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St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto, Ontario

Photos of Our Past: Celebrating 100 Years of St. Joe's.

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The Sacred Heart Orphanage, run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, c1907. This building served first as an orphanage before being repurposed as St. Joseph's Hospital in 1921.



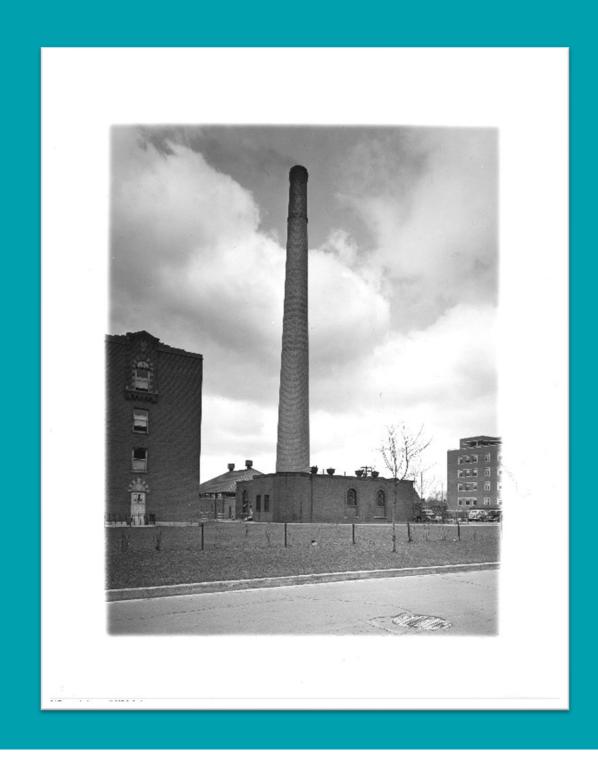
Sister Irene Conroy, first superior (President/CEO) of St. Joseph's Hospital, c1921. Photo courtesy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto (CSJT) Archives.



Early St. Joe's staff standing on the lawn outside what was the southeast corner of the hospital, c1921.



The original Our Lady of Mercy Hospital was located downtown on 58 Sackville Street. It moved to the north of St. Joseph's in 1940. c1932. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



St. Joseph's constructed its own power house. In the same year, it transitioned into a modern 112-bed facility, 1925. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Second graduating class of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, 1925. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.

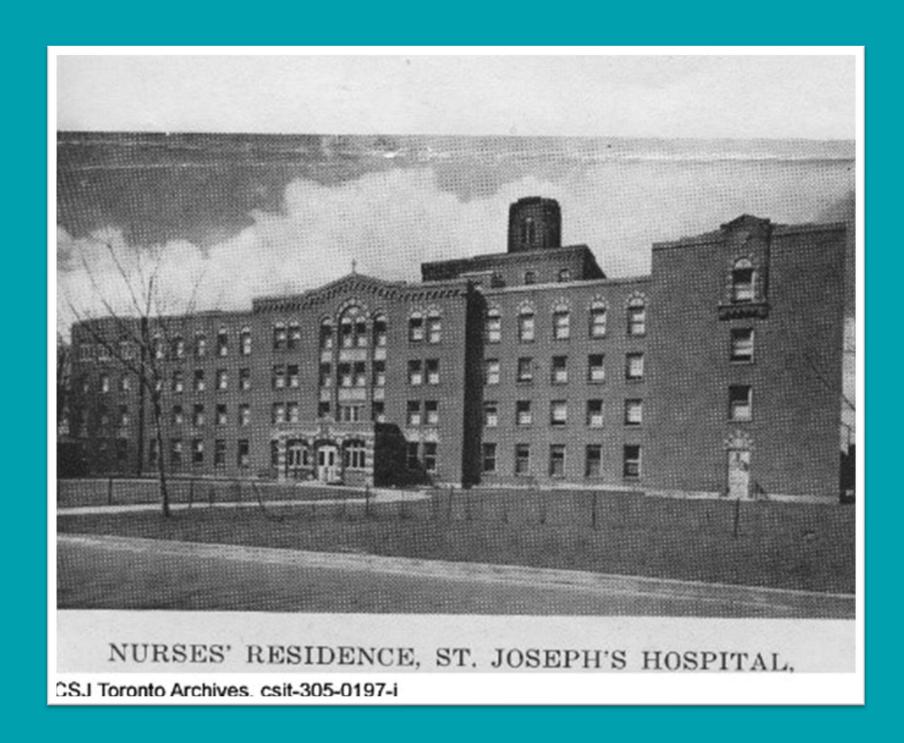




Sunnyside Park, looking northwest, with St. Joe's visible in the background, 1928. Photo courtesy of the Toronto Public Library.



Entrance to St. Joseph's Hospital, with white picket fence, c1929. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Nurses' residence, c1931. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives





The opening of the East Wing increased St. Joseph's bed capacity to 300, c1931. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



St. Joseph's Hospital, from the southeast, c1931. The hospital's power house (far right) was constructed in 1925; the smoke stack still stands today. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



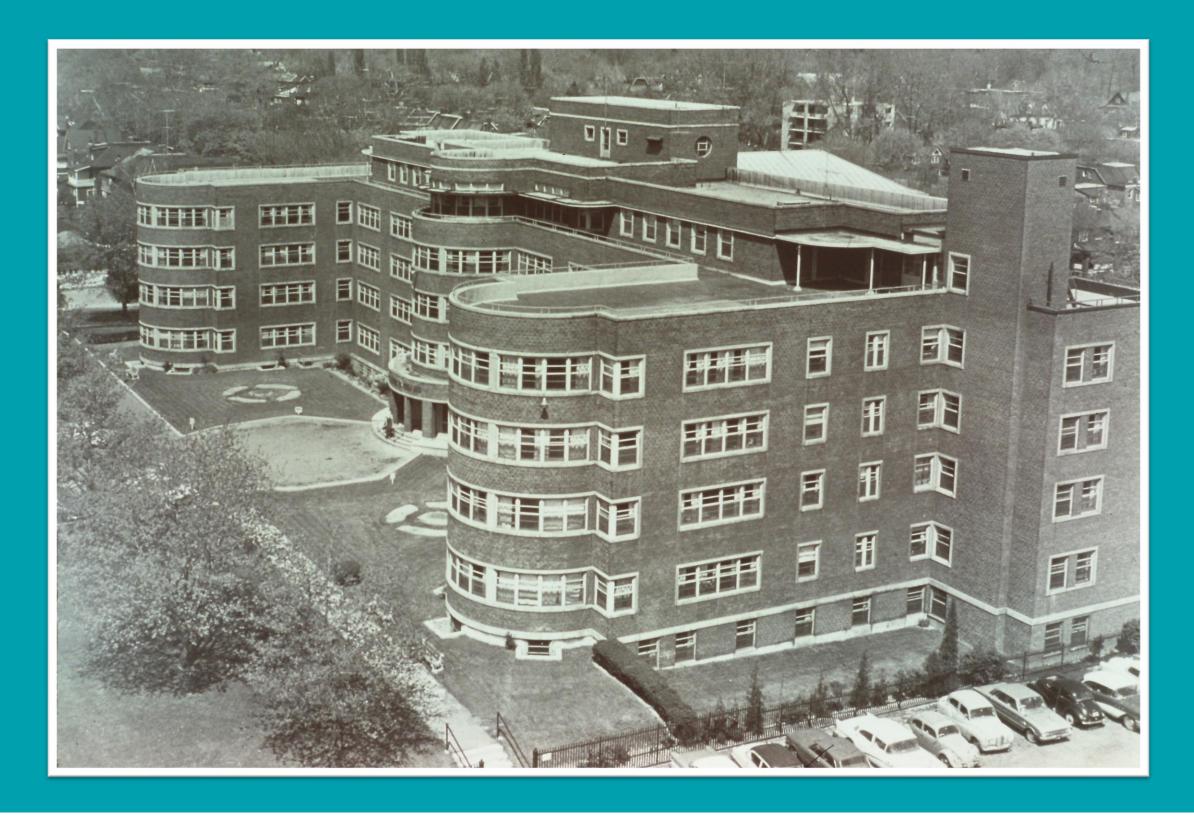


Sunnyside boardwalk, looking northwest, with St. Joe's is visible in the background, July 1934. Photo courtesy of the Toronto Public Library.





Nursing students in Sunnyside classroom, after 1935.



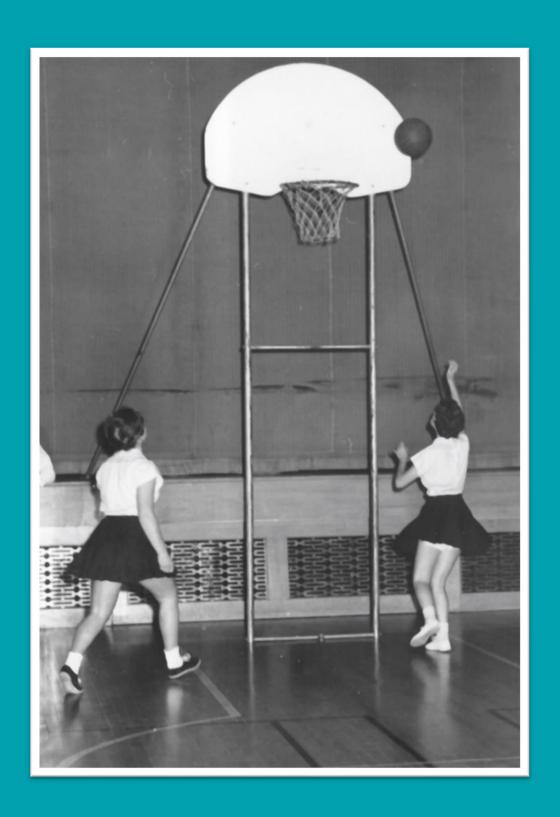
Exterior shot of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, c1940.



Statue, "Three Generations of Mankind", by <u>Jacobine Jones</u> as it originally stood above the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital entrance, c1940. It has now been restored and is located outside the new Garron Family Our Lady of Mercy wing entrance.



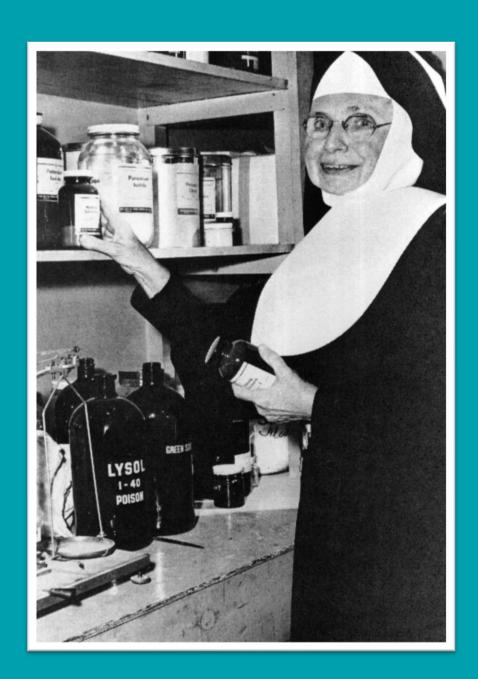




Nursing students playing basketball in residence gym, 1940s.



Nursery for premature infants, c1940s.



Sister St. Maurus Barry, hospital pharmacist, c1950s. Sister St. Maurus graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto in 1918 and over the years worked at all three Toronto hospitals operated by the congregation. In 1946, she began planning for the new pharmacy to be located in the 1949 Morrow Wing.



Nursing student bottle-feeding newborn, c1940s.

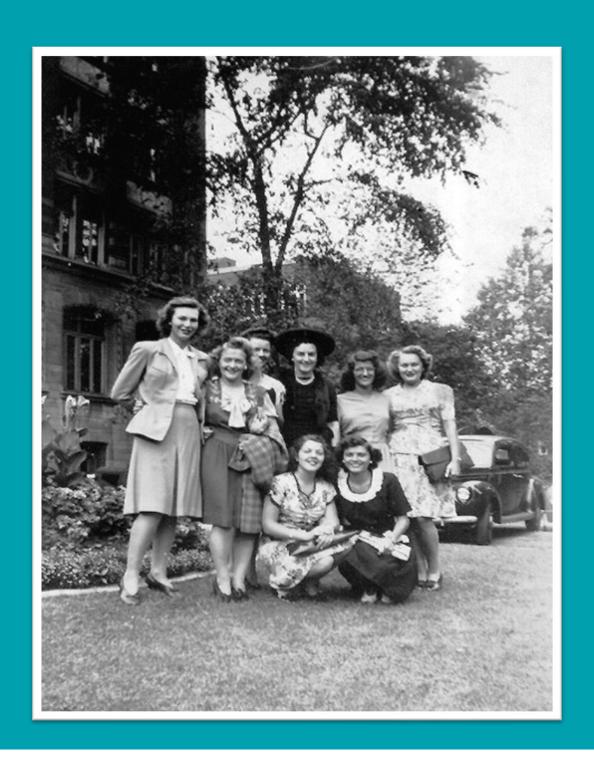


X-ray in progress, c1940s.



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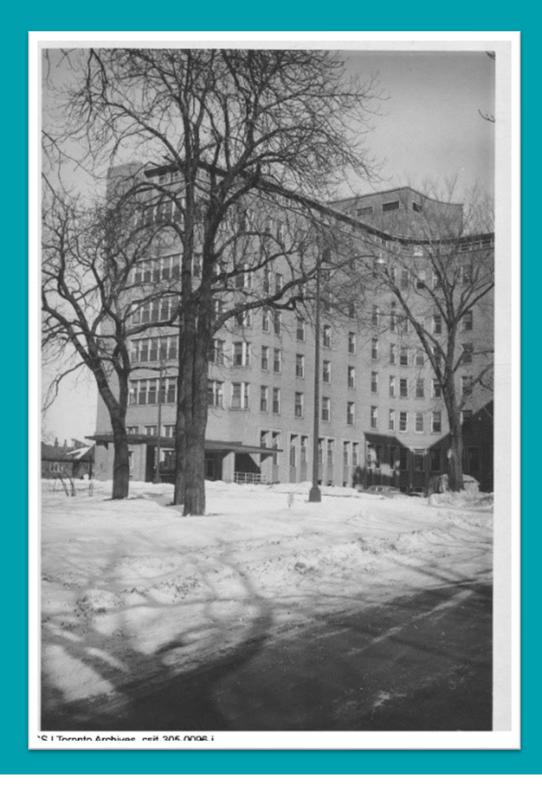
Sister Vianney Fenn with nursing students, c1943. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives



St. Joseph's School of Nursing grad reunion, 1946.



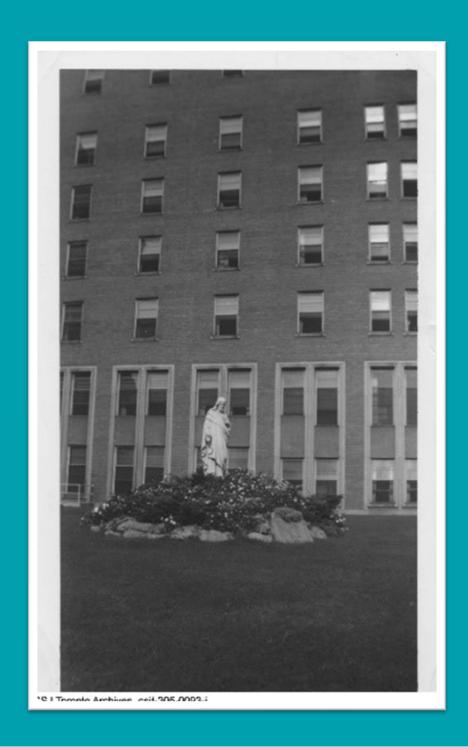
St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing grad reunion, 1947.



Exterior shot of Morrow wing, St. Joseph's Hospital, c1949. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.







Statue outside Morrow wing, c1949. The original of this statue now stands near the Learning Centre; a replica stands in the driveway of the Melnyk entrance. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Exterior of St. Joseph's Hospital, 1950s.



Nursing students in residence library, 1950s.

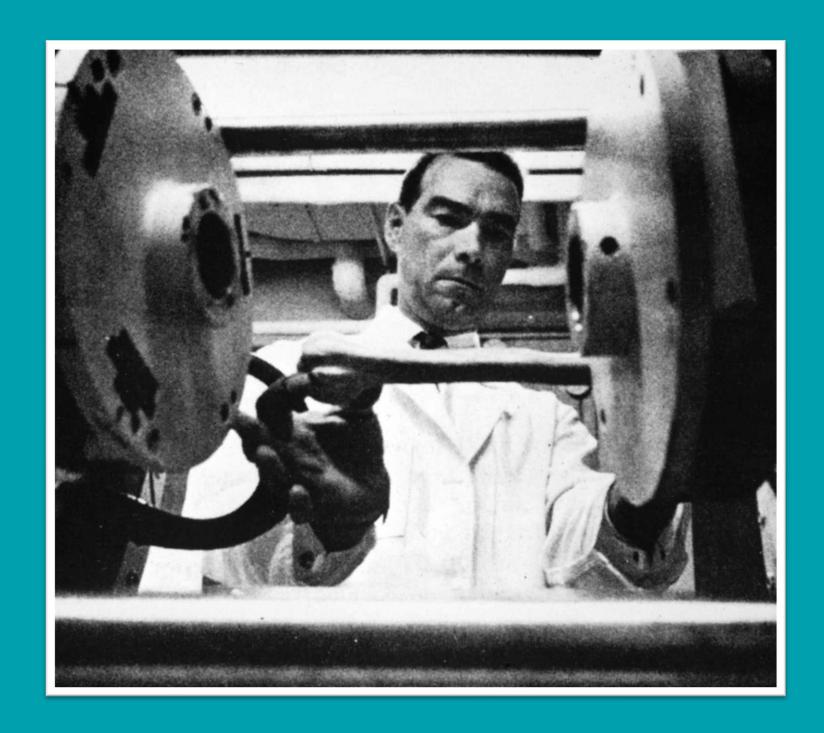


Sister Mary Francis with dietary staff, 1950s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.

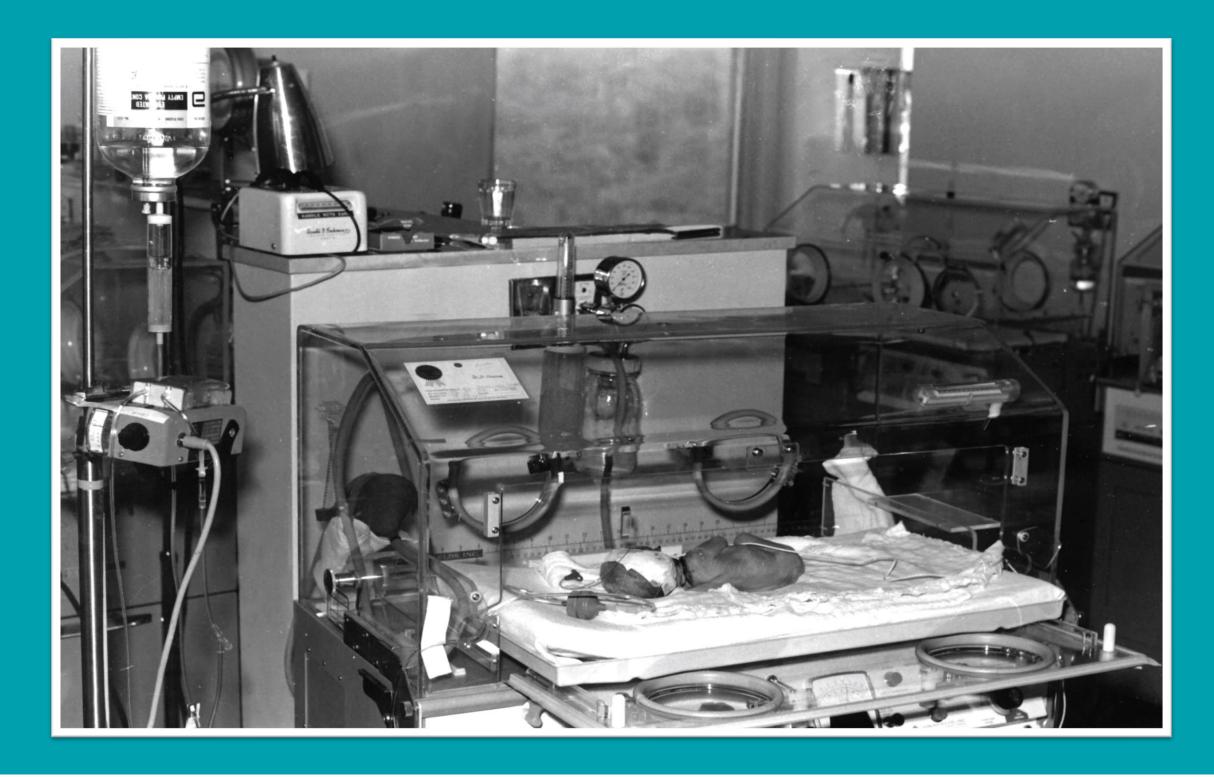


Sister St. Protase in diet kitchen, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, 1950s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Man in lab coat standing at a machine designed to test the tensile strength of bone, c1950s.



Premature infant in isolette, c1950s.



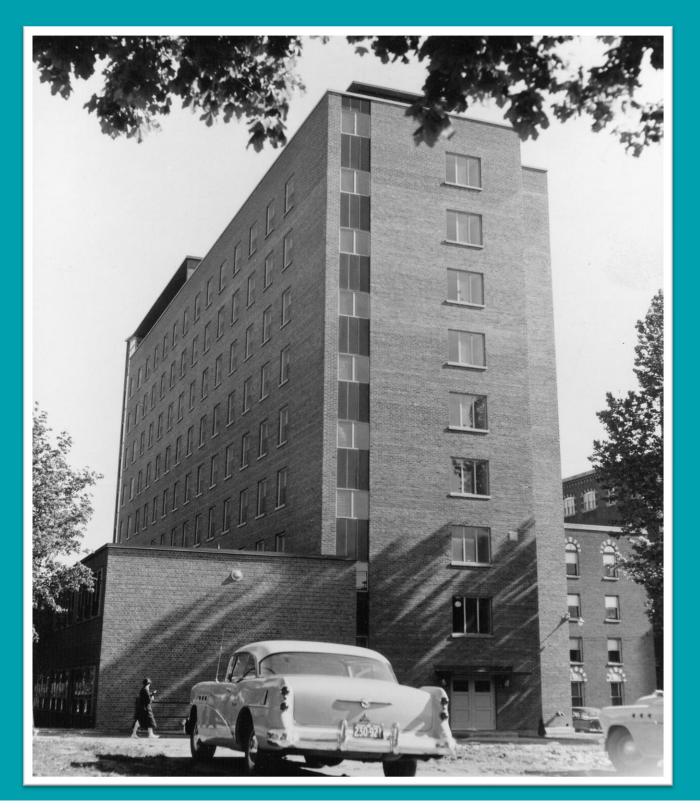
Nurse standing in background of Pediatrics unit with cribs in the foreground, c1950s.



Post-operative Recovery Room, c1950s.



Sister Mary Edmund Gibbons with her staff in the Medical Records department, 1954. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



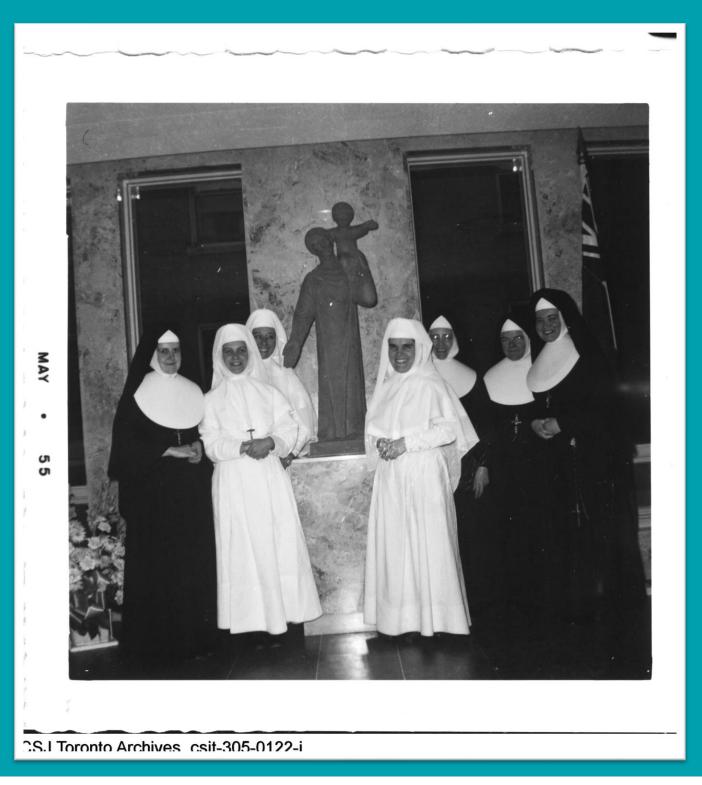
Construction of the Sunnyside East addition, 1954.





St. Joseph's School of Nursing Classroom, May 1955. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Sisters gathered in front of St. Joseph statue at the opening of the new St. Joseph's School of Nursing, May 1955. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Nursing student making a hospital bed at the back of a classroom, May 1955. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Two nursing students in school laboratory, May 1955. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sunnyside East Wing, St. Joseph's School of Nursing entrance, after 1955.

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Exterior of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, 1956.



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Sister with patients in the sun room at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Toronto.(1956)

Sister with patients in the sun room at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, 1956. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Dr. Knowlton and Sister Mary Herbert with obstetrics nurses, c1956-1960.

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Sister Mary Ruth Creamer, medical laboratory technologist, 1959. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.

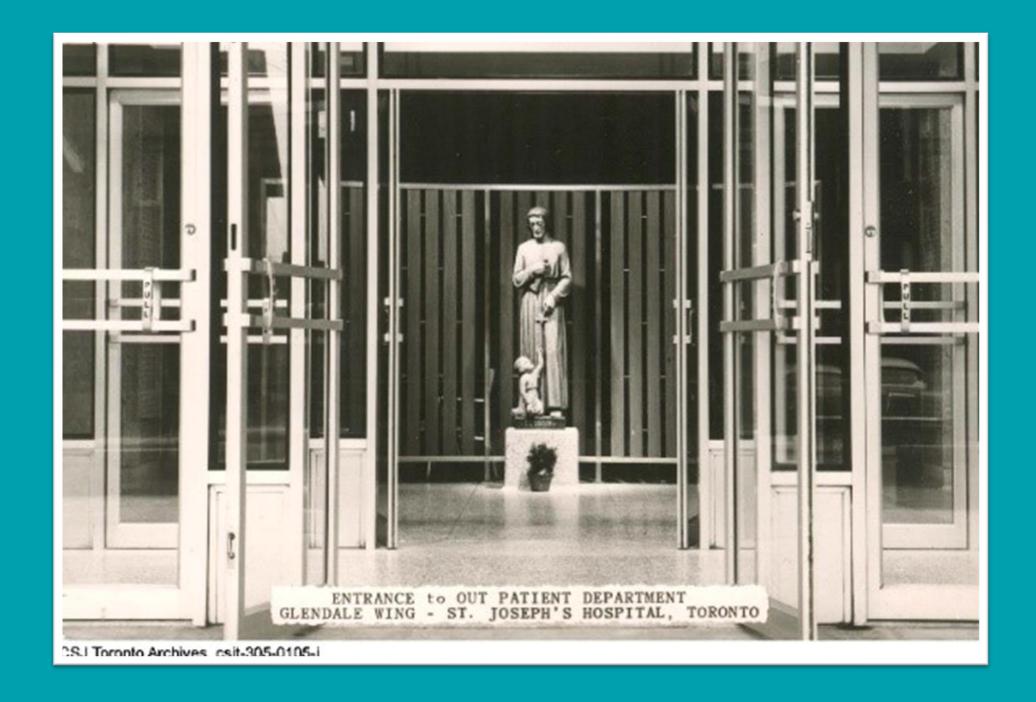




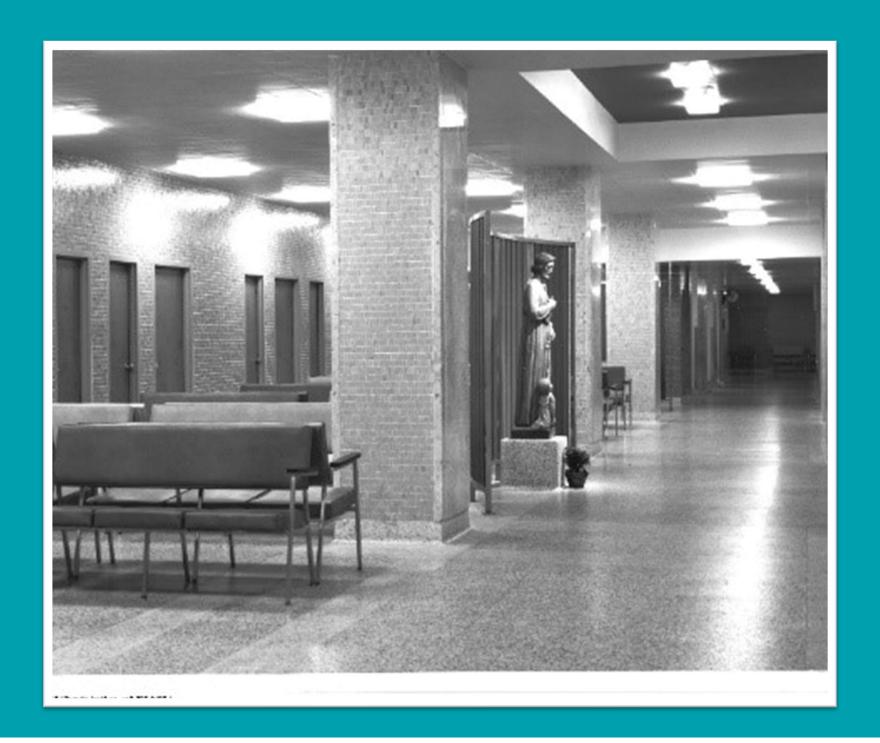
Aerial photo of St. Joseph's Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital (north of St. Joseph's), 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Glendale wing lobby, 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Entrance to Out Patient Department, Glendale Wing, 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Interior view of the Out Patient Department, Glendale Wing, 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Exterior of St. Joseph's Hospital, 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



View of Lake Ontario from Glendale Wing, 1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sisters in front of grotto on hospital grounds, c1960s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sisters Frances (Grace Sauvé) and St. Maurus Barry working in the pharmacy, c1960. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



CSJ Toronto Archives, csjt-305-0195-j Sister Genevieve Sauriol at St. Joseph's Hospital (1960s)

Sister Genevieve Sauriol, 1960s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Four nurses at nursing station reviewing chart, c1960s.



Nurse with premature infant in isolette, c1960s.







Physiotherapist working with patient, c1960s



Sister and nurse in library, c1960s.



Sisters relaxing on roof balcony of their residence, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1963. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sisters at luncheon celebration for Mother Maura McGuire on roof balcony, Sisters' residence, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1963. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sister Helen Marie with nurses in front of nurses' residence at St. Joseph's Hospital, August 1963. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



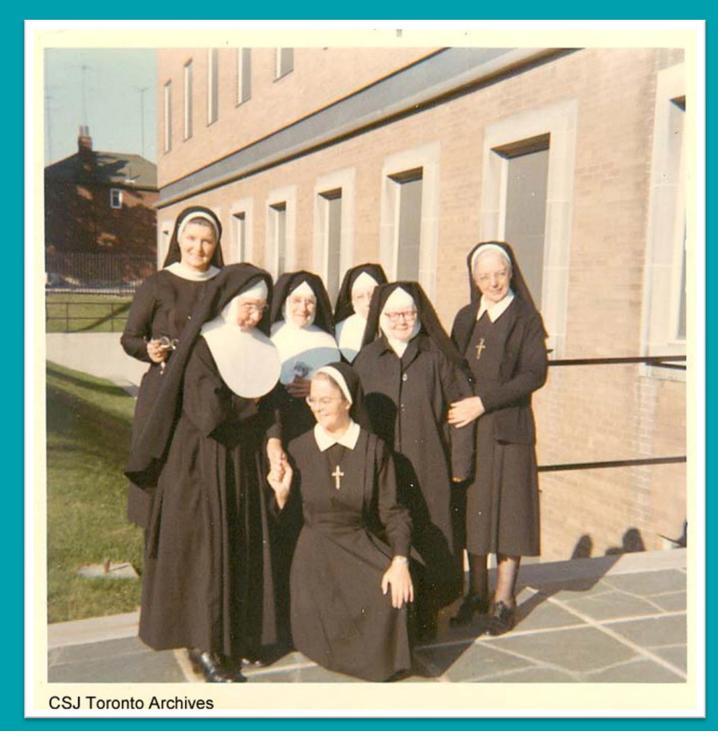
Sister Mary Ruth with staff in the Medical Laboratory, 1964. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sister Mary Herbert (Jo Conlin) [Director of Nursing School, 1964-1975], Sister Mary Francis [hospital administrator], with teachers St. Joseph's School of Nursing, 1964. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Nursing students in library, March 1964.



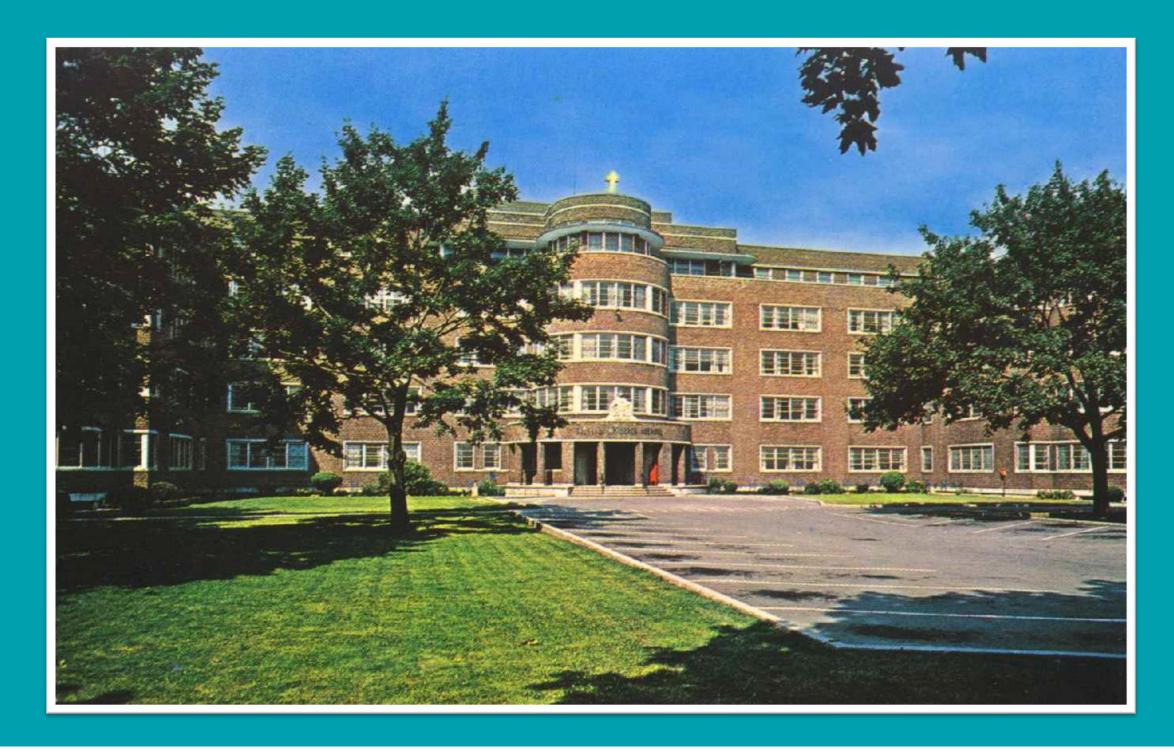
Sisters outside Glendale entrance, 1969. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



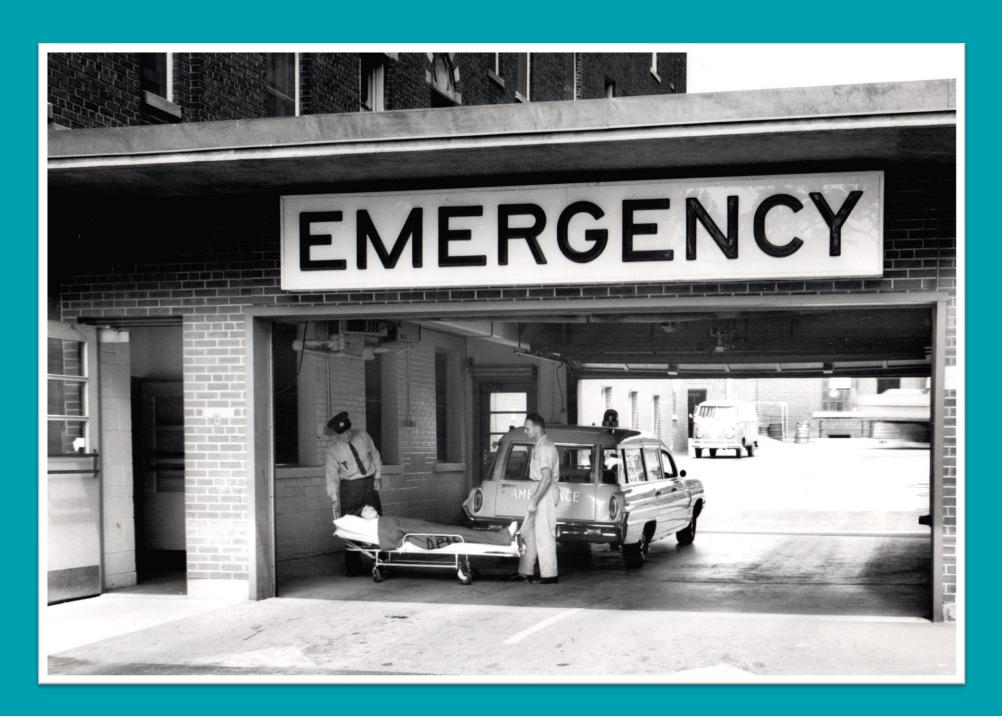


St. Joseph's Hospital logo, 1970s.

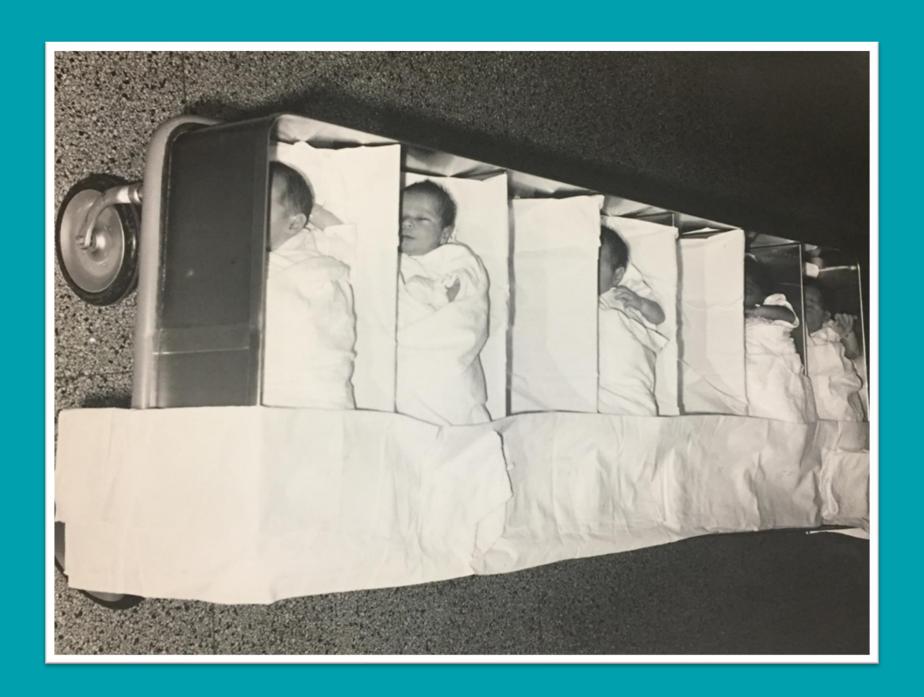




Postcard image of the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, after 1970s.



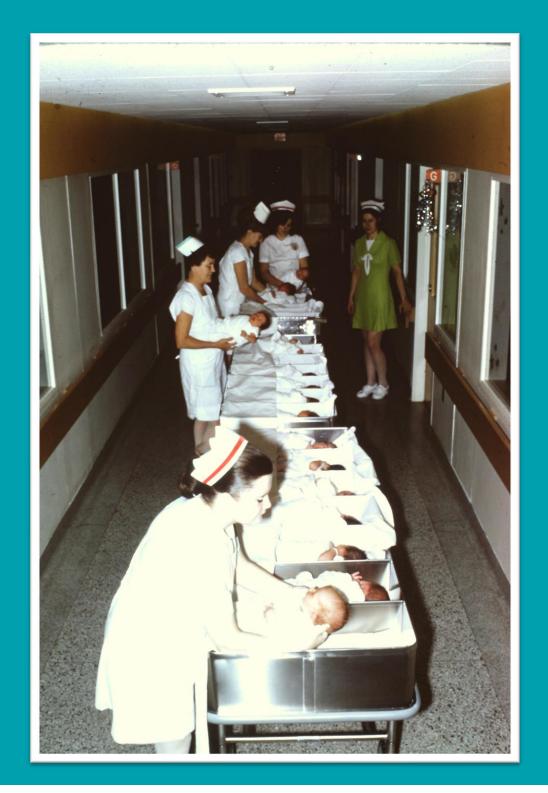
Patient arriving via ambulance to Emergency department, 1970s.



Newborn infants in connecting bassinets, c1970s.







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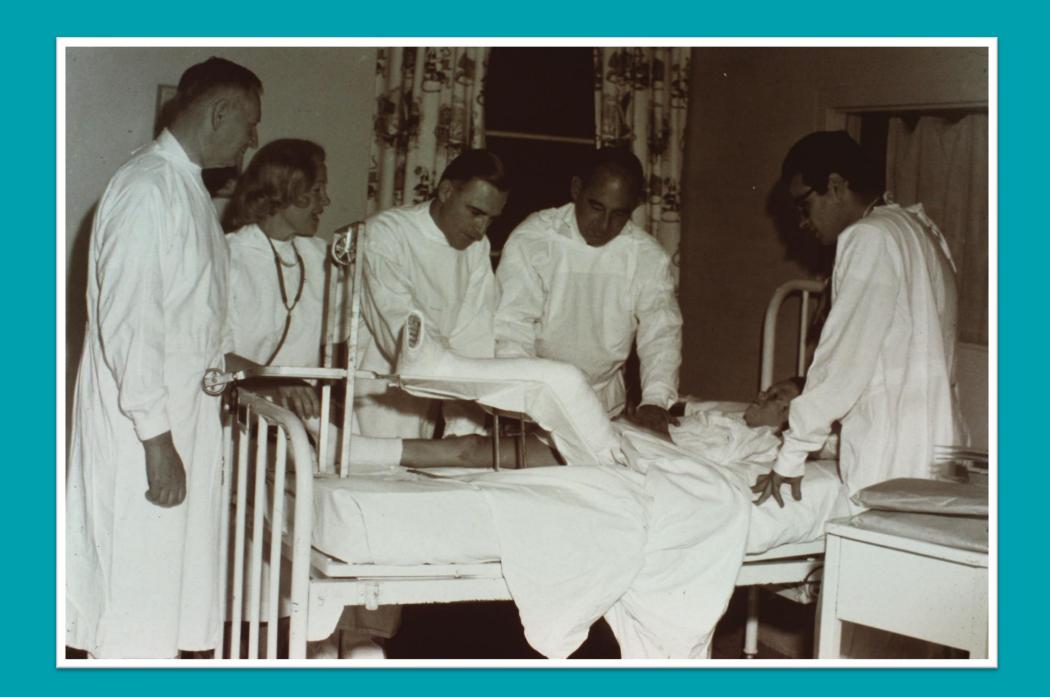


Nurses attending mass, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital chapel, c1970s.



Nurse with fetal heart monitor, c1970s.





Five healthcare workers surrounding pediatrics patient with broken leg, c1970s.

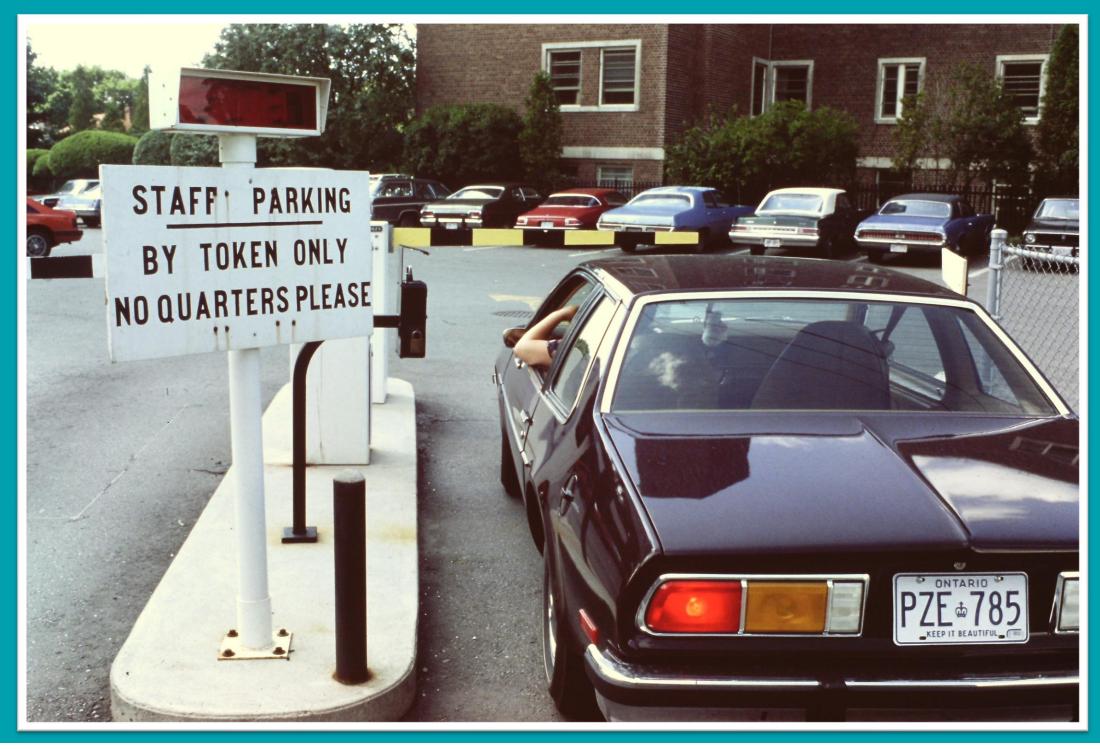




View of St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Mercy Hospitals from the east, c1970s



Exterior view of St. Joseph's Hospital from south, c1970s.



Entrance to staff parking lot, c1970s.



Eight nurses at nursing station on 2 East, 1973. The person standing, third from the left, is Miss Budreas, Head Nurse







Two students of the former St. Joseph's School of Nursing review a chart, c1970s



Our Lady of Mercy Hospital chapel decorated with poinsettia, 1970s.





Sister Attracta Schoenhofer with staff at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, c1970s.

Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Aerial photo of St. Joe's from the southwest, prior to the construction of the Barnicke Wing, 1970s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.

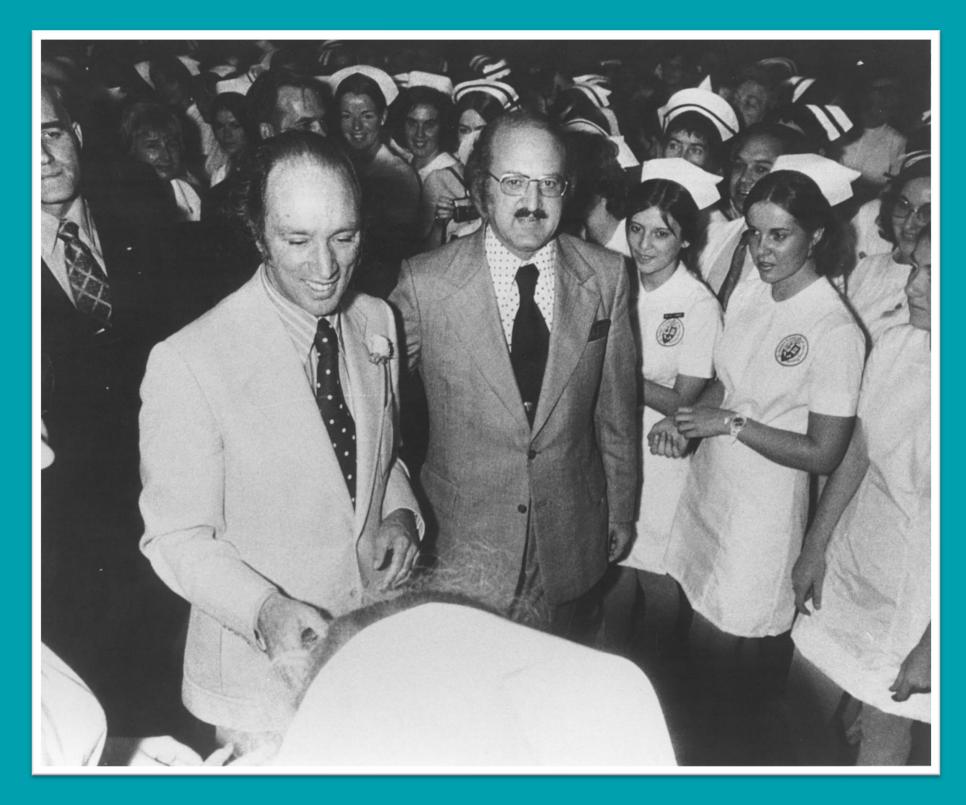


Crest of St. Joseph's Hospital, 1971



Nurses walking down hospital hallway, c1972.





The late Pierre Elliott Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada, visited St. Joseph's on September 29, 1972. St. Joe's nursing students are visible in the crowd behind him. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Another shot of the late former Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to St. Joseph's Hospital, September 1972. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Nursing directors who made the difficult decision to merge the five Toronto hospital-based schools of nursing to the Nursing Division of George Brown College, 1973-1975. Left to right: Phyllis Marley (Toronto Western Hospital), Heidi Yamashita (Nightingale School of Nursing), Sr. Josephine Conlin, CSJ (St. Joseph's Hospital), Pat Stanojvic (Toronto General Hospital), Sr. Marion Barron, CSJ (St. Michael's Hospital). Photo courtesy of

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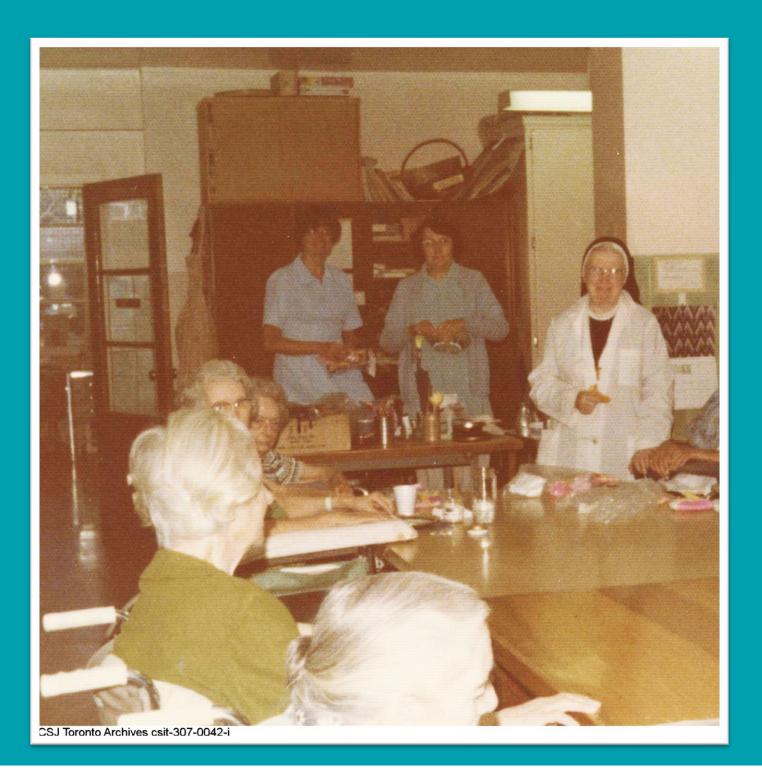
Mother Maura receiving a plaque from Dr. H.J. Watt at the St. Joseph's Hospital Research Foundation's Annual "Rose Ball", 1974. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Sister Eymard Clarey, 1st Floor Supervisor, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, 1976.

Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sister St. Hubert Allen in the Occupational Therapy room with patients, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, 1976. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Construction of the original Sunnyside parking garage, 1976. The Queensway and Gardiner Expressway are visible to the right.



St. Joseph's Hospital new parking garage, c1976.





Another view of construction of the original Sunnyside parking garage, 1976.



Official opening of St. Joseph's Health Centre, May 7, 1980. From left to right: Dennis Trimbell [Minister of Health], Sister Margaret Myatt, Sister Mary Carol Lemire, Cardinal Carter, Lt. Gov. Pauline McGibbon. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



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Unveiling of St. Joseph's Health Centre plaque, 1980. Photo courtesy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto Archives.



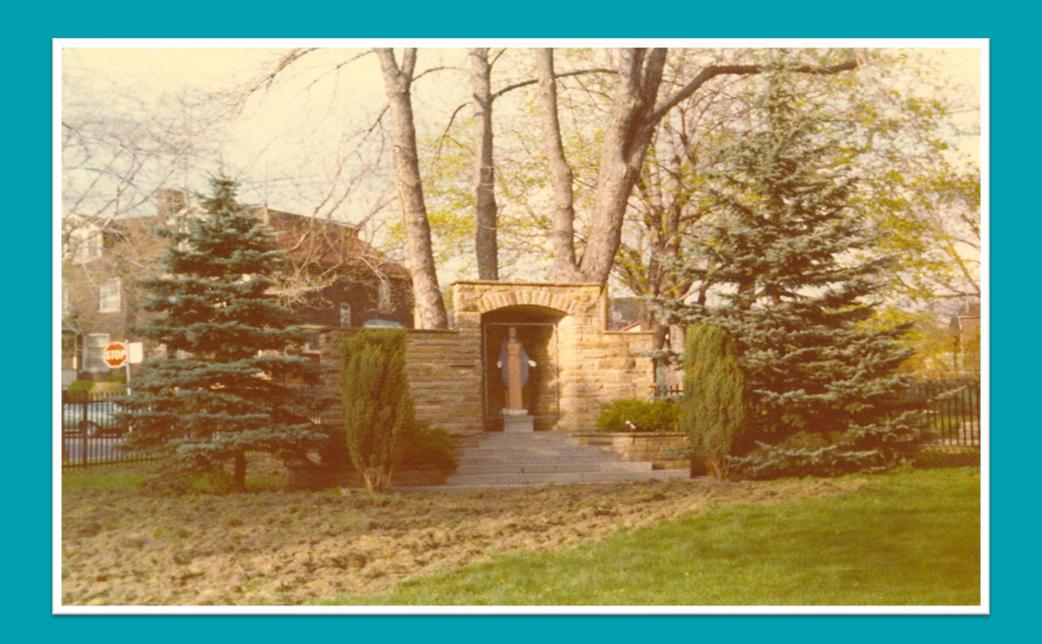
St. Joseph's Health Centre Executive Management Team with Sisters Margaret and Marcella, December 1980. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sister Cecilia Barry with nurses in the Emergency department, c1980. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.

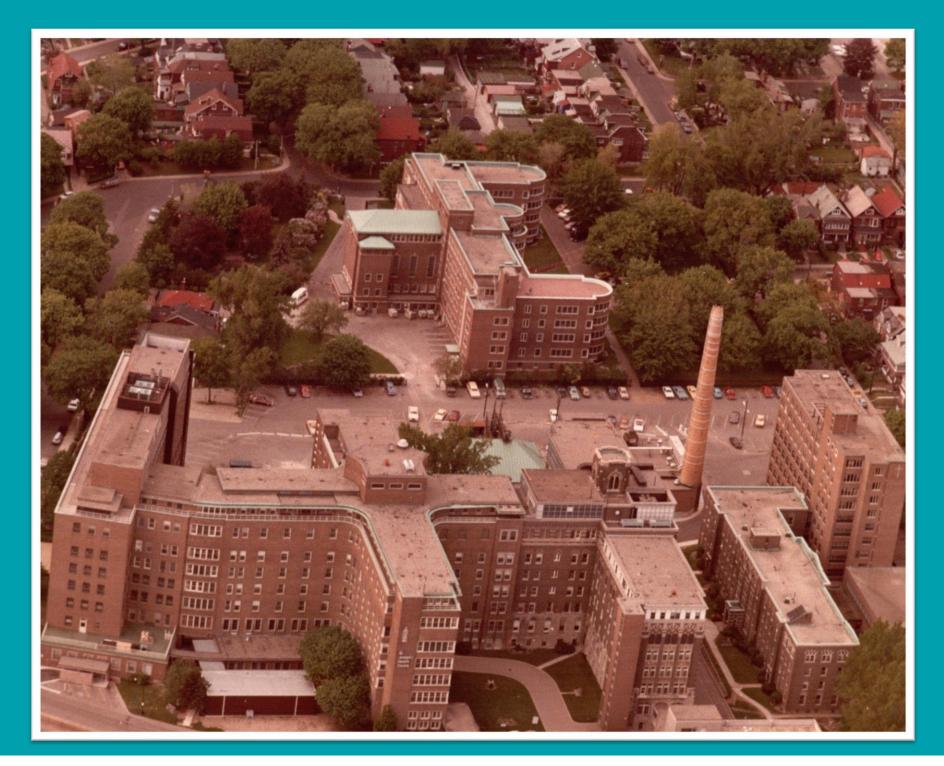


Our Lady of Mercy Hospital resident kissing his wife, c1980s.



Grotto stood on the northeast corner of the property in front of the Our Lady of Mercy wing, no date. The statue is now in the Our Lady of Mercy wing lobby c1980s.





Aerial shot of St. Joseph's Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, c1980s.





ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

St. Joseph's Hospital logo, 1980s.



Sculpture of mother and child, "Joy of Life", by Lea Vivot, stands in front of St. Joseph's Health Centre, unveiled on October 2, 1983.



Sister Grace Sauvé receiving the Ortho Award from Ortho Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd. for outstanding contribution in hospital pharmacy practice, 1984. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Sister Ann Delaney welcoming a baby, 1984. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Aerial view of St. Joseph's before the Our Lady of Mercy Hospital was demolished, 1990s.





As a member of the hospital chaplaincy team, Sister Mary Carmen MacLean visits a patient, 1990s. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Aerial shot of St. Joseph's Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, c1990s.



Sisters in residence at St. Joseph's Health Centre, 1993. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Unveiling portraits of former executive directors, 1993. Sitting, left to right: Sisters Mary Kathleen Moore, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital (OLM) and Mary Francis Peck, St. Joseph's Hospital (SJH). Standing, left to right: Sister Marcella Iredale, OLM, Leo Steven, St. Joseph's Health Centre (SJHC), and Sister Margaret Myatt (SJHC). Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



St. Joseph's Health Centre Volunteer Executive Board, 1994. Back row: Gertrude Pfeiffer, Gift Shop Manger. Front row, left to right: Mary Tournour, PR Director; Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton, President; Helen Beetham, Secretary; Phil Kyne, Past President; Stana D'Agata, Treasurer. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Group photograph of the Sisters honoured at a banquet dinner hosted by St. Joseph's Health Centre, 1994. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Dr. Archie Foster and Sister Marcella Iredale at farewell dinner, 1994. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



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Sisters of St. Joseph at the opening of the Msgr. Fullerton Eye Clinic, St. Joseph's Health Centre, February 1, 1996. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



St. Joseph's Health Centre volunteers with Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton in front row, 1996. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





Quilt made in recognition of St. Joseph's 75th anniversary, 1996



The new Dr. H. James Watt Oncology/Haematology Unit opened on the 6th floor of the East wing, May 2002.





New inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation unit opens on the 6th floor of the East wing, May 2002.



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Sisters and staff celebrate Mission Week at St. Joseph's Health Centre, 2002. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.





A procession along The Queensway in celebration of World Youth Day, a special event initiated by Pope John Paul II, July 2002.



The new Intensive Care Unit opens, November 2002



New paediatric Emergency Department, 2002.





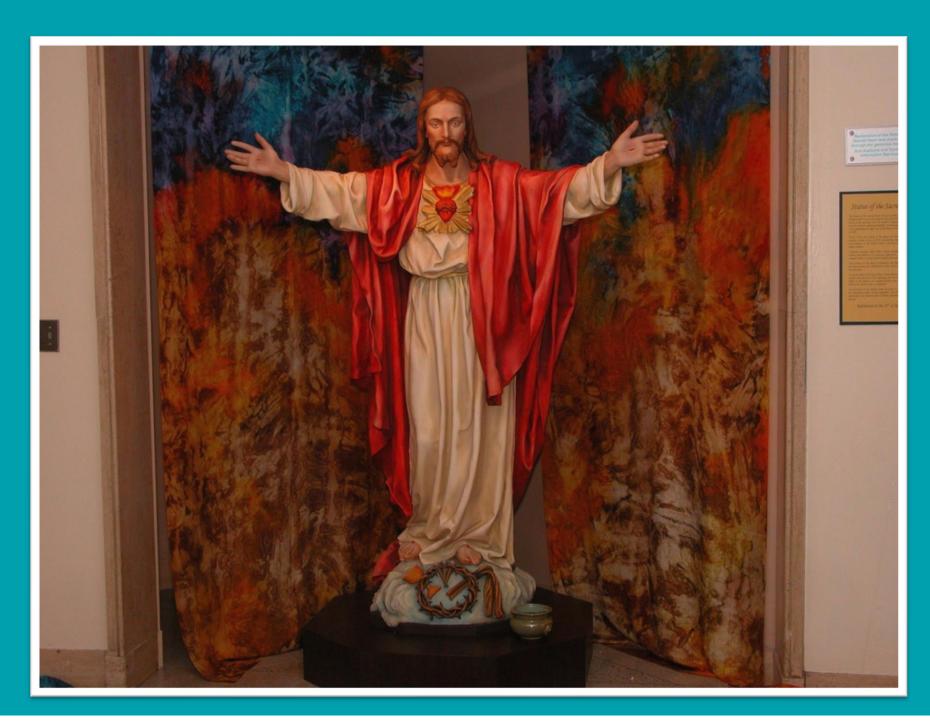
New main Emergency Department, 2002.



Staff decorate their masks during SARS, 2003.



Unveiling of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue, 2004.



Sacred Heart of Jesus statue, 2004.





Renovation of the Vera and Ferdinand Melnyk Pavilion at the Main Entrance, 2004. It officially opened on December 8, 2005, funded in part by a \$5 million donation to the Health Centre Foundation by Mr. Eugene Melnyk.





Special event with former Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty, and members of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) to celebrate transformations in the care for our mental health population, August 29, 2006.



Construction of <u>Glendale House</u>, a new out-patient residential care setting that provides clients with a safe and supportive environment to address addiction issues, 2006.





Birthday celebration for <u>Sister Marcella Herlehy, CSC</u> (seated), a former chaplain at St. Joe's for 23 years, c2007.





Demolition of the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in progress, 2007.



Jane Watson, creator of Project Hope, and her daughter pose with the stuffed animals that were distributed throughout the Health Centre on Christmas Eve, 2007. See <u>this article</u> for more information.





Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing 2008 winner, Lilly Ferrero, with the mother who nominated her for the prestigious award. See <u>this article</u> for more information.



As part of Interprofessional Education Week, St. Joseph's Health Centre welcomed Jennifer Valentyne and the Live Eye Crew from Breakfast Television to our Interprofessional Skills Fair, a quarterly event that began in 2005.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008.



Laurel Broten, MPP, Etobicoke Lakeshore, gives the opening address at the Shovel in the Ground celebration on the site of the future Our Lady of Mercy wing, September 10, 2009.



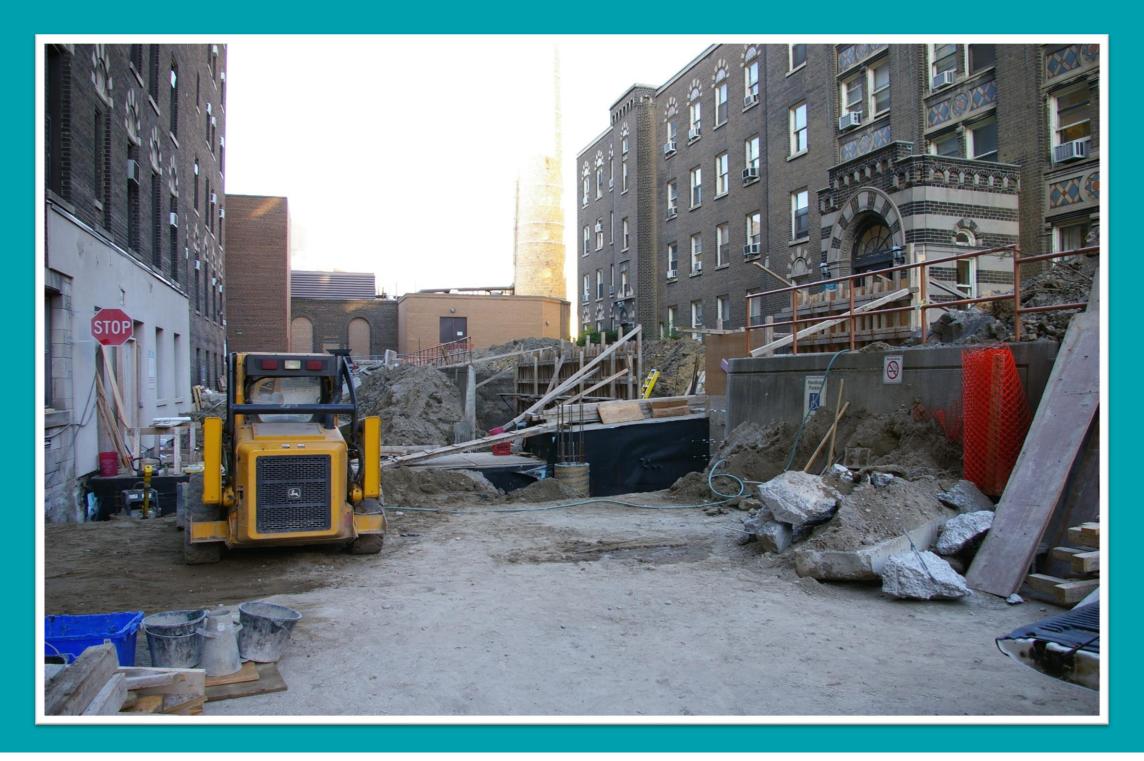
Shovel in the Ground event for the Our Lady of Mercy wing. From left to right: Dale McGregor, CFO; Cheri DiNovo, MP; Carolyn Baker, CEO; David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Laurel Broten, MPP; Richard Ross, Board Chair; Mark Vimr, VP Clinical Services; Ken Deane, ADM, MOHLTC, September 10, 2009.



Sister Mary Carmen MacLean addresses an audience during a reception to celebrate St. Joe's 90th anniversary, December 5, 2011.



Emergency Department team simulates set-up of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives (CBRNE) tent outside, June 6, 2010.



A second view of the tunnel construction, 2010.



Renovation of tunnel and East Wing driveway, 2010.





LCol Jim Kile, Regional Surgeon, Canadian Forces Health Service Group, presented a plaque in recognition of all St. Joseph's Health Centre employees for their support during the G20 Summit in Toronto. Accepting the token of appreciation on behalf of the Health Centre were: Carolyn Baker, President & CEO; Genefer Behamdouni, Co-Chair, EPC; Silvana Biscaro, Program Director, ED and Critical Care; Donna Hess, PCM, Emergency; Sandy Foster, Clinical Care Leader, Emergency and Kathy Millar, VP, Quality, Safety and Performance Excellence, October 29, 2010.



eHealth Ontario announces the Emergency Neuro Image Transfer System. From left to right: Carolyn Baker; Deb Matthews, Minister of Health; Greg Reed, CEO, eHealth ON; Dr. Michael Fehlings; and Dr. Steve Rhee, March 3, 2011.

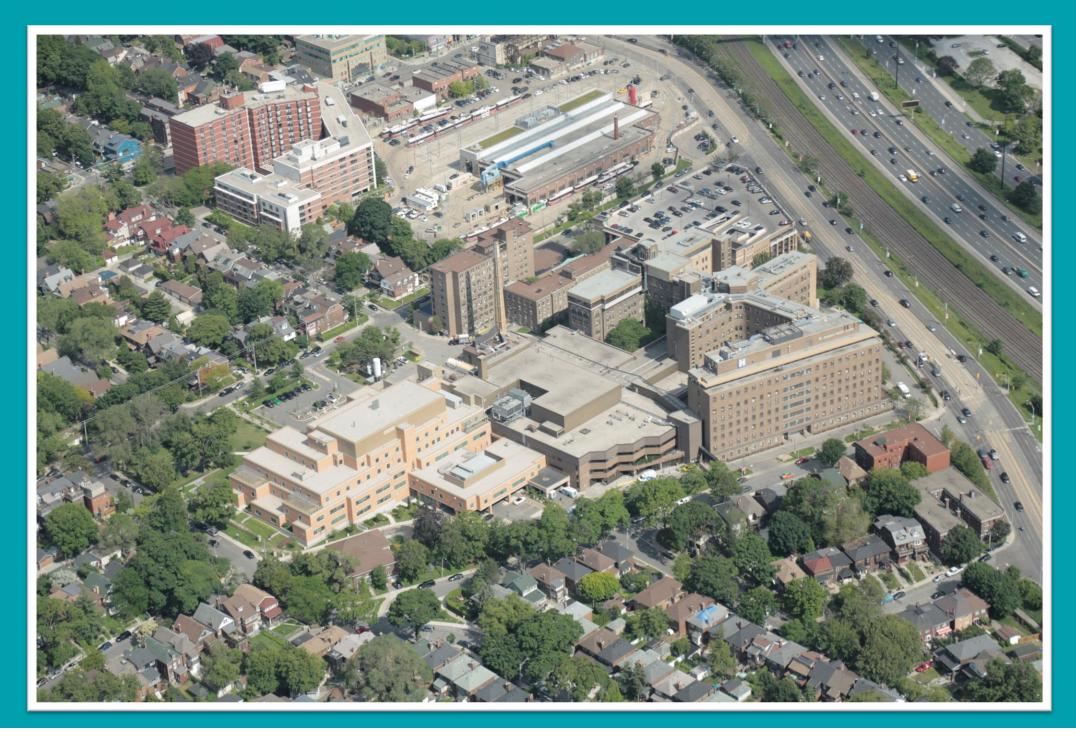




St. Joseph's Health Centre Board of Directors, 2011. Sister Roberta Freeman is seated second from left. Photo courtesy of CSJT Archives.



Dawn breaks over the new Our Lady of Mercy wing, 2011.



St. Joseph's Health Centre, June 2018. In 2017, St. Joe's joined Providence Healthcare and St. Michael's Hospital to form Unity Health Toronto. Together, the three organizations serve patients, residents and clients across the full spectrum of care, while investing in world-class research and education. We look forward to another 100 years of exemplary care!

We would like to acknowledge Linda Wicks, Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto Archives, for generously contributing her time, expertise and resources.

