 1939 First baby, Audrey Johnson in arms of Alvine Fradette. Jacqueline Gendreau to the left.

The demands on the Hospital continued to grow with Dr. Gendreau's reputation and that of the compassionate and individualized care provided by all. In 1949, the Sisters moved to what is now the second story of the powerhouse, freeing up space for 13 more beds in the Hospital. By the mid fifties, the original hospital no longer met fire standards, lacked space for special services and there was a need for more beds. Representations were made to the government and in August, 1955, a new facility was approved for Ste Rose. Plans were drawn up and Peter Letch Construction began work in 1956. Through the winter, construction and renovations continued. The official opening and blessing of the current facility took place on July 4, 1957. Many dignitaries were present, including the Superior General, Sr. Hilda Huntington, Sr. Clarilda Fortin, Provincial Superior, Archbishop Pocock, the Honourable Dr. Campbell, Premier of Manitoba, Mr. Gildas Molgat, M.L.A. for Ste Rose, Mr. George Beddome, Mayor of Ste Rose and Mr. Paul Delaurier, Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Ste Rose. Father Isaie Desautels spoke on the value and need for the Hospital. Dr. Gendreau performed the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facility. On July 11, 1957, all patients were relocated to the new building and plans were immediately drawn up to renovate the old Hospital as a residence and support services areas. The two buildings are in service today, the Hospital itself being still very functional in design and layout.

In 1959, the Grey Nuns appointed the first Advisory Board composed of local residents to advise the Sisters in financial matters and to assist in dealing with the Provincial Government. The first Chairman was Mr. William Mason of Makinak. In 1960, the Hospital was incorporated by an Act of the Manitoba Legislature and all its future affairs would be dealt with by this corporation. The Advisory Board



Ste Rose Hospital Board of Directors. 1988 Back Row, L. to R. Ben DeVries, Sr. Augustina Winter, Marcel Saquet, Sr. Thérèse Cloutier, Tarcisse Delaurier. Front Row, L. to R. Paul Bilodeau, Sr. Jean Zemliak, Dwight Hopfner, Ben Sigurdson. Missing: Hervé Molgat, Chairman.

continued to function until it was replaced in 1977 by a Board of Directors formed of lay and religious members. As in the past, the interweaving of skills and good will between the people of the community and of the Grey Nuns provides a strong direction to the facility.

In 1964, Ste Rose General Hospital celebrated its Silver Jubilee. In 1968, Dr. Lionel Gendreau retired from practice due to failing health, and passed away on April 18, 1973 following major surgery. He left a legacy of commitment, dedication and self-less concern for others. His diagnostic skills and abilities assured the residents of quality care. After his retirement medical recruitment became a major concern and pursuit of the facility and community. In 1968, as it is today, much energy was devoted to recruiting and retaining physicians in our rural setting. We have been fortunate over the years to attract physicians who have cooperated with the facility in pursuing our mission of providing quality care to the less fortunate.

Accreditation is recognition by an independent body that a Hospital is maintaining those standards and guidelines which are adhered to in quality institutions. Ste Rose initially achieved accreditation in January 1975 and continues this status to date.



Dr. Gendreau & Sr. Mélima Trottier.
25th Anniversary.

In June 1979, negotiations with the support staff failed and our one and only strike occurred from June 19 to July 13. Amidst the tension and staff shortage, volunteers and Sisters provided continuity of care to those in need. In the same year, a commemorative plaque of Dr. Gendreau was unveiled in the Hospital lobby.

In 1983 the Grey Nuns appointed their first lay administrator in Ste Rose, Mr. Ronald Simard. On August 1, 1983 he assumed his duties, and on August 22, 1983 a missioning ceremony was held in the Hospital Chapel. Late 1983 saw the completion of the renovation for fire safety and the new internal appearance of the facility complete with wall graphics. In 1984, the Board of Directors recognized a need for improved public relations and annual visits to the municipalities and reserves were instituted. Physician manpower continued to be a major concern, with a low point in late August 1985. Since



1988

Debbie Pinette and Lydia Geertsema with
Mrs. Eva Houde, 99 years old.

then, renewed efforts and the pursuit of various alternatives have suffused a new hope and growth to the facility. The Hospital is once again busy and an air of confidence and expectancy of new and better things continues.

The future is not a defined path, but a road built by those who strive to reach their goals. The Grey Nuns have served faithfully and strongly in Ste Rose following their mission of Charity to the poor and needy as typified by their foundress, Marguerite d'Youville over 250 years ago. The future of Ste Rose General Hospital is clear — it will continue to serve in a spirit of Christian charity addressing the needs of the population and adapting as it has in the past to the changes brought on by regulation and evolution.

Administrators of Ste Rose Hospital

Sr. Berthe Ménard	1939 - 45
Sr. Louise Dupuis	1945 - 49
Sr. Gertrude Moreau	1949 - 52
Sr. Régina Trottier	1952 - 58
Sr. Rose Bourbonniere	1958 - 59
Sr. Gilberte Tetreault	1959 - 62
Sr. Mélina Trottier	1962 - 65
Sr. Réjeanne Prieur	1965 - 68
Sr. Lucille Dampousse	1968 - 77
Sr. Marguerite Caron	1977 - 79
Sr. Gabrielle Cloutier	1979 - 83
Mr. Ronald Simard	1983 - present

Licensed Practical Nurses at Ste Rose Hospital A Short History

Sr. Yvonne Prévost s.g.m.

In 1939, Ste Rose Hospital opened its doors to the care of the sick of Ste Rose and the surrounding area. The highly qualified and dedicated Dr. Lionel Gendreau soon had so many patients that the hospital did not have enough beds so extra beds were added to meet the demands. Unfortunately, ever since its opening, the hospital has found staffing very difficult. Registered Nurses were in especially short supply. The professional nursing staff consisted of three Sisters: one on days, one for the Operating Room and Labour Room and one on nights. The onset of World War II aggravated the situation.

In September, 1945, Sr. Louisa Dupuis, Superior-Administrator and Sr. Yvonne Prévost, Nursing Supervisor, decided that something had to be done to assure good nursing care and to cope with increasing needs. It was decided to recruit young women interested in becoming Nurses' Aides. A program was developed and by the end of September, 1945, 10 girls began the proposed course. There was still an acute shortage of nursing staff. In that same year, no one in Ste Rose was aware of an act passed in the Legislative Assembly in March 1945. "An Act to Provide for



First LPN graduation class 1946. L. to R. Simone Pinette, Eileen Dubnick, Gabrielle de Moissac, Solange Pinette, Marie Delaleau, Rita Rossier, Lorraine Neault, Alice Pinette, Marie Louise Montagne.

Training, Examination, Licensing and Regulations of Practical Nurses". The Act contained a waiver clause which permitted the licensing of persons who had worked as a Practical Nurse in Manitoba for at least two years prior to 1945. The Licensed Practical Nurses Act of March 5, 1945 was the first such mandatory Act to be in force on the North American Continent.

Miss Frances Waugh was appointed Registrar and first Director of a Central School to be located in Winnipeg. In March 1946, Sr. Yvonne Prévost applied to the school in Winnipeg to have her ten Nurses' Aides Students in training, be considered for licensure or to be given some consideration in their future class allotment. Upon receiving this request from Sr. Prévost, Miss Waugh visited Ste Rose Hospital, reviewed the program, interviewed each student and found each eligible for immediate licensure.



Sr. Yvonne Prévost

Graduation of this special group took place in September after the completion of their training. All personnel rejoiced over this success and participated in recognizing the first students to graduate as Licensed Practical Nurses under the recent Act passed by the Manitoba Legislature. No doubt the happiest persons celebrating this achievement were its foundresses, Sr. Yvonne Prévost and Sr. Louisa Dupuis.

In early November, 1946, Srs. Prévost and Marie Jeanne Tougas from St. Boniface Sanatorium were appointed to the Advisory Council for Licensed Practical Nurses with meetings to be held in Winnipeg. The Sisters were asked to prepare an examination paper on Obstretrical and Pediatric nursing which would be used for the final examination of all Manitoba Student Practical Nurses.



1989 Graduates. L. to R. Lorraine Pelley, Debbie Evanuk, Heather Ives, Clinical Instructor, Pamela Marchenski, Tracey Conrad.

Two weeks later in November, Sr. Prévost received a request from Miss Frances Waugh, Registrar, to begin teaching Licensed Practical Nurses in Ste Rose and incorporate students from the Neepawa Hospital where the Registered Nurses School had recently closed. After some consideration it was decided to approach the Neepawa General Hospital for their teaching equipment and materials from the R.N. School. An agreement was reached and Ste Rose Hospital received eight school chairs, anatomy maps, reference books and a mannequin for demonstration. All of this was at no cost, providing that two students per class be accepted from their hospital for their three month theory instructions. An existing carpenter shop was renovated, heat and water installed and converted into a classroom. All was ready for January 8, 1947, the commencement of the first official class in the recognized School.

The students completed most of their practical experience in Ste Rose Hospital with two months also taken at the St. Boniface Sanatorium.

By April 14, 1947, the January class was ready for their practical at Ste Rose, St. Boniface Sanatorium and Neepawa. Sr. Prévost now had her time taken up as Clinical Instructor guiding the students on the nursing units.

The first official graduation was scheduled for January 6, 1948. It was a great day for the community of Ste Rose for the hospital and especially for the graduation class and their Instructor Sr. Prévost. This was the first class of L.P.N.'s to be recognized publicly and the whole region considered it a very special event.

In 1948, the School, after three years of operation realized that it would not be possible to continue much longer in Ste Rose because teachers with specialties were now required as more affiliations became necessary.

Meetings were held with the Grey Nuns Provincial Council, St. Boniface Sanatorium, Srs. Louisa Dupuis and Yvonne Prévost from Ste Rose. The consensus was that Ste Rose School for L.P.N.'s and the St. Boniface Sanatorium School for L.P.N.'s should amalgamate and be located at the Hospice Taché in St. Boniface. This school was approved by government in 1948 with affiliations with Ste Rose Hospital for surgical, obstetrics and pediatric nursing.

Despite the difficulties experienced in accepting these changes it was reassuring to know that Ste Rose had been instrumental in establishing this category of nurses, one which is very necessary in rural health care even today. The School is now closed, and has become part of the St. Boniface School for Practical Nurses with some students obtaining part of their experience at Ste Rose. It is very rewarding to know that from 1945 to 1948, some forty Licensed Practical Nurses graduated from Ste Rose General School of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Ste Rose Health Auxiliary

A meeting was held on April 15, 1957 to discuss the forming of an auxiliary. Sr. Marie-Anna. Poliquin who had come from Fort Frances Ont. to oversee the building of the new hospital explained the necessity and the advantages of an auxiliary. Sr. Régina Trottier, administrator also attended the meeting.

The first formal meeting was held on May 8, 1957. Mrs. Régina Gendreau was elected President, Mrs. Germaine Pineau, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Betty Proulx, 2nd Vice President and Delphine Desroches, Secretary Treasurer.

The official name for the new organization was Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. When the Doctor Gendreau Memorial Home was built, the name was changed to Ste Rose Health Auxiliary.

The first major fund raising was a raffle: a crocheted centrepiece and a tea for the official opening of the new hospital. Total receipts were \$195.85. Members of the auxiliary helped with the official opening on July 4, 1957. Since that time a total of \$58,237.64 has been given to the hospital for equipment and other enhancements for the benefit of both patients and staff. This included: Two intravenous infusion pumps, recliner chairs, renovations to the chapel, entertainment centre for the long stay patients, television cable installation, several portable televisions, heart monitor, and other operating room equipment. A Hospital sign at the entrance of the hospital grounds is one of the later improvement.



Mrs. Blanche Molgat and Mrs. Isabelle Archambault presenting a check to Sr. Gabrielle Cloutier, Administrator.

The Ste Rose Health Auxiliary have celebrated 25 years of service to the hospital with an anniversary tea in May, 1982.

The Ste Rose Health Auxiliary wish to congratulate Ste Rose Hospital on the occasion of its 50th year of service to people of Ste Rose and the surrounding areas.



Mrs. Kathleen Archambault standing beside the Hospital Sign. A donation of the Health Auxiliary in 1987.



Mrs. Betty Proulx, Health Auxiliary President, presenting Mr. Ronald Simard, Exc. Dir. with a check for the Hospital Logo frame. (partly visible in the background). 1988.



Father Edward Kosa, Director of Pastoral Care Services with Alex Merlier. 1982.

Pastoral Care Department

As a Catholic institution founded by the Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Montréal, our Mission is to manifest Jesus' confidence in the Providence of His Father as well as His compassionate love for the poor with particular concern for the sick, the aged, the disabled and the dying.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides a planned, organized and coordinated delivery of services to meet the spiritual needs of all patients, their families and the staff.

The Pastoral Care Department formally began in 1978 under the administration of Sr. Marguerite Caron. Father Edward Kosa o.m.i. began in August 1978 as the Director of Pastoral Care Services. Local clergy from various denominations and lay associates are involved with the pastoral services.

Directors

1978 - 82	Father Edward Kosa
1982 - 87	Sr. Francoise Beaudoin
1987 - 88	Sr. Marguerite Forest
1988 - present	Mrs. Elvier Brunel

Associates

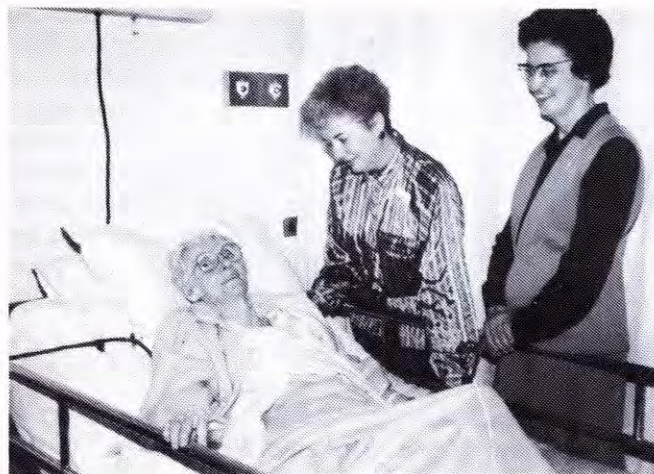
1979 - 1988	Mrs. Elvier Brunel
1979 - present	Daniel Delveaux
1988 - present	Sr. Marguerite Forest

Record of Events (chronicles)

- Oct. 17, 1957 -First Mass celebrated in the new chapel
- May 1, 1984 -Quiet Room was completed
- May 29, 1984 -Spiritual Care (Nurses' Role)
 First Group finished
- March 14, 1988 -Blessing and Dedication Service of the Renovated Chapel

Activities

- Interfaith Services are held monthly.
- Workshops and Seminars are held periodically.
- Pastoral Care Committee meets quarterly.



Mrs. Georgette Verhaeghe, patient, being visited by Mrs. Elvier Brunel and Sr. Marguerite Forest, Pastoral Care Dept. 1989.



Mr. Arthur Milette
Director of Finance
1988

Business Office

When the hospital opened in 1939, the admitting/reception functions were part and parcel of the Business Office. But many changes have occurred in the last five decades. Staff increases from two persons to 5 full-time and from manual book entries to the age of computers.

Currently the admitting/reception functions are performed in close proximity and in cooperation with the Medical Records department. In March 1988, the Business office was relocated within the original 1939 Hospital building. The functions performed in this area are: Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Stores, Accounts Receivable, Cash Receipts, Payroll, Human Resources, Secretarial and Finance as well as Administration.

Past and present personnel have been, for the most part, faithful long term employees, dedicated to the works of the Blessed Marguerite d'Youville.

Employees presently working in the two areas have given over eighty years of service to those less fortunate requiring health care and interventions.



Mrs. Debbie Bilodeau - Executive Secretary
1988

Mrs. Pricille Grywacheski
Mr. Arthur Milette
Mrs. Darlene Guyot
Mrs. Deborah Bilodeau
Mrs. Helen Delaurier
Mrs. Fiona Greig

Admitting/Reception
Director of Finance
Office Clerk
Secretary
Admitting/Reception
Office Manager Trainee

Oct. 1958
Aug. 1966
March 1973
Dec. 1977
March 1987
June 1988



Mrs. Pricille Grywacheski
Admitting Office 1988



Mrs. Darlene Guyot
Stores & Purchasing
Accounts Receivable & Payable, 1989



Ken Oberlin - Director Ambulance Services
1989

Ste Rose and District Ambulance Services

The Ste Rose and District Ambulance services began operating in October, 1976 out of the Ste Rose General Hospital grounds. In 1979, a second ambulance for Ste Rose was purchased, and a third purchased for McCreary in 1983.

The ambulances are staffed by volunteers who have been specially trained, and who are dedicated to the provision of pre hospital care to these communities.

The service is managed by a half time member and is governed by representatives from each of the participating municipalities forming a Board of Directors. These municipalities are as follows:

Village of Ste Rose	Village of McCreary
R.M. of Ste Rose	R.M. of McCreary
R.M. of Lawrence	R.M. of Ochre River
L.G.D. of Alonsa	

The four listed on the left were the original four areas who pioneered this service in 1976.

The Ambulance Service has enjoyed the cooperation of the Ste Rose General Hospital, and looks forward to continue working together in the communities we serve.



Bonnie O'Hagan, RN with Ambulance Attendants Rene Claeys & Linda Vandepoele. 1986.

Central Supply Service



Sr. Clara Pelletier, a patient,
Annette Dupas and Florence
Letain folding linen in Central Supply.

When the Ste Rose General Hospital opened in 1939, the Central Supply Services Department was located in the area now occupied by the Executive Secretary on the first floor of the original hospital. It was adjacent to the Operating Room, now occupied by the Executive Director. Sr. Alice Marcoux was responsible for both the Operating Room and the Central Supply Room. At a later date she was replaced by Sr. Hermance Larose.

Sterilization was quite elementary in those days and was accomplished by a simple autoclave. When the new hospital was opened in 1957, Sr. Yvonne Thibert, the new Supervisor called on Sr. Réjeanne Prieur and Sr. Mariette Ste Croix from St. Boniface Hospital to assist in the organization of this department as well as of the Operating Room. The personnel in both these areas are still consulting their

especially well made "Bundle Preparation Manual".

Supplies are received from the purchasing department, cleaned, wrapped and sterilized, ready to be used. Most articles are steam sterilized, and checks are done routinely to assure sterility. The current trend is towards disposable supplies. Items such as gauze, which used to be washed, stretched and allowed to dry before folding, wrapped and sterilized, are now purchased pre-wrapped and sterile. Needles, syringes and gloves which also took much time in processing are now bought sterile and disposable.

The present staffing consists in one Central Supply Aide working part-time and supervised by the Registered Nurse in charge of the Operating Room, Emergency Department and Labour and Delivery.



Agnes Guyot processing thermometers. 1986.

Nursing Education

Education has been one of Ste Rose General Hospital's objectives since its foundation. In 1945 Sr. Yvonne Prévost and Sr. Louise Dupuis inaugurated the first Licensed Practical School in Manitoba. They perceived education as being a most important factor in the provision of quality patient care.

Students at one time took all of their training here. However, as they began to affiliate from the larger training centre located in St. Boniface Hospital, they gained only some theory and part of their clinical experience in this facility. Today St. Boniface Students gain clinical instructions in the areas of pediatrics and medicine, here in Ste Rose Hospital.

Until 1981, the Grey Nuns were the sole instructors of the Student Practical Nurses, now a Clinical Instructor position has been created and a Registered Nurse is assigned to this position on a full time basis.

Today, the hospital is still very committed to an active program of education, and still believes that education is a need to insure quality care.

Although Ste Rose Hospital has a strong commitment to training St. Boniface Hospital's Practical Nursing Students, it actively participates in the education of nursing students from other schools as well. It has accommodated senior experience Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurse Students from Health Science Centre, St. Boniface and Brandon Hospital, as well as Red River Community College. Student Practical Nurses have also come from Brandon



LPN Students: L. to R. Carol Enns, Tracy Tarrant, Lorraine Campbell, Heather Ives, Clinical Instructor, Alice Mignon. 1984.



Debbie Pinette practices giving intramusculars to Carol Tardiff, 1988.

Assiniboine Community College, Parkland Campus and have recently obtained their clinical experience in pediatrics at Ste Rose Hospital.

Education in Ste Rose Hospital also includes a strong commitment to education not only for nurses, but for other personnel within the facility as well, such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and other programs as well. Certification modules for urinary catheterization and intramuscular injections provided by the Manitoba Association Licensed Practical Nurses have been offered to Ste Rose nurses. This facility also willingly gives opportunity for staff to attend workshops, seminars and other educational opportunities.

One of the links in the chain to provide quality care is knowledge, and the Ste Rose Hospital provides for this through the Nursing Education Department.



Olga Taylor practices urinary catheterization while Instructor Heather Ives and other LPNs look on. 1988.

Inservice Education

The Inservice Education Department was formally established in March, 1980 by Sr. Gabrielle Cloutier who was Administrator at that time. Until then, inservices were held sporadically, organized by the Administrator, Director of Nursing or staff who volunteered.

Sr. Cloutier felt that there was a need for more continuity in this area of staff and patient teaching so a full time position of Inservice Education Coordinator was created, effective March 10, 1980 and was granted to Mrs. Marda Kristjanson, a Registered Nurse.

The Inservice Education Department deals with a number of activities:

- The provision of educational programs for patients and their families.
- The provision of educational opportunities to meet the needs of hospital staff, including updates in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. As well as guest speakers, inservices are presented by Medical Staff members and Hospital staff from all departments.
- Updating the Nursing and Medical Staff libraries.
- The provision of hospital sponsored health education programs for the surrounding communities. Tours for school students, Kindergarten to grade 4 are very popular.



Marda Kristjanson doing health teaching to Mrs. Annette Pinette.



Jackie Hannibal and Darlene Guyot practicing C.P.R. on Annie. 1988.

- Maintaining a fire safety program and conducting regular fire drills.
- Maintaining a current disaster plan and assuring that staff are familiar with it. A mock disaster is held every two years.
- Maintaining a hospital volunteer program for junior and adult volunteers.
- Other activities such as regular nursing audits, and maintaining a "hospital wide" Quality Assurance Program have become the responsibility of the Inservice Department.

All these activities assist the hospital in the fulfillment of its commitment to provide continuing education for patients, staff and the public at large.

Diagnostic Services

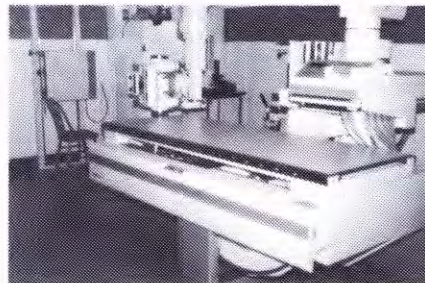
In the early years of the hospital, diagnostic procedures in Laboratory Medicine and Radiology were carried out by Sr. Ann Hopcraft who had formal training in these areas. As these fields evolved, the scope and complexity of testing required a larger resource pool than could be provided by the facility on its own. Therefore, in 1966, the facility entered into an agreement with the Provincial Government to obtain diagnostic services with LAXUS (Laboratory and X-Ray Unit Services).



The early years - 1939

Initially there was one combined technologists employed: Mr. Dave Worowski. Since then the staff has expanded to a staff of four full time people: two laboratory technologists, one radiological technologist and a secretary. There is also a half time laboratory aide and a technologist who takes calls on weekends.

In the last few years, the equipment in both the laboratory and the X-Ray departments have been updated. In the laboratory, a new Coulter Counter T660 in hematology; a Gemeni and FLM3 flame photometer in chemistry. In the not too distant future, there will be renovations that include a new island bench, a blood gas machine, acid and alkaline storage cabinet, autoclave, fume hood, eye wash station and drench shower.



The X-Ray Department today. 1989.

The radiology department is proud to own a new Raytheon radiographic unit with fluoroscopy and tomography capabilities which have been installed in the last year. For the first time in many years, barium procedures are being done in Ste Rose with a visiting Radiologist on site. Also installed is a AFP automatic film processor, a V550 Cambridge electrocardiographic machine, as well as numerous other apparatus.

During these past two decades, LAXUS has increased the number of procedures available in both the laboratory and X-ray units. In the future we hope to keep expanding to serve the hospital and community needs.

In 1989, the diagnostic areas underwent a major facelift, providing a much needed reception and waiting room for outpatients requiring investigations. Laxus and its employees will continue to share in the mission of providing the best care for all who seek help.



Roberta Field, Lab. Technologist-X-Ray Aide at work. 1989.



Emile Paradis, Plant Manager checking boilers. 1989.

Physical Plant and Maintenance

In 1939, Ste Rose du Lac, had its first Hospital, a three storey complex heated by one high pressure vertical boiler and one low pressure horizontal boiler, both wood fired. Water was supplied by horse from Dr. Gendreau's well. In 1949, the existing power house was constructed, and two coal fired high pressure boilers were installed.

In approximately 1955, the horse, cow and chickens were dispatched along with the old red barn. A new 60 bed hospital was constructed in 1956 with an access tunnel to the original complex.

A standby power generator was installed in 1966. In 1972, the town water supply to sewer system was connected to the facility; renovations were done to the east wing, Pediatric Ward, Laboratory and Pharmacy and the Medical Gas System was installed. In 1981-82, the fire alarm system was upgraded. In 1982, two low pressure propane boilers were installed as high pressure steam was no longer required.

Full time employees in this department since its opening include:

Henry Proulx
Pete Dumas
Camille Lamy
Raymond Pinette
Victor Fredette
Alba Himpe

Sidney MacDonald
Charles Beasse
Théophile Bertrand
Ernest Labelle
John Roche
Sylvio Plamondon

Harry Amman
Arthur Tardiff
Gilles Delaurier
Ken Oberlin
Emile Paradis

Housekeeping and Laundry

When the hospital opened in 1939, housekeeping and laundry departments were under the management of Sr. Sainte Euphémie. At that time laundry was done in the basement of the hospital and employed a total of 12 people. Since 1971, the laundry function is now being provided through the Parkland Regional Laundry. The big washer, dryer, extractor and spinner were sold, and a regular home washer and dryer were purchased for patient's personal clothing and other articles not sent to the Regional Laundry.

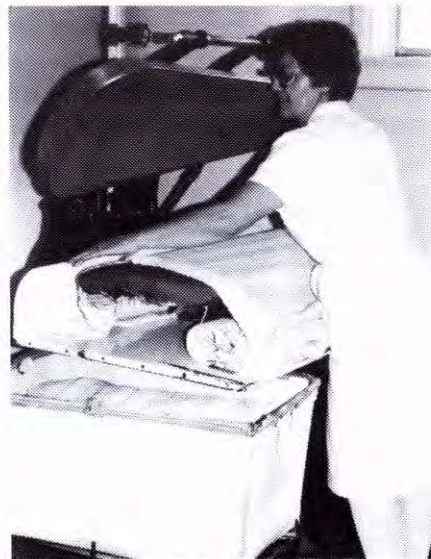


Sr. Antoinette Lacroix and Rosilda Laderoute at the mangle. 1958.

Presently the Housekeeping and Laundry staff are combined, and is composed of 5 full time, 3 part-time and one casual employee, who are responsible for the cleanliness of the whole hospital and the Nurses' Residence and doing whatever laundry needs to be done.



Bernice Rank, Housekeeping 1989.



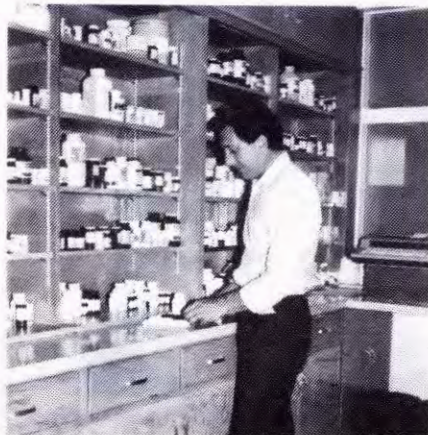
Simone Worrall, 1989. Housekeeping Supervisor.

Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy services in Ste Rose General Hospital began in 1939 when the hospital was built, with Sr. Berthe Demers being the first person to act in the role of pharmacist. When the present hospital was built in 1955, the pharmacy was located in the space presently occupied by the X-Ray Department. Over the years, the pharmacy has been under the direction of several Registered Nurses, some of whom are: Sr. Jeanne Desaulnier, Sr. Marie Rose Tougas, Sr. Clara Pelletier, Sr. Irène Drouin, Sr. Annette Lachance, Mrs. Kathleen Archambault and Sr. Rolande Lagassé. In more recent years, many staff members were employed as pharmacy assistants: Lorraine Verley, Lucille LeGall, Gail Kristjanson and Claire Letain were some of these persons. Lynda Moriaux is presently employed as pharmacy technician.



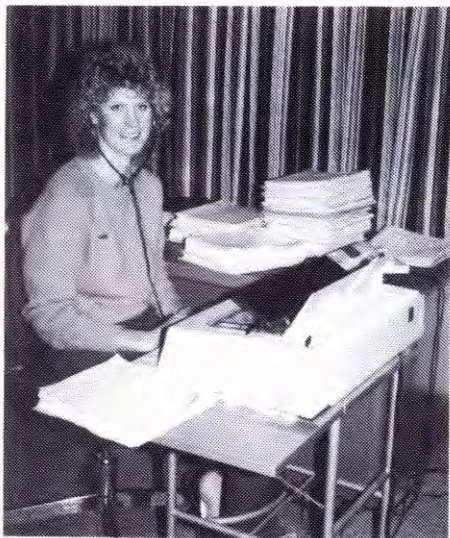
The Pharmacy 1956



Ronald Geisel, Pharmacist 1989.

In approximately 1972, the pharmacy was moved to its present location, just north of the Adult Ward Nursing Station.

Starting in 1975, consultant Pharmacy Services from Dauphin General Hospital were utilized. This continued until 1985 when Mr. Ronald Geisel was hired as the hospital's first professional pharmacist. Under his direction, individual prescriptions for patients was instituted. Previous to this, nurses obtained their medication directly from stock bottles, which were obtained by the nurse in charge of the pharmacy. The Pharmacy department is presently looking into purchasing medication carts in order to assure a more efficient distribution of medications to the patients.



Terri-Lynn Newton, Health Records Technician, Dept. Head, 1989.

Medical Records

Medical Records as a separate department opened in 1969 under the direction of Sr. Louise Boulet. Total staff consisted of one Health Record Technician, Mrs. Eileen Valcourt. Typewriters, dictation system and filing shelves were purchased to organize the department. Coding and abstracting of information was completed to provide a wide range of statistics.

There have been many more advances since then and these have made the Health Record Department a very vital component of the total health care field. The office is now situated adjacent to the Admitting Office. New, advanced equipment, consisting of electronic typewriter, transcription/dictation system and a computer have been purchased to replace the earlier manual

typewriters. Total staff has evolved to two full time Health Record Technicians in order to meet the required legal and professional standards. A Quality Assurance Program has been instituted in the department to oversee all activities involved in order to ensure that these result in the highest of quality.

The Department serves the patients who have received care in the past, and are receiving care at the present. There is also provision for future admissions and out patients. Resources are provided also to the Medical Staff, Administration and other Health Care providers.

Dietary Department

When the Ste Rose Hospital opened its doors in 1939, the dietary department was located in the basement in the area now occupied by the storeroom. Behind the elevator was a small "cubby hole" with a door a little over 3 feet high used to store dry goods.

Sr. Anna Gosselin, the first supervisor opened her new kitchen with a wood stove, a few counters, a walk-in gaz fridge. The hospital owned a large fruit and vegetable garden located right behind the hospital and extending to the area now occupied by Trois Villas, Leisure Apartments and Dr. Gendreau Memorial Home. All fruit and vegetables were canned as there were no other way of storing them. Rhubarb was plentiful and prepared with much variety. Srs. Anna Gosselin and Ste Euphémie found time to make rhubarb wine to treat the employees on special occasions.

The Hospital had its own chicken, which were slaughtered and canned for winter months treats to patients.

Sr. Gosselin deplored the fact that frequently, just as she was about to make tea for the patients, the delivery room staff would come and get her one and only kettle of hot water which was urgently needed in the delivery room.

Now as in the past, the primary goal of the Dietary Department is to provide complete Dietetic services to patients and staff. The provision of high quality food and nutrition services is an essential and integral part of the function of this health care facility.



Linda Vandepoele, Dept. Head (centre) discussing day's menu with Lucille Frobisher, right and Rose Ogg, left. 1989.

The present staffing consists of thirteen members: a Manager, three Cooks, four full-time and five part-time Dietary Aides. A consulting Dietitian visits every two weeks to provide diet counselling to both in and out patients. Meals on Wheels are also available to people in the community who are in need of such a service.

Besides providing a five week rotating menu to patients and staff, the dietary department provides catered meals for luncheons and meetings which are held in the hospital. Birthday cakes are presented to long stay patients and from time to time an ethnic meal is served to patients and staff. Traditional holiday meals are served at Christmas, New Year, Thanksgiving, etc. It is needless to say that the Dietary department always has been and will remain a very busy and also very important department in the provision of quality care to our patients.



Sr. Anna Gosselin in the garden. 1939.



Betty Brandson and Rose Ogg preparing patient's trays. 1988.

Operating Room and Emergency Services

The Operating Room and Emergency Services include the following:

- operating and recovery rooms
- out patients and emergency
- labor and delivery

Over the past fifty years, many changes have been seen in these areas.

Operating and Recovery Rooms

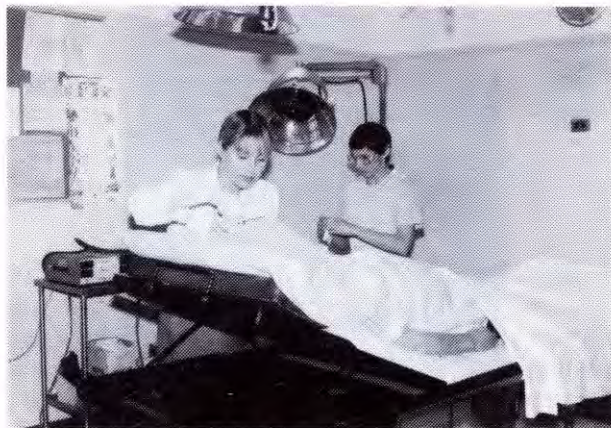
The Operating and Recovery rooms were busy places up to and including the 1970's. Dr. Gendreau and Dr. Guha both performed much major surgery then. The 80's have seen a reduction in the surgical program as surgical specialists became less available to the hospital. We however continue with minor surgery on a daily basis.



L. to R. Annette Dupas, Dr. Gendreau and Sr. Clara Pelletier at surgery early years.

Labor and Delivery

Consistent with changes in society as a whole, we have seen a major change in this area. In our early years, the days of large families, 200 or more deliveries per year was common, and today we maintain approximately 50 deliveries a year. We use high tech equipment such as fetal monitors and dopplers in order to more accurately assess the condition of the mother and that of the baby prior to its birth.



Minor surgery, Dr. Yvonne Rafter and Louise Jackson.

Out Patients and Emergency

This area is still very active with over 500 patients per month. Approximately 65 per cent of these patients come during the day, shift, 30 per cent during the evening shift and 5 per cent during the night shift. The computer age is now apparent in this department also, with the presence of many electronic devices.



Marda Kristjanson treating Joe Labelle's hand injury.

These areas have support staff during the day shift, and are staffed by the Adult Ward staff during the evening and night shifts.

Presently, renovations are being completed in the Operating Room and Out-patient areas, in order to better respond to changes in health care demands and assure optimum utilization of available spaces. An additional emergency room will be replacing one of the existing operating rooms.

Pediatric Ward

The Pediatric ward is a 28 bed unit consisting of 22 cribs and 6 adult size beds. The goal of the department is to "Nurture the growth and development of the child, within the context of his family, and to promote an optimum state of health - physically, mentally and socially."

The original Pediatric ward consisted of an open area with several cubicles for cribs and a room where adults or children with infectious diseases could be isolated. The Pediatric ward was renovated in 1970 to its present day appearance. The staff have brightened the hallway, the playroom and two of the children's rooms with painted murals of favorite cartoon scenes. These are enjoyed by patients and visitors alike.

Staffing on the Pediatric ward consists of: Head Nurse, 7 Registered Nurses, 9 Licenced Practical Nurses, 5 Nurses' Aides and 2 Ward Clerks. This total includes both full and part time staff and cover a 24 hour period.



Jeannette Matters and Joan Simmons with a group of young patients. 1984.

Over the past ten years, pediatric admissions have decreased from an average of 18-20 to 6-10 patients per day. This trend is due in part to improved services to the people as well as a change in admitting practices. For the past couple of years, long stay elderly patients and a few adults have been cared for by the pediatric staff thus assuring better utilization of beds located on this ward.

The Head Nurse is a member of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee and works closely with the Public Health Nurse, Child and Family Services and Medical Services Branch in an effort to provide the best quality care possible to our children.

We presently have an affiliation with the St. Boniface School of Licensed Practical Nurses enjoying a four-week rotation at the Ste Rose Hospital with both pediatric and adult nursing experience.



Debbie Murray LPN with twins: Denise and Darryl Catchway from Skownan enjoying a good joke. April 1986.



Timmy Preston, 1984.

Mother and Child

Ste Rose General Hospital opened its door on February 7, 1939. On February 8, early in the morning, the first baby was delivered, a girl named Audrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Erlender Johnson of Mooredale, Man. The first male child delivered was Daniel Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dari Gillis of Reykjavik on February 12, 1939.

In the early years, most deliveries were made under a general anesthetic. Mothers used to labour on the delivery room table - a most uncomfortable situation. Forceps were often used. Mothers were confined to bed for several days with complete care. The Hospital possessed one incubator, and many premature babies (some as small as two pounds) were nursed at Ste Rose and have survived. There were approximately ten bassinets in the nursery and at times some babies were cared for in apple boxes. All formulas were made in a special formula room - popular preparations were Carnation, Pacific, glucose, and of course cow's milk.

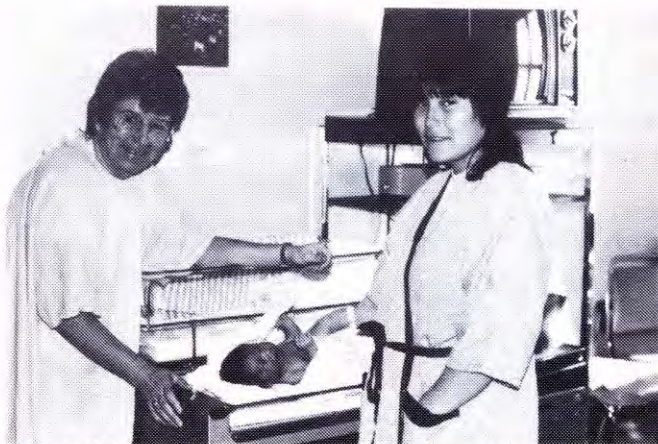
There has been considerable change in obstetrical procedures over the years. Prenatal classes are encouraged and have proved to be beneficial to the mother in helping her understand the course of her labor and helping to make childbirth a meaningful and less stressful experience. There is now a separate two-bed labour room situated right next to the delivery room. A fetal monitor is used as necessary to assess the condition of the baby during the prenatal period and also to assess the quality of the mother's labour. The trend today is to natural childbirth in which the father is taught to assist his wife during her labour and delivery, and the modern mother is up immediately or shortly after delivery unless there are complications.



Early years in the New Hospital.

"Self care" is promoted. Nowadays, premature infants are routinely transferred to urban centers with an intravenous in place and other life preserving measures. The hospital has two incubators (one of which is a special transport unit) and phototherapy equipment. Laboratory tests (such as PKU's) are routinely carried out on newborns. Postnatal teaching is now provided using video tapes and demonstration. A province-wide home follow-up program is available to the mother immediately upon discharge from the hospital.

Yes, to say the least, care of mother and child has undergone a complete transformation in the last fifty years.



Marda Kristjanson RN with Susan McKay and Baby Curtis born May 1, 1987.



Lois Moore R.N. with Fern & Henri Masson.
Baby Emily, April 22, 1986.



Annette Dupas, Sr. Clara Pelletier and Odile Moriaux (Patient). Early years.

Equipment was always "recycled". Hypodermic needles were cleaned, sharpened (?) and sterilized. Gloves were washed, patched — then powdered, packaged and sterilized. Intravenous therapy, that we take so much for granted now, was at one time a rarity. Local donors were called in for blood transfusions.

In the "old" hospital, patients were cared for on the second and third floors. Meals, stretchers, and patients themselves were transported in the elevator. Nurses soon became experts at operating it.

Adult Ward

Fifty years has brought many changes to the Adult Ward in routine, patient care and equipment. Gone are the days when all patients were awakened at 6:00 for temperatures, bedpans and basins. Now, except for medication or elevated temperatures or blood pressures, most patients snooze until breakfast.

Before Manitoba Health Services Commission, only private and semi-private patients were served snacks between meals. These were prepared by the nurses on special trays with fine china (which was also washed by the nurses).

Another feature that provided some interesting times were the two small clothes closets - one for male and one for female clothes. Since the hospital was always at capacity, this provided exciting when sorting out shoes and overshoes.



L. to R. Nick Chiupka, Sandra Antosh RN and Joe Allen. 1986.



Rev. Leonard Hales talking with Robyn Finney, 1986.

The hospital was very active in surgery and medicine until 1980, when circumstances changed the picture to mostly medicine and geriatrics.

The equipment was drastically changed to disposable needles, syringes and dressings; heart monitors, intravenous infusion pumps - even to electronic thermometers. Many drug changes have been seen, from introduction of Penicillin intravenously to the whole gamut of other intravenous drugs. Oral medication as well has become much broader in spectrum. Ready prepared drugs, such as narcotics, are real assets to staff instead of having to mix the pill and water in a glass medication cup and drawing up in a glass syringe, hoping that there is a needle left without a barb.

Yes, gone are the "good old days", but we must admit that the times we are living are just as worthwhile and not the least bit less challenging.



Jean Podworny, Head Nurse, Kay Archambault, Director of Nursing, 1983.

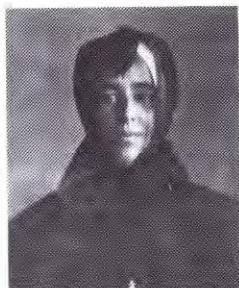


Gail Kristjanson, Sophie Panagapka, Michael Szport, and Martha Hopfner. 1986.

Our Founders - 1939



Sr. Berthe Ménard
Superior



Sr. Berthe Demers
Pharmacist



Sr. Ann Hopcraft
Lab and X-Ray



Sr. Anna Gosselin
Dietary



Sr. Eugénie Bilodeau
Admission



Sr. Alice Marcoux
Registered Nurse



Sr. Ste Euphémie
Accountant & Laundry



Dr. Lionel Gendreau
First Doctor

Memory Lane



First Operation 1939
Dr. Lionel Gendreau
Sr. Hermance Larose
Alvine Fradette RN



Alvine Fradette
(Mrs. Alvine McCann)
First RN 1939

1970
L to R
Sr. Marie Jeanne Tougas
Sr. Rose Alma Arsenault
Sr. Regina Trottier
Sr. Cécile Richard
Sr. Lucille Damphousse
Sr. Alice Dupuis



Maintenance staff 1945
Camille Lamy,
Pierre Dumas
Charles Beasse





Dr. John Dirauf
1965



Camille Lamy, Isabelle Archambault, Thérèse Nault,
Sr. Lucille Damphousse, Charles Beasse.



Louis Delaurier, born Aug. 18, 1959. 2 lbs. 2 oz.



Hospital Staff 1942 - 43



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Sr. Gilberte Tetreault
1962.



Jan. 1989. Our first baby: Audrey Johnson (Mrs. Audrey Barnfather) 50 years later.



Mrs. Kay Archambault
Retirement 1946-1983
Presentation by Mrs. Cécile Thompson.



Jan. 1, 1967. Mrs. Armande Delveax presenting Centennial baby award to Mrs. Denise Labelle for Baby Marcel while Sr. Réjeanne Prieur looks on.



Betty Thomlinson, Dr. John Fox, Dr. David Shepherdson, 1984.



Hospital Day Jean Podworny and Cathy Hopfner. 1984.



Sr. Gabrielle Cloutier. 1966 - 1983.



Genevieve Brunen 25 year pin Arthur Milette. 1985.

Mr. Camille Lamy. Retirement party.
1945 - 1985.





1989. Our present Medical Staff. L. to R. Dr. Duncan Douglas, Dr. David O'Hagan, Chief of Medical Staff and Dr. Michael Gloster.



Dr. Joseph Moran.
1982 - 1984



Shirley Bouchard's 21st Birthday late at night. 1988.



Christmas party follies. 1987.



Charles Beasse, our
former engineer.
1988.

Points of Interest

First Patient:	Mrs. Steve Polisnook from McCreary
Second Patient:	Miss Alvine Fradette, who was to become our first Registered Nurse.
First Baby:	Audrey Johnson - Daughter of Erlender and Hazel Johnson
First Doctor:	Dr. Lionel Gendreau
First Administrator:	Sr. Berthe Demers
First Carpenter:	Mr. Smith
First Engineer:	Mr. Henri Proulx
First Lay Administrator:	Mr. Ronald Simard

Explanation of Logo

The design symbolizes a building marked with a cross. The edifice represents the work of the Grey Nuns who administer the Hospital

The Cross speaks of Christ's redeeming love for all humanity.

The two hands raised towards the cross symbolize the caring of the staff working within the hospital. The lines emanating from the cross are healing rays of Jesus flowing on all present - rays of divine benevolence.

The triangle within the hands represents the patients and is an expression of Hope - that the cup may be filled - the pleading answered.

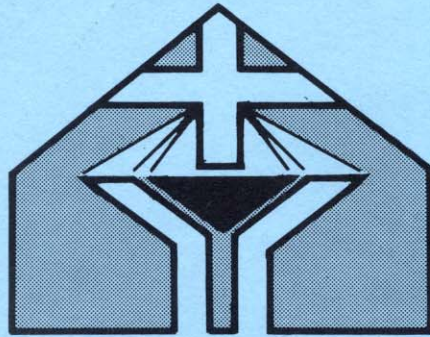
Ce dessin représente un édifice marqué d'une croix. L'ombre en gris est significatif des Soeurs Grises qui administrent l'hôpital.

La croix est signe de rachat de toute l'humanité par l'amour de Dieu.

Les deux mains levées vers la croix symbolisent les soins attentifs du personnel travaillant à l'hôpital.

Les lignes émanant de la croix sont les rayons bien-faisants de Jésus se répandant sur tout le monde. Rayons de la Divine Bienveillance.

Le triangle dans les mains représente les patients et il est une expression d'espérance - cette coupe doit être remplie.



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