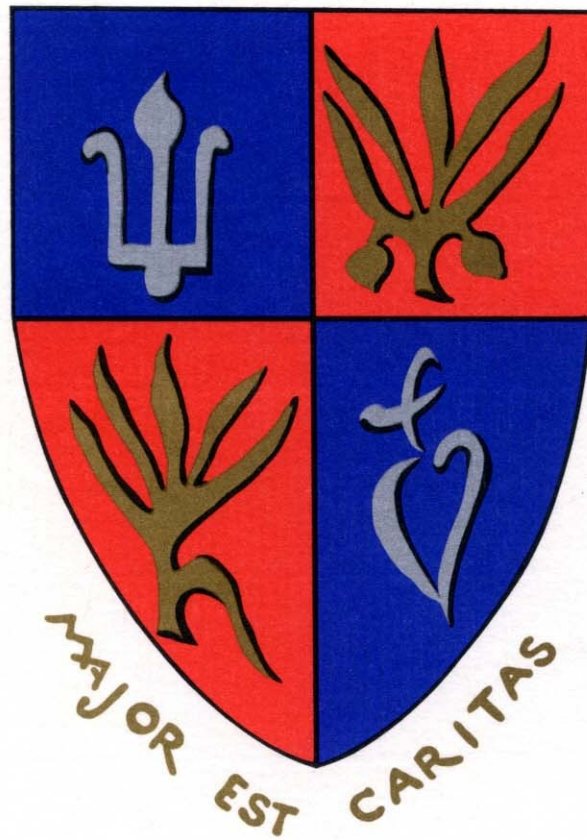


1919 - 1979



*Sisters of Charity  
of Our Lady of Euron*

*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*St. Louis Hospital  
Bonnyville, Alberta*



# 60 Years OF SERVICE TO BONNYVILLE DISTRICT

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Temporary St. Louis Hospital - 1919



St. Louis Hospital - 1979



# Greetings . . .



**Most Reverend Raymond Roy**  
Bishop of St. Paul, Alberta

On October 18 next, the St.-Louis Hospital will be celebrating 60 years of specialized service in the medical field to the people of the community of Bonnyville.

Thru out this period of time, Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron have been joyfully spending years of dedication to care for the sick and disabled in the name of the Lord. Those now living at the hospital and in charge of it, are pursuing the same task as their predecessors, and will have to meet the challenge of building new extended facilities. This task will be led to a successful goal by the rich and diversified talents of members of the Board of Directors.

May Christ, whom you represent in these services, give to you all, perseverance in the unfinished work; guidance, as you display plans for the future, and consolation in reviewing the many works of mercy you performed in the last 60 years.

I wholeheartedly congratulate you!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Raymond Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "Y".

Bishop Raymond Roy  
Saint-Paul, Alberta



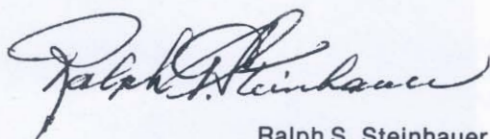
# Greetings . . .

It is indeed a pleasure to extend sincere greetings and hearty congratulations to the St. Louis Hospital at Bonnyville on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.

The establishment of the hospital in 1919 was a milestone in the history of the frontier community of Bonnyville, which today is one of the major centres of Northeastern Alberta.

It is institutions such as this that help to build a thriving community, and I am sure the people will be forever grateful to the Sisters of Charity for their many years of unselfish service to the community.

May the Great Spirit continue to bless you in the years to come.



Ralph S. Steinhauer,  
Lieutenant - Governor of Alberta



Honourable Ralph Steinhauer  
Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta

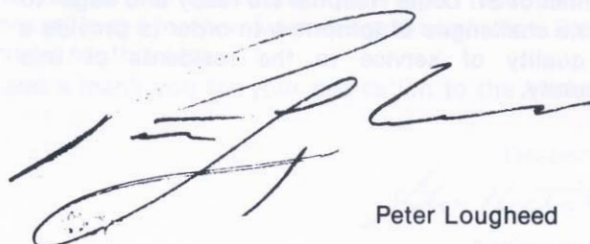


Honourable Peter Lougheed  
Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the government of Alberta, I am pleased to extend best wishes to the Sisters of Charity as you celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of St. Louis Hospital, Bonnyville, October 18, 1979.

The contributions made by the Sisters to the health and welfare of the people of our province is, I know, much appreciated by many Albertans, and I want to add my personal congratulations to the many you will be receiving.

Please accept my warm wishes on this special anniversary and for the years to come.



Peter Lougheed



# Greetings . . .

Celebrating a 60th anniversary is indeed a happy and joy-filled occasion. On behalf of all the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron I would like to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all those persons who are in some way associated with St. Louis Hospital and who have or are still continuing to contribute to the effective provision of health services to the community of Bonnyville.

As we look back through the history of the hospital we see that many changes have occurred during these past sixty years. The beginnings were humble indeed but met the needs of that time. As the years unfolded and with the advances in technology and medicine the Hospital Board has always attempted to make the best use of its available resources in order to meet the demands for adequate care and at the same time keeping in mind the comfort of the patients and improved working conditions for the personnel. Scientific and technological progress has been rapid and beneficial in the diagnosis and treatment of disease but the elements of true compassion and concern must accompany this progress if the dignity of man is to be maintained and enhanced. I feel certain that the spirit of loving service and dedication with which our founding Sisters carried out their responsibilities is still an integral part of the care which is provided today and for this I am most grateful.

Many individuals of Bonnyville and area have contributed time and energy throughout these six decades toward the effective management and operation of St. Louis Hospital. To all these persons we, the Sisters say thank you! Without you our objectives would have been very difficult if not impossible to attain. And as we enter upon a new decade and with our growing and developing community we are faced with new decisions in order to meet the ever increasing need for health care. It is my conviction that the Board, the administration and the Personnel of St. Louis Hospital are ready and eager to meet the challenges of tomorrow in order to provide a high quality of service to the residents of this community.



Sister Mary Ellen O'Neill  
Provincial Superior  
Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron

May God bless your endeavors and undertakings and may all of you be continually animated by the spirit of love and dedication which marked our predecessors.

*Sister Mary Ellen O'Neill*

Sister Mary Ellen O'Neill  
and Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron



# Greetings . . .

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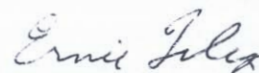


Ernie Isley  
M.L.A.  
Bonnyville Constituency

My congratulations are extended to the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron, on 60 years of dedicated medical services to the Bonnyville Community. An organization such as yours played an important role in the settlement of, and the development of the province of Alberta. Your contributions to the community of Bonnyville have not only been in the field of medicine but have also had a significant effect on the moral and social fibre that makes up this community.

On behalf of the province of Alberta, I extend sincere thanks to the Sisters for their efforts in the field of medicine and look forward to working with you in the future to develop better and more modern medical facilities in the Bonnyville Community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Ernie Isley  
M.L.A.

Bonnyville Constituency



William Slawuta  
Mayor of Bonnyville

My heartiest congratulations to the St. Louis Hospital on its Diamond Jubilee. The greatest acknowledgement goes to the Sisters of Charity, for the many years of self-sacrifice and faithful service to the public of this area, and to the thousands of patients helped in sickness and in need.

With the growth of this community and district, the new and larger hospital in the making, will provide a better modern facility. But will we have the personalized care and service we are used to, or will we be just another number in the wheel of progress?

On behalf of the Town Council and the people of Bonnyville district, I wish you many more years of good health and God's blessings to continue your excellent work.

William Slawuta, Mayor  
Town of Bonnyville



George Hutskal, Reeve  
Municipal District of Bonnyville #87

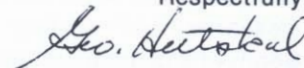
On behalf of the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, I would like to extend congratulations to the St. Louis Hospital on its celebration of its Diamond Jubilee in health care services for the Bonnyville area.

The dedication to health services over the past years is much appreciated by the residents of Bonnyville and surrounding rural areas. This dedication has seen the growth of health services in this area to the point where, with the co-operation of the Town of Bonnyville and the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, there are now two ambulances serving the health care needs in the community.

I extend my greetings to you with an eye to the future when new health care facilities will be built in Bonnyville and to when we may again celebrate a Diamond Jubilee of health care services for this area.

Again, congratulations and a thank you for your dedication to the health care needs of this area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

George Hutskal  
Reeve

Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87



# History

## OF ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

### INTRODUCTION

Before retracing the modest beginning of St. Louis Hospital, 60 years ago, a few words must be said of the founders of this health institution, the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron.

The two Evangelical excerpts: "I have compassion of the people" (St. Mark VIII-2) and "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me" (St. Matt. XLV-20) gave birth in 1682, to the nursing and teaching Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron. It was Madame Thulard, with her first associate, Marie Chateau, who laid the foundation of the institution and inaugurated its double Mission of Charity. In 1803, the little society set up its headquarters in Evron, France. A former Benedictine Abbey became the Mother House. It was then that the congregation assumed the name, "Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron." It spread abroad in England, Canada, Ireland, Africa and Wales.

The "Coat of Arms" of the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron, appears on the cover of this souvenir booklet. In a symbolic form it represents the aim of the Congregation, its works and the spirit which inspires its members. "Major Est Caritas" is the motto and means Charity above all". The symbol of the heart with the cross stands for love. The lily represents Mary, the Mother of God. The olive branch stands for the care of the sick, because of the healing properties of oil. The palm branch symbolizes the science of learning, and hence has reference to schools and education.

### BEGINNING AND GROWTH OF ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

In 1919 six Sisters of Charity of N.D. d'Evron, answering an official request, came to Bonnyville. For more than three years, Father Joseph Lapointe had persistently pleaded for the able assistance of the Sisters to establish a hospital and a school. The task would not be easy, but the Sisters, encouraged by the zealous pastor, began their work. Total dedication to the service of mankind for the love of Christ, was the Sisters' motivation and source of inner strength. The people's response to the Sisters created an attitude of closeness and sharing which is typical of the Bonnyville community spirit to this day. So it was that great work of mercy, care of the sick, to which the Sisters were fully committed and had first priority, and was foremost among the services to humanity.

A few details of the foundation of St. Louis Hospital could be recalled. The annals of the institution state that the first group of Sisters arrived in Bonnyville, on October 15, 1919. These were Sisters, Marie Therese Helie, Eugenie Aucherie, Marie Augustine Guesdon, Agnes Foucher, Marcelle Edom and Henriette Authenac. The lodging offered to them by Father Lapointe had served as a church and rectory. Perhaps all the essential commodities were not present in this first establishment, but it was a beginning. Alterations had to be made before it was possible to accept patients and students. With Mr. Raoul Lapointe as foreman of a group of carpenters, the building was enlarged and a third storey was completed. The first floor was transformed into a hospital of eight beds. The second storey housed classrooms for some thirty students and living quarters for almost twenty boarding students. The attic or third storey provided rooms for the Sisters. St. Louis, Patron of the Parish, became also Patron of the institution. Therefore, it was named St. Louis Hospital.



Sr. E. Aucherie

Mention should be made of the sole survivor of the first six Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron, and founders of St. Louis Hospital. She is Sister Eugenie Aucherie, who experienced the trials and hard times of the institution's pioneer days.

Parents from surrounding areas wanted their children to benefit from the teaching of the Sisters and waited anxiously for the opening of the boarding school. This took place in January 1920. However, by the end of 1919, the hospital had begun to function. The annals record that:

- The first patient was admitted on November 16, 1919.
- The first death occurred on January 15, 1920; the patient had typhoid fever.
- The first baby in St. Louis Hospital on May 24, 1920, was Marie Madeleine Gouger, daughter of Jean Baptiste Gouger and Clara Marsolais.
- The first operation was performed on March 30, 1920.



It was necessary to continually improve the working conditions and facilities of the building. A local carpenter, Mr. Raoul Lapointe, because of his ingenuity, was of great assistance in providing these improvements. Still more progress was in store for the benefit of all in the hospital and school. By the year 1923, the village of Bonnyville could boast of a power line and telephone system. The service provided by these much desired utilities was greatly appreciated because of their usefulness to both doctor and personnel.

In June 1927, a Hospital Committee composed of Dr. S. Sabourin, Messrs. J.N. Vallee and E.P. Olivier was formed to work with the Sisters in planning the construction of a new hospital, as the temporary facility could no longer meet the needs of the growing community. Dr. Sabourin, Bonnyville's first medical practitioner, who had arrived in 1918, gave full support to the project. He spared neither time nor effort in collaborating with hospital management to complete the necessary formalities and obtain the construction permit. Undoubtedly, the devoted physician can be given almost full credit for the establishment of the existing St. Louis Hospital. A book could be written on all we owe to our benefactor and co-founder of this institution.

Statistics recorded in the annals formed the basis for the realization and urgency of a better facility. The opportunity was right at hand, for in November 1927, during a visit of the Superior General, Sister Claire Roimier, from France, a final decision was taken to choose a favorable site. It was proposed that a stretch of land, comprising ten acres, on the shore of Jesse Lake could be purchased from Mr. Wilfred Ouimet. The business transaction was soon carried out and Mr. J.P. Desrochers, contractor, made his first visit on August 21, 1928, to inspect the site for the new building and prepare the plans.

By the end of the year, the excavation and footings marked the first phase in construction.

A locomotive's whistle announced the arrival of the first train in Bonnyville, on September 8, 1928. A good transportation system was inaugurated just in time to facilitate the shipment of building supplies for the hospital. Consequently, by March 1929, the construction crew was at work; more than thirty men were employed for the task, most of them being local

residents. The building went up rapidly, to the extent that on October 16, 1929, the Sisters could leave the original hospital to take charge of the new one. A good deal of equipment had to be purchased. The people of Bonnyville, as in all parts of the country, were faced with the Depression. Their desire to assist the Sisters financially could not be realized as much as they would have wished. However, through their initiative and community effort generous contributions were made.

Most Reverend Henry J. O'Leary, Archbishop of Edmonton, officiated at the solemn blessing of the new St. Louis Hospital on August 10, 1931. This ceremony was accompanied by the usual functions performed on such occasions, tour of the hospital, speeches and banquet.



St. Louis Hospital 1929

St. Louis Hospital's first X-Ray was installed on September 8, 1932. Funds were at a premium for this much needed equipment. So a bazaar was organized and a subscription campaign was launched to raise the necessary amount. Success crowned the effort of the district population; the net profit totalled \$3140.00. The hospital was also fortunate to have the support and assistance of a Ladies' Christian Organization, which began its existence in 1932. Fund raising projects were its specialty and it was quite successful in these enterprises. Later, the Ladies Auxiliary was organized. These ladies worked untiringly to provide invaluable service to the hospital. They contributed in a good measure to the purchase of equipment and other necessities. In acknowledging their worthy accomplishments we thank them most heartily for their much appreciated assistance given to the institution all through these years.



# History

## ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

Perhaps one could glance back at this point to see what was happening in the field of education. The Sisters had opened a school in 1920. When the original St. Louis Hospital was vacated, these premises were again transformed and soon five classrooms came into existence. The spring of 1937 brought joy and hope to the Bonnyville School District. A new school with the number of rooms needed to accommodate the students from Grades 1-12, was being constructed. The Sisters of Charity did not have the personnel required to staff the new school. So at the end of the 1937-38 school year they were obliged to permanently terminate their contract with the School Board.

Under the able direction of several Sister Administrators the institution continued to serve the needs of the growing community. By the early 1950's an extension had to be considered. In fact statistics show that in 1937, as many as thirty-six patients were hospitalized at one time and the bed capacity was only twenty-four. Sister Eugenie Aucherie, who had presided over the construction of the hospital in 1929, returned to Bonnyville, after a short absence, to supervise the work on the addition. In April 1953, negotiations with the Department of Health were initiated. The need for extending St. Louis Hospital facilities was evident and on November 25, 1953, Dr. M.G. McCallum, Provincial Hospital Director, accepted the request for a new wing and authorization was given for the addition of 28 beds.

The architectural firm of Rule, Wynn & Rule from Edmonton immediately began to prepare the blue prints so as to commence construction in the spring. Messrs. Rule and Gilchrist met with the Hospital Committee to explain and study the plans of the proposed extension on March 5, 1954. These plans were definitely accepted on March 26 of the same year and on May 8, 1954, the work of excavation began with Pardell Bros. in charge. Local residents followed with much interest the successive phases in the construction of the 1955 wing.

On the invitation of the Sisters an Advisory Board was established; its first meeting was held on May 13, 1954, with the following as members:

Rev. George Chevrier, Dr. Yelle, Messrs. Albert Dargis, Willie Levasseur, C.L. Thompson, Osyp Ferbey, Jack Carroll, Jacques Demers, Laurent Gareau, Willie Paquette, Alfred Muller, Raoul Lapointe, Alphonse Brosseau, Stanley Baik and Louis Dumaine. Mr. Alfred Muller was elected as President, Mr. Alphonse

Brosseau as Vice President and Mr. Laurent Gareau as Secretary.

Down through the years many dedicated and community minded citizens have served on the Advisory Board. In its advisory capacity this board offered valuable assistance for the effective operation and management of St. Louis Hospital.

Towards the end of the construction, a representative from the Department of Municipal Affairs came to assess the hospital's replacement value, in the amount of \$135,000.00. The new wing was ready to be serviced on April 15, 1955. The opening ceremonies, presided by Bishop Lussier of St. Paul diocese, were held on September 20, 1955. Several members of the clergy were present as were Dr. G. McCallum, representing the Department of Health and Dr. E. Yelle, Mr. Alfred Muller, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Rule, architect, Mr. Josvanger and Mr. Andre Dechene, M.P. A tea was served by the Ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary. It was followed by a tour of the hospital's newly organized services.

While the phases of St. Louis Hospital's history are being related, in all justice, special mention should be made of its Governing Board whose influence and impact on the hospital's functioning deserve to be commended. The Sisters were given much appreciated assistance when the Board was increased to include two (2) lay members. Thus, in 1972, Dr. J.P. Bugeaud and Mr. C. Szaskiewicz were appointed to act on the Board. In 1974 the latter was replaced by Mr. Marcel Ducharme. In 1975 a third lay member in the person of Mr. F. Parrish was added.



1975 St. Louis Hospital Governing Board  
Front Row: Sister Mary Ellen O'Neill, Sister Florence Verrier, Sister Alice Vachon, Mr. Marcel Ducharme  
Back Row: Sister M.T. Laberge, Mr. F. Parrish, Mr. Simon Dallaire, Dr. J. P. Bugeaud, Sister Louis Ladouceur.



## DR. SEVERIN SABOURIN

St. Louis Hospital's First General Practitioner 1898-1944

In 1977, two representatives, one from the Town of Bonnyville Council and the other from the Municipal District Council, became part of the Hospital Board. On January 15, 1979, date of the establishment of the Board of Management, the Board was composed of: Mr. Marcel Ducharme: Chairman, Sister Marie Therese Laberge: Vice Chairman, Sister Aline Vachon: Secretary. Members: Dr. J. P. Bugeaud, Mr. F. Parrish, Sisters Mary Ellen O'Neill, Florence Verrier, Agnes Knievel and Ann Yuhas. Representative of the Town Council: Mr. M. Tkachuk Representative of the Municipal District Council: Mr. N. Kalinski.

In a statement, issued February 15, 1977, regarding Health Care Services for Bonnyville and area, the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron, who operated St. Louis Hospital since 1919, outlined what had been achieved. Continual updating of services has been pursued, as evidenced in the programs and initiatives which have been implemented. Some of these are: cooperation in ambulance services for the community, meals on wheels program, medical audit, nursing audit, coronary care program and student work experience.

St. Louis Hospital has always participated in National, Provincial and Regional Conferences, which have as their objective the improvement of services and keeping abreast with current trends. Furthermore, it has always been a constant concern of administration and management to stress the quality of service and patient care. This is evidenced through all these years, in that the Board, Administration and personnel of the hospital have worked continually toward the maintenance of standards of care. The granting of Provisional Accreditation Status that dates back to November 22, 1972, and that of Full Accreditation Status, to October 29, 1973 is sufficient proof. It is to be known that the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation Program is entirely voluntary but of great assistance in attaining the desired standards. It is an unending task, since each day introduces the opportunity to further health care progress. For, while the certificate of accreditation is a result of satisfaction and fulfillment, its award is evidence and assurance to the community of successful efforts to offer a high standard of service and an optimum quality of care. It demonstrates that the entire hospital staff has acquired outside appraisal and has substantially met standards which have national approval.

Today, management realizes that the existing

physical facilities require much updating and addition of new services. Continual improvement of facilities will be carried out on a short term basis in order to maintain and improve standards of care. Thus, in 1976, through the initiative of Dr. Gonzalez, and with the cooperation of the other physicians and nursing staff, an Intensive Coronary Care Unit was added to the existing services. With donations from seven local organizations and one benefactor, a cardiac monitor and defibrillator were purchased.

The existing St. Louis Hospital has fifty-two patient beds and treatment facilities for medical, surgical, obstetrical and pediatric patients. Ten departments provide services for the patients' well-being and by their cooperation and involvement in the many tasks to be fulfilled, assure efficient functioning of the hospital.

During the year 1975, the Bonnyville Health Services Joint Planning Committee was initiated, through the Chamber of Commerce, by the Administrator, Sister Florence Verrier. Its purpose was to study the health needs of the district and seek possible corresponding services and improved facilities to answer these needs, the most urgent of which are in the scope of pediatrics, dietary, emergency and physiotherapy. Other needs deemed essential in this community were day treatment centre and facility for auxiliary patients. Hospital administration and management hope these aspects of the health field will be favorably considered by legislative authority so as to bring about their realization in a relatively near future.

The most recent phase in the St. Louis Hospital administrative development unfolded on January 15, 1979, when a Board of Management was appointed. It will act as hospital planning authority in Bonnyville. Sister Mary Ellen O'Neill, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron, confirmed as of January 1979, its constitution of nine members. It was then that the Advisory Board was dissolved; its composition was as follows:

President: Mr. Gerald Tellier, Vice President: Mr. Edward Vallee, Secretary: Mrs. Charlotte Bowers, Members: Rev. H. Tanguay, Messrs: Stanley Rymut, Albert Tellier, Donald Olekszyk, Alfred Muller, Gabriel Ehnes and Mrs. Blanche Vallee.

The Sisters wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the notable contributions made by the



Advisory Board, during the twenty-five years it functioned.

The hospital's Diamond Jubilee serves a good purpose, for it is an opportunity to review the past and recognize achievement even with very limited possibilities. In this day and age the scope of change

and advancement is amazing. Nevertheless, the future remains somewhat mysterious for it conceals the unknown. We, the Sisters hope and pray that the citizens of Bonnyville will be granted modern and adequate facilities that will provide for the district's total health needs.

## FATHER JOSEPH LAPOINTE

January 6, 1882 - May 18, 1969



Father Joseph Lapointe

Almost six decades of service to others is what we find so inspiring in Father Lapointe's life history. Of his long priestly career, forty-one years were spent in St. Louis Parish.

When in 1911, Father Lapointe left the province of Quebec to exercise his ministry in the great West, he was unaware of what the future had in store for him. The young and ardent priest's ideal was to serve his fellowmen in their physical and spiritual needs. For this, he was ready to give the very best of himself and he did.

It is not surprising then, that on his arrival in Bonnyville in 1916, his first task was to see that in the little community there would be medical care for the sick and teaching for the children. He sought assistance of the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron; the response was favorable. They came and before the end of 1919 St. Louis Hospital and a boarding school were founded. The co-founder, Father Lapointe had reason to be proud of the institution.

In 1957, Father Lapointe chose Bonnyville as the "lieu" of his retirement. He still shared in pastoral duties through his ministry, but now he could devote more time to visiting the patients. He excelled in this work of mercy that had been his daily practice for so many years.

Father Lapointe passed away on May 18, 1969, in the very institution he had so often assisted. He had the joy of witnessing its development and growth. We pay homage to our benefactor with a tribute of gratitude. No one can forget what he bequeathed us by the serenity of a life in Christ and a testimony of living faith.



# DR. SEVERIN SABOURIN

St. Louis Hospital's First General Practitioner 1886-1944

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Dr. Severin Sabourin

In 1918 serious consideration was given to the possibility of having a resident doctor in Bonnyville. An appeal was sent out, fortunately, it did not fall on deaf ears. A young practitioner, Dr. S. Sabourin responded to the plea and arrived soon after with his wife and family.

Dr. Sabourin set up his medical practice in a small hall on Main Street. He also managed a drug store with the help of his sister, Miss Sabourin, who acted as druggist and clerk.

After the establishment of the first 8-bed St. Louis Hospital, in 1919, Dr. Sabourin took over its medical administration. The facility was poor in equipment and other supplies, but the resourceful physician made the best of what was at his disposal. His patients received good medical care in the temporary set up, which the devoted practitioner served for ten years.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Sabourin was a source of inspiration and enthusiasm in the building of the 1929 St. Louis Hospital. When it was complete he found it worthy of housing the great work of mercy, care of the sick, to which he was so committed. It was rewarding to work in the new hospital under improved conditions.

It remains to be said that Dr. Sabourin was loved and respected by all who came to him to seek medical assistance. His kind consideration and deep concern for his patients has been acknowledged by all those who knew him. We pay homage to his devotion to the sick, as we honor and remember a life so well spent, here, in St. Louis Hospital. Grief filled many hearts, when on the night of April 29, 1944, our good doctor passed away while visiting some patients in the hospital. He had served this institution for twenty-five years.



# A GLIMPSE INSIDE OF ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL IN 1979

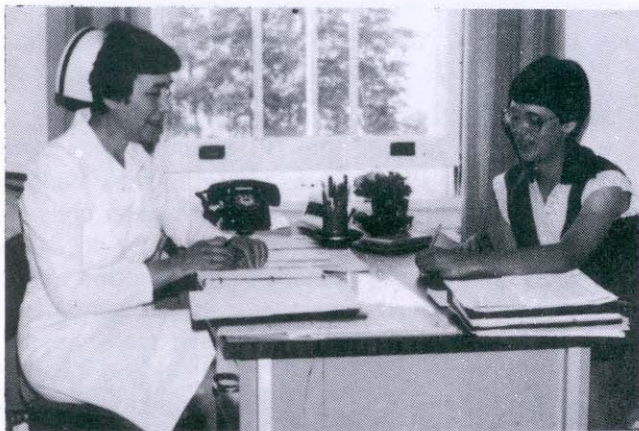
Little does the patient realize that on entering the hospital, many departments will contribute to his care and treatment for restoration to health.

The Admitting Office obtains the required information from each patient when he/she presents the doctor's order for admission. The Nursing Service to which the patient is referred is then notified. Next door to the Admitting Office is the Accounting Office, responsible for the financial management and statistics of the hospital. There is a Computer Payroll Service. A monthly informational report and financial statement are submitted to the Board of Management.



Mrs. Louise Bellamy, Mr. Milton Crawford, C.G.A.,  
Mrs. Beverly Zuk

The first department to take contact with the patient after administration is the Nursing Department. It is under the management and supervision of the Director of Nursing, who sees to its staffing and is always available for consultation and directives. The Nursing



Sister M. Therese Laberge, Director of Nursing - interview  
with Mrs. M.A. Turmel, R.N.

Department has charge of the medical, surgical, obstetrical, Intensive Coronary Care, pediatrics and emergency units. In each of these sections of the hospital, there is specialization as to care, treatment and medication under the physician's order. That is, specially trained nurses are assigned to patients admitted for surgery, obstetrics, critical heart conditions and to pediatrics. These patients will be receiving even personalized care.



Miss R. Olchowy, R.N. and Miss J. Emery, N.A.,  
conferring on patient care



Mrs. A. Sanschagrín, R.N. and Miss L. Lirio, Staff Nurse  
discussing charting requisites



Mrs. L. Dubchak - Checking patient's blood pressure in  
Intensive Coronary Care Unit





Mr. Albert Laplante, R.N.O., assisting a patient of the Medical Service



Mrs. L. Dubchak making initial assessment of patient in the Emergency Department.

attendants. The Medical Staff highly praises and is grateful for these volunteers' excellent performance and assistance to critically injured or sick patients transferred to the city.

In this year of the child, special focus on child care is the objective in the Pediatric Unit. As all hospitals are urged to re-examine their treatment facilities and programs for children, this aspect in the hospital is emphasized by the nursing personnel.

The Emergency Department is the most active section of the hospital. There is an average of 560 outpatient visits, including emergencies, per month. Last year there were 6668 outpatients admitted to the department.

Closely related to the Emergency Department and under St. Louis Hospital administration is the Bonnyville Ambulance Service. This community service functions well and has a committed and dedicated group of drivers and



Mr. H. Lemire, Sister A. Vachon and Mr. D. Papineau attending patient prior to transfer to the city.



Miss J. Melanson attempting to make a young patient play with a toy.

Nursing Attendant caring for pediatric patient.

In the Surgical Unit, the major Operating Room has recently made the requisition of a new anesthetic gas machine. For all major surgery, a cardiac monitor forms part of the equipment requisites, to assure protection to the patient.

The Maternity Department has experienced notable improvements these last two years. Thus, a new Kreiselman Infant Resuscitator has been purchased for the case room. The acquisition of a Nitrous/Oxygen



# A GLIMPSE INSIDE OF ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL IN 1978



Mrs. F. Albert, Dr. Gonzales, Sister A. Knievel and Dr. Bugeaud - at work in the Operating Room.



Sister Agnes Knievel - attend - patient after surgery.

Blender is also an important asset. The Nursery is provided with an Olympic Bili Lite, for Neonatal Phototherapy.



Mrs. B. Greeff, caring for a newborn.

A pharmacist has the administration of the Hospital Pharmacy, which has on stock the drugs listed in the hospital Formulary. A supply of drugs is kept at the central nursing station of each floor. Special prescriptions ordered by the Medical Staff are dealt with by the pharmacist.



Mr. Brian Tercier - instructing Mrs. M. Emery as to a drug on stock at the nursing station

The Medical Record Department does the transcription of the doctor's medical histories and summaries. The Health Record Technician assures that all clinical records are complete before they are filed. These records are very valuable documents and are used in medical audits. The progress with medical audits was given much praise by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation Representative, in recent survey. Thanks to the Medical Staff and technician for this great accomplishment.



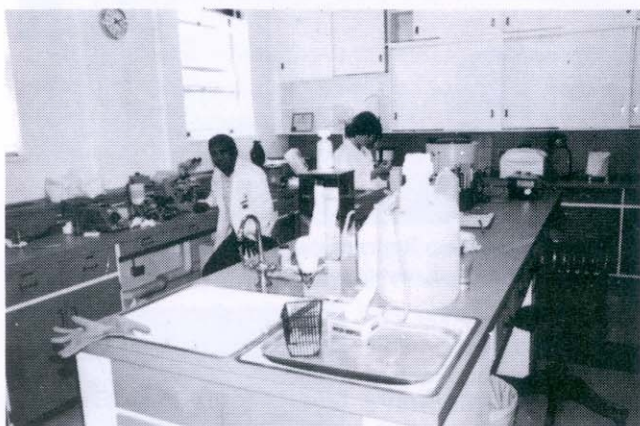
Mrs. D. Chrysler, H.R.T. - at her desk.

The Laboratory and Radiology Departments are of prime importance to the Medical Staff because through testing and filming, they are of great assistance in the



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diagnosis of patients. The Laboratory has seen marked improvement these last years with replacement of equipment by the most modern types of apparatus, such as the recent installment of an Electrolyte machine. Staff performance has an excellent rating.



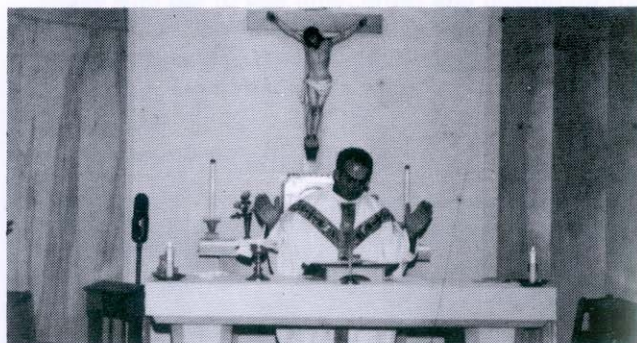
Mr. L. Aranas and Miss C. Wilkinson in the hospital laboratory.

The Radiology Department is also very active, especially since the installation of a C.G.R. Model X-Ray, in February 1979. The quality of films was highly commended by the visiting Radiologist. The near future will witness more improvement in this area of the hospital by the acquisition of more specialized equipment.



Mrs. S. Murdoch - preparing to X-Ray a patient.

The hospital Chapel has an ideal location on first floor, in proximity to the main entrance. Mass is celebrated by the hospital Chaplain. Patients and staff are most welcome to attend. The religious denomination of the patient is respected and clergy of his/her faith tend to all spiritual needs.

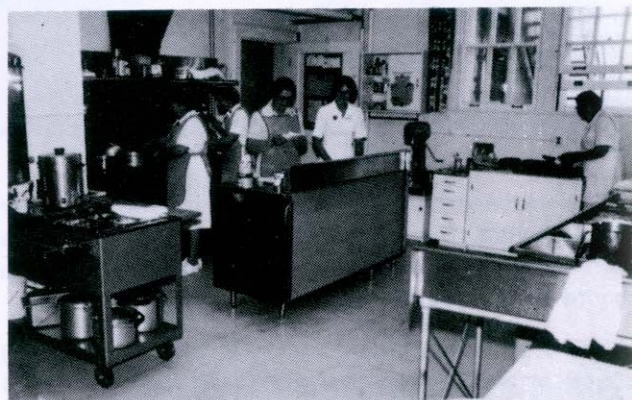


Father H. Tanguay - saying the Eucharistic Prayer during Holy Mass in the Chapel.



Father H. Tanguay - accompanied by Sister A. Knievel brings Holy Communion to a patient.

The Dietary Department processes a considerable work load, day after day. The Dietary Technician in charge of the department plans the menus and the special diets. She carries on patient education with diabetics. During the past year 17,779 meals were served. The staff is very happy with renovation of dishwashing area and its new equipment.



Mrs. O. Horiachka, Mrs. C. Urchyshyn, Mrs. L. Procinsky, Ms. Simone Laplante and Mrs. L. Hebert-preparing dinner.



The Laundry and Linen Departments perform a very important function in the hospital. The staff assures a supply of clean linen for all departments. Each day all patient linen is changed. All possible measures are taken in washing soiled linen, to provide protection to the patients.



Mrs. J. Remesz and Mrs. D. Plamondon - working in the Laundry.

Across the hall from the Laundry Room is the Linen Room, where a seamstress is busy mending linen and making different articles to replace what has to be discarded. Many hospital necessities, including upholstering of shabby chairs, is done by the expert seamstress.



Mrs. M.A. Cote - mending linen

The Housekeeping Supervisor is proud of her efficient staff, that keeps the hospital so clean. The techniques used are certainly effective as proven by a record of practically nil hospital acquired infections.

The Purchasing Agent has the task of ordering supplies needed for the hospital's operation and maintenance. Much work is involved in making the yearly inventory. Frequent checking of supplies on

hand in the store is also required.



Ms. J. Nelson, Sales Representative - Medigas Ltd. and Sister A. Knievel - discussing supplies ordered.

The Maintenance Department is responsible for the general upkeep of St. Louis Hospital's entire physical plant. The hospital is most fortunate in having as Chief Engineer, a man whose capabilities have relatively no limits. He is a skilled carpenter, painter, mason, plumber, electrician and mechanic. With the assistance of the other maintenance employees, the many tasks of repair, construction, renovation and installation are satisfactorily and economically carried out. St. Louis Hospital administration gives them recognition for their most valuable services and expresses its gratitude and appreciation.



Mrs. R. M. Richard - Housekeeping in Emergency Department



Mr. L. P. Vachon - making a repair of equipment



# A Word of Thanks

The Diamond Jubilee of St. Louis Hospital is an opportunity "par excellence" for rejoicing and thanksgiving. Glancing back over the years we realize how grateful we must be for the valuable contributions of many individuals and groups who have given us support and assistance in every way possible.

We thank the members of the Board of Management for their direction and cooperation in the management of St. Louis Hospital. Their interest and concern for the hospital's good functioning is unequalled.

To the members of the Medical Staff we express our gratitude for their cooperation in maintaining quality of patient care. We appreciate and thank the Medical Staff for the excellent liaison it has established with the Board and Administration.

The nursing staff performs its duties with an ideal worthy of praise. Its concern for good patient care is evidenced in its devotion to the sick and the perfection with which it assists in treating the patient. For its constant and loyal service we thank each one of its members. The supporting staff does its share by its contributions to assure efficient functioning of the hospital and the patient's well-being. Its quality of work was the stepping stone in pressing for changes in almost every department. To one and all we express our heartfelt gratitude.

The local clergy's role in providing unique service to the patients must be acknowledged and gratefully recorded in the hearts of patients, families, hospital staff and community. For its valuable contribution to the patients' spiritual welfare, we express to our clergy members our most sincere thanks.

We are well aware of our indebtedness to the citizens of Bonnyville and hospital district. Particularly, by means of local organizations they have actively participated in hospital projects. Their generous donations made possible the purchase of expensive equipment, that aids in diagnosis and treatment of patients. We thank them one and all for this financial assistance.

The Provincial Government's financial support enables us to carry on the great work of caring for the sick. We acknowledge this indispensable monetary assistance for which we are most thankful.

Those who put to use time, effort and talents for the preparation of this Sixtieth Anniversary of St. Louis Hospital have our grateful appreciation. We give them many thanks.

We thank God for his many blessings over the past sixty years. We confide to His trust and loving care the growth and future of St. Louis Hospital, because we care for the people it will serve in their health needs.

Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame d'Evron



## A Tribute of Recognition, Praise And Gratitude To St. Louis Hospital Administrators Since 1919

†Sister Marie Therese Helie - 1919-1925..1931-1937  
Sister Eugenie Aucherie - 1925-1931..1953-1954  
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Sister Anna Clermont - 1940-1943  
†Sister Marie Victoire Bruhay - 1943-1949  
†Sister Marguerite Maignan - 1949-1953  
Sister Cecile Clermont - 1954-1960  
Sister Laura Chalut - 1960 - 1967  
Sister Florence Verrier - 1967-1976  
Mr. Simon Dallaire - 1976 -  
†Deceased





# St. Louis Hospital Medical Staff

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Dr. B. E. Brosseau  
January 1963



Dr. M. G. Genereux  
April 1977



Dr. J. P. Bugeaud  
February 1958



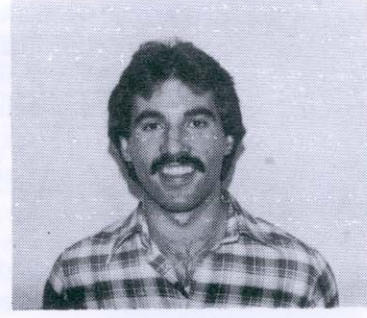
Dr. J. H. Mills  
April 1978



Dr. J. A. Haiden  
August 1968



Dr. G. P. Brown  
July 1979



Dr. D. F. Vincent  
July 1979

Dr. R. D. Corns  
June 1979



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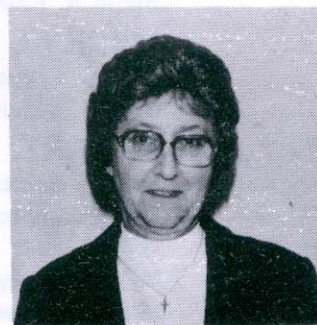
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Mrs. F. Gudani  
Mrs. I. Ives  
Miss G. Moquin  
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Mrs. Y. Shostak  
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Mr. M. Crawford - C.G.A.

### PURCHASING AGENT

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Miss S. Caouette  
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Mrs. O. Horiachka  
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Mrs. S. Zuk

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Mrs. L. Shmyr

#### Linen

Mrs. M. A. Cote

#### Housekeeping

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Mrs. R.M. Richard  
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