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Catholic Hospital History Project

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



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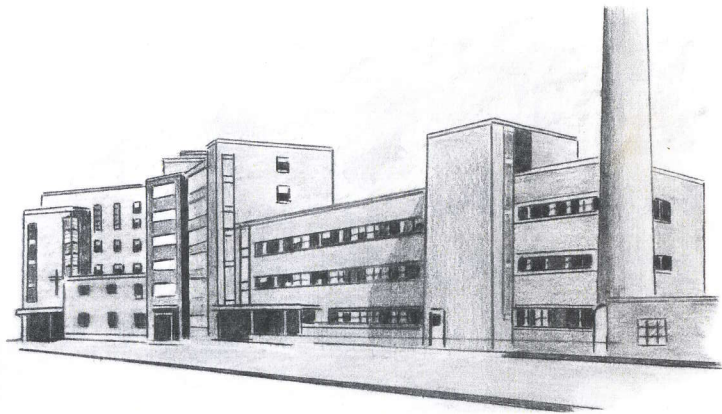
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# Marymount School of Nursing

## Alumnae Executive

Position	Name	Class
President	Dianne (Lacroix) Acteson	'62
Vice President	Joanne (Punch) Derks	'55
Treasurer	Diane (Burns) Bell	'64
Secretary	Dolores (Cicci) Fortier	'64
Social	Beverly (Burns) McCue	'64
Program	Mary (Roberti) Wilton	'63
	Beverley (Duff) Calford	'62
Correspondence	Beverley (Duff) Calford	'62
Membership	Iris (McColeman) Canale	'60
Publicity	Judi (Massey) Reynolds-Zilio	'63
	Maria (Pin) Del Bosco	'59
Historical Committee	Jean (Foley) Grignon	'56

# Marymount School of Nursing Alumnae

The five graduates of 1952 became the first members with Nelda Alexander taking the role of President. Eileen Antilla recalls that her first duty was to develop the Bylaws and Constitution.

One of the mandates of this young organization was to sponsor the Graduation Dance each year. These dances were held in many different locations, the Legion hall that was located on Frood Road, the great hall of Laurentian University and the Caruso Club to name a few.

At one time the Alumnae purchased a mirrored ball for these dances. The ball was later sold to the Caruso Club and is still in use.

Fundraising was paramount. The decision was made to hold dances and the Sisters were generous in allowing the dances to be held in the Cafeteria of the hospital. Student nurses had to wear their uniforms and caps and were expected to dance at a measured distance from the young men. Another popular fundraiser was the "Pay What You Pull" tickets.

Over the years, the Alumnae have supported charities on the death of members and families. As well, larger donations, totaling over \$5000 were made to Camp Quality, Palliative Care, Meals on Wheels, Sudbury General Hospital Equipment, Cat Scan, Birthright, Wellness Centre (YMCA), African Relief and Circle Missionaire de le Vallee.

The Alumnae has continued to meet three times each year at the April and November dinner meetings as well as at the reunions.

*Submitted by Dianne (Lacroix) Acteson*

# Marymount School of Nursing 60th Anniversary

1951

Marymount School of Nursing began with 5 nursing students transferring from St. Joseph's Hospital North Bay, to Sudbury General Hospital of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sault Ste. Marie Diocese, after completing 2 years of studies to form the first graduating class in 1952.

Those graduates are:

Iellen ( Fraser) Harper

Helen (Ehtamo) Veivo

Nelda (Hembruff) Alexander

Jean (Foy) Ward

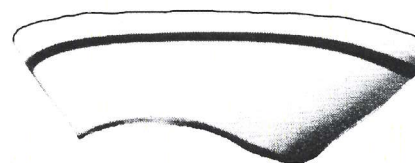
Eileen (Collard) Anttila

1951

A further 14 students transferred from North Bay, having completed 1 year of study, graduating in 1953.

First year students began studies at Marymount School of Nursing, graduating in 1954.

The 3-year diploma course consisted of classroom theory and supervised nursing skills on all units, working all shifts of days, afternoons and nights.



Our white nursing cap is a significant design of Marymount School of Nursing. A blue band was added for the second year and a grey band for the third year. Thus, our school colors of blue and grey.

Upon graduation from MSN, we received our cap with a black band and Sudbury General Hospital Nursing pin to wear on our uniform.

The MSN year pin (could be worn on the nurse's cap) and the MSN ring has our school crest.

Graduates wrote Provincial exams allowing them to use the designation of Registered Nurse.



## 1952-1969

Marymount School of Nursing graduated 513 diploma nurses.

1952 - 5	1958 - 28	1964 - 32
1953 - 14	1959 - 30	1965 - 34
1954 - 25	1960 - 32	1966 - 35
1955 - 21	1961 - 32	1967 - 36
1956 - 24	1962 - 39	1968 - 37
1957 - 25	1963 - 36	1969 - 28

### 1953

Mason Residence opened. Other residences that housed the students during training years included: Silverman, Stafford and Louis Street.

For a short period of time, some students resided on the 2nd and 7th floors of the Sudbury General Hospital.

Student nurses formed lifetime friendships during their years in residence. All students were required to be present for morning prayers.

### 1961

Our School Song was written by the class of 1961 and was sung at every graduation until the school closed. We continue to sing it at every reunion.

### 1968

Sudbury Regional School of Nursing opened and took over the education of nurses in our community.

### 1969

Closure of both Marymount School of Nursing and St. Elizabeth School of Nursing.

During the past 60 years, we have held annual reunions. Our Alumnae members travel from great distances to renew friendships and memories of their student days at Marymount School of Nursing.

"Nursing teaches us the meaning of real values, deep appreciation of the realities of life, and the wealth of friendship that binds us together forever."

# History of Sudbury General Hospital

### 1944

Property purchased for Sudbury General Hospital from Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stafford.

### 1950

Construction of The Sudbury General Hospital of The Immaculate Heart of Mary was completed: Louis Fabbro, Architect  
Angun-Norcross Ontario Ltd., General Contractor

### 1951

Marymount School of Nursing began with 5 nursing students, coming from St. Joseph's Hospital, North Bay ON.

### 1953

Mason Residence opened.

### 1954

"D" Wing construction completed with added services in Psychiatry, Social Work, Occupational Therapy & EEG Departments.

### 1956/57

Staff Health Services & Gynecology Departments opened.

### 1964/65

Nuclear Medicine, Medical Library and Medical Photography added.

### 1969

Sudbury District Ambulance Service was developed under the hospital's Operations. Marymount School of Nursing closed.

### 1971

Pastoral Care Department established.

### 1972

Completion of "A" Wing- construction, known as Percy Gardner Wing- Chairman of the Property Committee

### 1974

Coronary Care and Respiratory Therapy Units established.

**1977**

Obstetrics Centralized at S.G.H., having a 60 bed unit with 64 basins, becoming the largest non teaching Obstetrical Unit in Ontario.

**1978/79**

Ultrasound, Biomedical Engineering and Ostomy Care Departments established.

**1980**

First Computed Tomography (C.T.) Scanners in Northern Ontario.

**1986**

Opening of the Helipad.

**1987**

10 bed Neonatal Intensive Care established.

**1989**

Community based Mental Health Unit established off site.

**1997**

Transfer of sponsorship of Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario and name change to St. Joseph's Health Centre. Opening of St. Joseph's Villa for Long Term Care on South Bay Rd.

**2010**

Opening of the St. Joseph's Continuing Care, adjacent to St. Joseph's Villa.

**2010**

Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known as St. Joseph's Health Centre was closed and all services were transferred to Sudbury Regional Hospital at the Laurentian Site.

Many of the artifacts from the Sudbury General Hospital and the Marymount School of Nursing can be viewed on the second floor walls of St. Joseph's Continuing Care connecting to St. Joseph's Villa.

## School Song

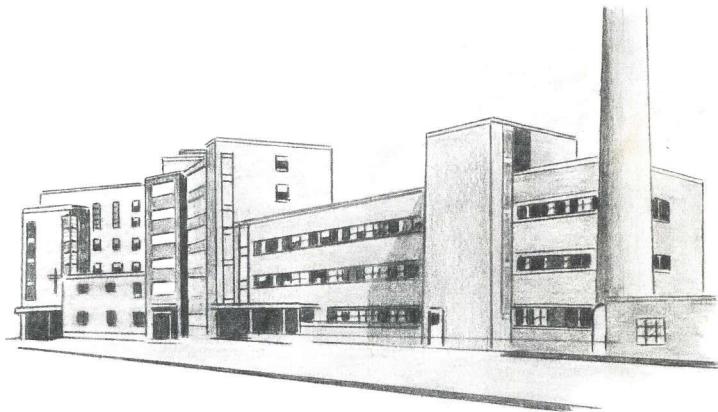
No other love could warm our hearts  
For we were born to serve our fellow man,  
For Marymount!

To our pledge forever true,  
To our bands of gray and blue,  
We will always love and serve our God,  
From day to day, as we go our way,  
Along the road we chose for life.  
With our heads, our hearts and hands,  
We use our skills to comfort those in need,  
For Marymount!

Since the day we were accepted  
With our caps and lamps uplifted,  
We will always love and serve our God,  
From day to day, as we go our way,  
Along the road we chose for life.



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