

Chronicle  
Salve Regina College

February 1953

Material prior to this date may be found in archives and scrapbook found in Dean's office.

Sister Mary Jean, R.S.M.

There are also materials on the history of the College.

With courage and compassion

Covering 1934- 1991

Sister Mary Jean Tobin

Feb. 10, 1953

Ma Mère General of the White Sisters visited us. Her companion was Sister Helen who teaches at the nursery school on Spring Street. Mother left a copy of the story of her order. Sister M. Mercedes conducted her on a tour of the college and convent.

Feb. 11, 1953

Three newly-ordained priests from Saint John's seminary, Brighton offered Mass in our chapel.

Mar. 16, 1953

Sister Mary James left for hospital in Boston – Saint Elizabeth's.

Mar. 21, 1953

Sister Mary James was operated on this Morning. Results were not encouraging.

Mar. 23-25, 1953

A vocation institute was held in the auditorium of Saint Augustine's. Sister M. Mercedes of our faculty directed the Mercy exhibit. The booth was attractively arranged with backdrop featuring Mother McAuley and the works of Mercy. Pamphlets illustrating our works were distributed. A particularly unique feature was a paper doll series which included a dress of Mother McAuley's era, a postulant's outfit and a habit of the order. Sister Mercedes was photographed with Bishop McVinney. The picture was featured in the Providence Visitor.

March 30, 1953

Herman Huffer Esq. visited Sister John Francis after his European tour. He was particularly anxious to see Moore Hall with its array of furniture which Mr. Huffer kindly donated the December previous.

April 21 and 22, 1953

Sister Mary Philemon was favored by a visit from her cousin Brother Basil Stephen, F. S. C. director of Lincoln Hall, Lincolndale, N.Y.

April 26, 1953

The Misses Gertrude and Lillian Mahon kindly lent their selection of Madonnas for display in the Great Hall as part of a May sodality project.

May 1, 1953

Mrs. Jane Little and her daughter Neeley age 7 ½ who have been instructed at our college were baptized at 5:15 pm in St. Mary's Church by Rev. Gerald F. Dillon Chaplain of the College. Neeley took the name Mary. Her mother who had been baptized previously in the Episcopal Church had the name Mary Jane. The sponsors were Commander and Mrs. Gene LaRoche. Attending the baptism were Sister Mary Constance, Sister Mary Jean, Miss Mary Louise Burkhart and Miss Margaret Walsh. Two souls for our Lady on May day.

May 3, 1953

The College Chapel was the setting for the first communion of Mrs. Little and Mary Neeley. The hymns sung at the Mass were “O Sanctissima” “O Sacred Heart What Shall I Render Thee,” and “O Lord I Am Not Worthy.” Two prie-dieus tastefully decorated in white were used by the First Communicants. It is the first time in the history of the College that a Mother and her Child have received our Lord for the first time. Mrs. Little, Mary Neeley and Mrs. LaRoche had breakfast with Father Dillon Mary Neeley remarked, “I am all white now like the Host except my eyes and hair.

May 5, 1953

Mrs. Little and Mary Neeley are giving flowers for the altar weekly for a year in thanksgiving for the gift of faith and appreciation of the kindness of the Sisters.

Father Petellier brought a Trappist Monk—Fr. Bernard Kelley—and his Sister Miss Kelley to visit us. Fr. Bernard lived in Cumberland until the fire. Now he is in Spencer. He has been a Trappist forty-eight years. At the time of the fire when the monks were practically homeless, Fr. Petellier got permission from the Pope for Fr. Bernard to go home to Ireland to visit his mother who is ninety-two years old. He offered Mass in his mother’s room. When the monastery was ready in Spencer Father returned from Ireland. Sister Mary Martha and Sister Mary Jean receive and “Irish blessing” from Father Kelley and a “French blessing” from Father Petellier.

May 13, 1953

Sha-Ling Hwa from Korea [sic],<sup>1</sup> who had been at the College for about one year and a half, was baptized Mary Theresa at five o’clock to-day by Fr. Dillon at St. Mary’s Church. Mary Louise Burckhart was her sponsor. Sister Mary Venard and Sister Marie Therese attended the ceremony.

May 14, 1953

Ascension Thursday – Mary Theresa made her first Communion in our chapel at our eight o’clock Mass. Sister Mary Rosina, organist, played “On this Day O Beautiful Mother,” “Ava Maria,” and “O Lord I Am Not Worthy.” A Communion breakfast was served in the state dining room after Mass.

May 26, 1953

Sister Mary Donald went Boston College for her orals in English—passed successfully.

May 29, 1953

Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Catherine and Sister Mary Catherine were here for Class day. Mother Provincial stayed for the week-end.

May 30, 1953

Commencement Ball – eight-thirty until twelve in state dining room.

May 31, 1953

Trinity Sunday – Baccalaureate Mass and Parents’ Dinner.

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<sup>1</sup> Sister Mary Theresa (Sha-Ling) Hwa was from Taiwan.

June 1, 1953

Commencement at four on terrace.  
Speaker: Monsignor Charles Lynch.

June 7, 1953

Mary Neeley Little made her first confession to Fr. Dillon before eight o'clock Mass.

June 9, 1953

Sister Mary Martha and Sister Mary Kathleen left to-day for St. Louis and Kansas City for a Home Economics Convention and Workshop

June 11, 1953

Sister Mary Emeria and Sister Mary Constance left for Washington, D.C. in the interest of administration and curriculum.

June 12, 1953

Feast of the Sacred Heart—Sister M. Mercedes left for St. Xavier's where she is to meet Sister M. Marcia. To-morrow they leave for New York. Sister is to help Sister M. Teresita of N.Y. in the organization of an Art curriculum for the Junior College.

June 14, 1953

Sister Mary Venard and Sister Mary Jean went to the blessing of the Novitiate of Mary Immaculate Queen—Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny—situated on the James Estate. There were six Sisters of Mercy present plus a group of Sisters of St. Joseph from Saint Catherine's and some Sisters of the Holy Ghost from Spring St. The Bishop arrived one half hour late—three-thirty. He toured the building and had lunch in the community room. Mother Clare from Philadelphia entertained us with stories about her experiences in India. She had spent twenty years there. There are two professed Sisters and three postulants at the Novitiate. Girls trained by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at St. Catherine's sang the Benediction—solemn benediction with Fr. Callahan of St. Mary's and Fr. Dillon our Chaplain assisting the Bishop. Monsignor Mahoney took us home at 5:15.

June 15, 1953

The Misses Barbara Glaser and Margaret Geers, graduates of Our Lady of Cincinnati College arrived to-day to visit Sister Mary Pierre formerly of Our Lady of Cincinnati College. They intend to stay until the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The community received a letter from the Religious of the Cenacle announcing their departure from Newport where they have worked for forty-six years. They are to remain here until the late fall and then are going to Lancaster in the Worcester diocese. Shortage of Sisters seems to be the reason for leaving Newport

The Mother General of the Holy Cross Sisters – Mother Rose Elizabeth and her companion Sister Canisius came to visit for a couple of days. They left \$20 for a treat for the community

June 18, 1953

Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine arrived for the Salve Regina Guild board party. Mother Catherine is to remain to preside at retreat.

Sister Mary Donald and Sister Mary Christopher left this morning for Notre Dame.

June 19, 1953

Retreat opened to-day with eighty-six Sisters in retreat. Retreat priest was supposed to have been Rev. William Carroll, S. J. – changed on last minute to Rev. John Flanagan, S. J. – a seasoned missionary and Brother to Father Raymond of the Gethsemani Trappists

June 26, 1953

Sisters M. Emeria and Constance returned from D.C.

Mother Catherine returned to the Provincial House.

June 28, 1953

Retreat closed this A.M. This afternoon the Sisters will be here for summer classes. Added to college faculty for summer are Sister Mary Rose who will teach French and Sister Mary Antonine who will teach history. Sister Mary Rose is from Fall River – Mount Saint Mary's and Sister Mary Antonine from Holy Family, New Bedford.

June 29, 1953

Moore Hall opened for renovation with Sister Mary Alberta as superior and Sister Mary Audrey as mistress. Rev. Fr. Hawkins, S.J. is conducting the classes.

Summer classes were formally opened this A.M.

July 2, 1953

To-day two distinguished visitors came with Miss Teresa Fitzpatrick—Nora Waln of Philadelphia, a Quakeress and author connected with The Atlantic Monthly. Two of her books are Under the Stars [sic]<sup>2</sup> – the Germany of the 1930s and House of Exile – China and the Nationalists. Sister Marie Pierre discovered that Miss Waln and herself belonged to the same fraternity – Kappa Gamma. With Miss Waln was Colonel Lawrence Eliah Bunker of Wellesly Hills, Mass., a former aide to General McArthur.

July 4 1953

Three Masses to-day – Father Dillon, Fr. Sullivan who is visiting Fr. Walsh of the Newport Walshes and Fr. James F. Ryan, S.J. of Boston College. A glorious Fourth indeed.

July 7, 1953

Sister M. Venard and Sister M. Barromeo left to-day for St. Joseph's Women's College Brooklyn for a visit with Sister Helen Loyola, S. S. J. who is an authority on financing and the establishment of an efficient treasurer's department in the College.

Sisters M. Benedicta and Neri from Trenton N.J. are here for a week's vacation.

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<sup>2</sup> *Reaching for the Stars* (1939). The book was later published under the title *The Approaching Storm: One Woman's Story of Germany, 1934-1938*.

July 8, 1953

Fr. Spellman a friend of Mrs. Honan's said Mass in our Chapel 8:30. A retreat closed at Moore Hall.

Bishop James L. Connolly of Fall River was here with Bishop John J. Russell of South Carolina.

July 13, 1953

Fr. Dillon's anniversary marked by High Mass – Pro Pace with Ava Maria for offertory; also marked by gift of flowers, a desk pen, and a spiritual bouquet. Monsignor Lynch formerly of Our Lady of Providence Seminary brought a delegation of former Louvaine students to visit the College: Rev. Joseph McPherson Our Lady of Victory, Lackawanna; Rev. James L. Carberry – Archdiocese of Newark. Rev. John H. Archibald, St. Paul's Shrine, Cleveland; Rev. William Carukin, New Haven; Rev. Albert Benard, Bradley, Maine; Rev. E.W. Byron, Currie, Minnesota, Rev. J. A. Hartman, Canton, Ohio; Rev. R. F. Harkins, Oklahoma City.

July 16, 1953

High Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

July 25, 1953

Fr. Dillon offered Mass for Sister Mary James.

July 26, 1953

Eileen Cordigan and Valerie Sullivan of London and Somerset, England visited us.

July 27, 1953

Marjorie Scudder of Alaska was a guest of the World Literature class- – friend of Miss Alene Crosby student in class.

August 6, 1953

Sister M. Mercedes' mother died this morning.

August 7, 1953

High Mass of requiem sung by Sisters for Sister's Mother.

Summer session ends; preparations for Concert – Philharmonic Orchestra of New York under the auspices of Newport Music Club. Not held in the end due to rain.

Sister Mary Jean leaves to-day en route to S. S. C. A.

August 9, 1953

Sisters leave for a retreat at Bayview. Seven of our household: S. M. Emeria, S. M. Constance, S.M. Kathleen, S. M. Martha will be joined by Sisters who have returned from summer school – Notre Dame – S. M. Donald and S. M. Christopher – Catholic University – S.M. Philemon.

August 10, 1953

Renovation over; Moore Hall closed; S. Marie Pierre and Sister John Francis leave for Cincinnati.

August 18, 1953

Return from retreat and S.S.C.A.

August 19, 1953

Yearly assignments

August 20, 1953

Two Sisters of Mercy from England – Sisters M. Genevieve and Kevin are here as over-night guests. Sister M. Eucharia of St. Xavier's is with them. Rev. Joseph Lynch, S. J. of Fordham is with them. He showed us pictures of Rome, Fatima, Lourdes and France. He was in Rome trying to locate Nero's Circus where St. Peter was crucified. Father is seismologist at Fordham.

August 21, 1953

Father Lynch said Mass for us at 7:30. Sisters M. Philemon, Donald, Christopher and Martha left for the Villa.

August 22, 1953

Two Sisters of St. Joseph from Brooklyn, Sisters Helen Loyola and Irene de Lourdes are visiting here for two weeks. Sister Helen Loyola was of invaluable assistance to the business office last summer. Sister is stationed at St. Joseph College for Women in Brooklyn.

August 26 and 27, 1953

Rev. Father Clarkin from N.C.W.C. in Washington said Mass here. He is visiting Rev. H.W. McManus, Navy Chaplain who is substituting for our Chaplain Father Dillon.

August 28, 1953

Word came this A.M. of Sister M. Maurice Tobin's election as third Mother General. Mother Maurice has been councilor and general secretary.

Sisters returned from Villa to-day.

September 3, 1953

Sister M. Emeria was appointed Dean of the College.

Sister M. Evangelista – first councilor and Sister M. Martina second councilor.

September 5, 1953

The Sisters of St. Joseph left this noon.

September 12, 1953

Sisters Marie Pierre and John Francis returned to-day.

September 13, 1953

Rev. Father Keller said Mass at 9:45 in our Chapel.

(Christopher movement)

September 22, 1953

Celebrated Mother General's feast for the first time. Sister Emeria read the report of the chapter held in August.

September 24, 1953

Mercy Day – Honors Convocation – Bishop McKinney present – speaker Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, S.S.E. President of St. Michael College, Woonsocket, Vermont- theme The Quest for Truth – very interesting.

October 4, 1953

Sister M. Constance, M. Donald, M. Philemon, M. Christopher went to Wollaston, Mass. to attend the first solemn Mass of Reverend William C. Burkhart in Sacred Heart Church. Father is brother of Mary Louise Burkhart of the class of '53 and nephew of Sister Mary Louise O'Brien.

October 8, 1953

Sisters M. Constance and M. Mercedes left for Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, Mass. to attend a catechetical Convention to be held from Oct. 9 through 12.

October 9, 1953

Living rosary at Our Lady of Fatima – world rosary – narrator – Miss Jane Quinton of the class of '54

October 10, 1953

Sisters M. Emeria and Marie Pierre attended Reading Convention held in Warwick, R.I. Sister Emeria was on panel.

Sister M. Martha and M. Christopher attended a tri-state inter-college conference at Norwich Inn and Connecticut College, New London. The main theme was The Role of Home Economics In General Education. Sister M. Christopher participated in the panel discussion How Well Does Home Economics Integrate with General Education.

October 12, 1953

High School Day – 200 pupils from different high schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts visited the college and toured the buildings. They were addressed by various Alumnae including Barbara M. Andrew '53; Camille Henault, '51; Catherine Henault, '51; Patricia Fox, '52.

Virginia Boisvert read prize essay on Columbus – Columbus, an Appreciation – at the unveiling of the statue of Columbus on Memorial Boulevard under the auspice of the Italian societies of Newport.

Sisters M. Donald and M. Jean attended the ceremonies. Miss Boisvert received a bouquet and a check for fifty dollars.

October 19, 1953

Mission Bazaar in Mercy Hall under auspices of sophomore class – Sister Mary Christopher in charge. \$350 was realized.



October 23, 1953

Renewal of Enthronement in Great Hall and crowning of Mission Queen – Patricia O'Connell.

October 24, 1953

Salve Regina Guild bridge. S.M. Emeria, S.M. Philemon, S.M. Christopher won dolls. Mother Provincial, Mother Catherine, and Sister Admirabilis attended.

October 29, 1953

Hallow'een Party and Freshman show in Mercy Hall. Sisters attended and were served cider and doughnuts in Home Economics Laboratory.

October 30, 1953

Community Hallow'een party in Community Room. The following dressed up in various costumes: S.M. Constance S.M. Venard, S.M. Martha, S.M. Mercedes, S.M. Jean, S.M. Clarice, S.M. Rosina, S.M. Othilda and S.M. Christopher. Candy, cider, ice creams cones plus much hilarity lead by S.M. Martha and S.M. Christopher reading palms gave everyone a grand time.

November 1, 1953

Salve Regina Guild meeting. Speaker – Arthur Lynch, PhD. Of Brown University subject – Sir Thomas More and His Epigrams. Very interesting indeed. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine were present and remained until Monday afternoon.

November 6, 1953

Sisters M. Donalda and M. Barromeo left for Boston. A regional meeting of Public Health Commission is being held at the Faculty House of Boston University. Representatives from various New England Colleges and hospitals attended.

November 21, 1953

Board meeting of National Home Economics Association held here with Sister M. Cathleen as chairman. Purpose – preparation for meeting to be held here in March. Two Sisters of Charity from New York – Sister Constance and Miriam Magdalen plus Sister Agnes Marie of Regis conferred with Sister on plans for the March Meeting.

Sister Mary Therese went to St. Joseph's Hospital this A.M.

November 22, 1953

Fashion Show under auspices of Home Economics department with S.M. Martha in charge – held in Great Hall at 7:30 p.m. Special features were children's costumes dating from Civil War period on. College students modelled costumes old and new.

November 27, 1953

Rev. Lewis Ward Dunn came on canonical visitation.

November 28, 1953

Reverend received word that Sister M. Evangelista, who was visiting at St. Joseph's Convent, Providence, fell and is in St. Joseph's Hospital

December 4, 1953

Opening of Marian year. Great Hall – at eleven a.m. Table shrine of Our Lady with Murillo's Immaculate Conception as center. Decorations – palms, calla lilies and white roses. Girls wore academic dress. Processional – O Most Holy One; Essay – Mary, Mother of Christ – Gertrude McGrath. Hymn – Maria Sine Labe Concepta – Glee Club Group. Essay – Mary, Mother of Christ (Another Aspect) – Sally Ann McLeod; Poem – The Reed – Holly Hollister; Hymn – Tota Pulcher Es – Glee Club Group; Interpretation of encyclical Fulgens Corona Rev. Gerald F. Dillon. Benediction followed.

Sister Mary James died at 8:55 this evening at Mount Saint Rita.

December 5, 1953

Theresa Fisher, a Freshman, was taken seriously ill in a Newport restaurant and taken to Newport Hospital.

December 7, 1953

Attended Sister Mary James funeral at Mount Saint Rita – most of faculty, all seniors, some juniors, Class officers of all classes.

Sister M. Evangelista returned home to-day.

December 8, 1953

Sisters M. Jean and M. Donald attended Marian Congress at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven.

Theresa Fisher died at 9:45 p.m. in the Newport Hospital.

December 11, 1953

High Mass of Requiem for Sister May James at 7:15 A.M. in College Chapel.

Sisters M. Emeria, Constance, Martha, Jean, Pierre, Donald and Rosina attended Miss Fisher's funeral Mass at Saint Sebastian's Church in Providence.

The Freshman Class attended in a body.

December 10, 1953

Sister Mary Christopher operated on at Newport Hospital this A.M.

December 16, 1953

The Children's Hour – party for the poor – 23 children from public and parochial schools in Newport – held in Mercy Hall – 3:30 until 5:30 P.M.

The Newport Music Club through the courtesy of Mrs. Honnen gave a concert in the Great Hall at 7:30 p.m.

December 17, 1953

Sister Marie Therese operated on this A.M.

Traditional Holly Dinner organized and Carols plus ceremony of lighting candle one for each class at crib in fireplace in Great Hall. Mother Provincial and Mother Catherine were present and met the student body.

December 18, 1953

Marian Prayer distributed. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine left for Bethesda.

December 21, 1953

Sister M. Christopher came home from Newport Hospital.

December 23, 1953

Students on TV – WJAR – Advent Watch – program lasted 12 minutes. S.M Othilda, Rosina, and Jean went to studio with girls.

December 24, 1953

S.M. Philemon and S.M. Othilda left for Saint Mary's, Warren to assist with Church work.

December 25, 1953

High Mass for first time at midnight.

The late Father Bartley's (former pastor of St. Mary's Newport) sisters donated one thousand dollars to the college as a memorial to their brother.

December 28, 1953

Rev. Francis Nash, S.J. of Pomfret opened our three day retreat this evening. The Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's are here with us. The retreat promises to be excellent.

January 3, 1954

Rev. Gerald F. Dillon taken to Newport Hospital to-day – Virus.

January 8, 1954

Freshman investiture conducted by Rev. John Shea – held at 2:30 P.M. in Chapel – followed by parents' tea.

First day of Marian meditation – community observance. Rev. Stephen Callahan of St. Mary's is saying Mass this week in Fr. Dillon's place.

January 10, 1954

Father Dillon returned home to-day from Hospital.

Sister Mary Freda of St. Augustine's came here to recuperate from operation.

January 11, 1954

Snow-bound! Still kept school! Navy Chaplain saying Mass at 6:30 A.M. for a few days.

January 12, 1954

Sister Mary Jean received appointment as a member of Nominating Committee for the executive board of N.C.E.A New England Unit, Division of English. Duties to commence next year.

January 14, 1954

Sister Mary Urban of Bayview Came to-day to continue course in Adult education in library work which Sister Mary Therese was unable to finish. Sister will come each Thursday for the next few weeks.

January 15, 1954

Observance of Family Week – Project of Junior Class – Sodality. Christian Marriage – Ann Manning Tableau – Bride – Claire Randall – Recording – The Bells of St Mary's

Teaching Religion in the Home – Mary Mondi; Tableau – Mother (Anna Fingliss) Child (Paulette Joubet)

Recording: Lovely Lady Dressed In Blue.

Sacramentals and Blessings in Family Life – Joan Kane. Tableau – Holy Family – St. Joseph – Margaret Mullaney, Our Lady – Mary Nagle, Boy Christ – Madeline Saccoccio. Readings from This Little While – Joan Howell. Father Dillon closed meeting with a talk on Christian Family Life.

January 24, 1954

Celebrated Sister Emeria's feast day – real date January 20.

January 29, 30, 31, 1954

Library moved to state dining room. S.M. Urban, S.M Rose and S.M. Laura were here to direct the process.

February 2, 1954

High Mass in honor of feast of Purification.

February 4, 1954

Memorial Mass for Sister Mary James. Mother Provincial and Mother Catherine were present.

February 5, 1954

Ring day – Junior Class – 2:30 in Great Hall. Benediction and tea.

February 6, 1954

Sapphire Ball.

February 7, 1954

Holy Hour – Rev. Peter McGuire – St Mary's and St. Augustine's Sisters attended.

February 11, 1954

High Mass.

February 20, 1954

Sister Mary Therese returned home to-day from St. Joseph's Hospital.

February 25, 1954

Sodality Meeting at Mercy Hall. Mary in the Liturgy Sophomore Class project. Seven Sorrows on slides with appropriate readings in coral verse – seven candles for seven sorrows. Mary in the Mass and symbols of the Litany were included in the program.

March 2, 1954

Sister M. Jean and M. Donald appointed to track Junior Professed at Bayview beginning March 19. Two hour period of speech; four hours of World Literature – Part I.

March 6, 1954

Richard Little – adopted by Col. And Mrs. James W. Little – baptized by Fr. Dillon at St. Mary's. Took the name Thomas for Thomas Aquinas. Sisters M. Jean and M. John Francis witnessed the ceremony.

March 7, 1954

Richard Thomas Little received his first Holy Communion at eight o'clock Mass at our chapel. Mrs. Little, Mary Neeley and Richard Thomas were received into the Confraternity of the scapular.

Holy Hour of three conducted by Rev. Peter Young of St. Joseph's.

March 10, 1954

Rev. Fr. Linehan, S.J. seismologist at Weston gave us a lecture on seismology and showed slides. Father had accompanied Rev. Joseph Lynch, S.J. to Rome – the priest who showed us slides last August. Fr. Linehan is giving Novena of Grace at St. Mary's. The lecture was excellent.

March 12, 1954

Two whales sighted in cove just beyond terrace.

March 13, 1954

Meeting of College unit for unification of Mercy Schools. Sister M. Alacoque represented Catholic Teacher's College; Sister M. Siena and Sister M. Oliver, Mercy College of Education; Sisters M. Martina Evangelista, Bernard and Jean – Salve Regina College. Sister M. Emeria was chairman and Sister M. Constance secretary. Meeting was held in Room A.

March 14, 1954

Capping of Nurses took place in our chapel. Two of our Sisters in the ceremony – S.M. Geralyn and S.M. Marilynn. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine were present.

March 18, 1954

Fr. Dillon left to-day for a trip to the Bahamas.

The Little's came to say good-bye before leaving for Washington.

March 19, 1954

Vacation Mass at St. Joseph's. All students attended. Sister M. Jean and M. Donald went to Bayview for first class with Sisters

Rev. Father White is saying Mass in Fr. Dillon's place.

March 23, 1954

Freshman Contribution for Marian Year – Theme: Our Lady and Careers in library at 7 P.M. Rev. John Shea presided.

Leader: Caroline Swetnam; Nurse: Carol Radcliffe; Social Worker: Virginia Nourie; Teacher: Beverly Hayes; Secretary: Shirley Lopes; College Girl: Caroline Swetnam  
Rosary Tableau closed the meeting.

March 27, 1954

The First Regional Meeting of Catholic Council of Home Economics opened at the college with a low pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop McVinney. The welcome was extended to the group by Sister M. Emeria, Dean. The principal address was delivered by Judge John P. Cony of Providence. His topic was Strengthening Family Bonds Through Mary. The committee who arranged the program consisted of Sister M. Kathleen – chairman;

Sister Agnes Marie of Regis College – co-chairman;

Sister Mary Rose, S.S.N.D of Mission High in Rocksbury;

Sister Mary Flavia, S.S. J. of Regis and Sister Mary Martha of our own faculty who acted as secretary.

Sister Constance Marie, S.C. of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School of Brooklyn N.Y. was treasurer.

Bishop McVinney graciously addressed the group at 11:45. In the afternoon group discussions were held with the general report of such discussions being given in the Great Hall at 3:00 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. John Shea closed the conference. There was an attendance of approximately 200 people at the meeting.

April 1, 1954

Mother Mary Catherine and Sister Mary Loretto were to-day in the interest of summer study.

April 3, 1954

Various members of faculty attended meetings of the N.C.E.A. of New England.

History – S.M. Martina Sociology – S.M. Christopher – Newton College of Sacred Heart;

Education – S.M. Emeria and S.M. Evangelista – Providence College; Romance Languages –

S.M. Marie Pierre, S.M. John Francis – Emmanuel College; Science – S.M. Donalda – Boston College. English – S.M. Jean and S.M. Donald – Holy Cross College.

Sister Mary Emeria's sister was found dead this noon.

April 4, 1954

Salve Regina Guild Meeting with the guest lecturer – Brendan Shea – The Madonna in Art and Literature. Mother Mary Catherine, Sister Admirabilis, and Sister Mary Mark were here from the Provincial House.

Rev. Father Dillon returned from the Bahamas to-day.

April 11, 1954

Holy Hour conducted by Rev. Peter Maguire.

April 18, 1954

Easter Sunday – High Mass. Sisters M. Emeria, M. Martina and M. Constance left for Chicago.

April 19, 1954

Visitors – S.M. Nilus, Alberta, Anireta, Dionysia, Emeline and Mercy. Barbara Divine's mother died to-day.

April 20, 1954

Sisters M. Mercedes and M. Pierre attended Mrs. Honnen's sister's funeral Mass at St. Joseph's.

April 21, 1954

Mr. Eli Malgriri, former chef here, died at Newport Hospital.

May 3- 10 1954

Designated as Mary Week with the following program

3 – Madonna Exhibit

4 – Votive Mass

5 – Procession of Handicapped (Moore Hall)

6 – Holy Hour

7 – Sodality Elections

10 – Symposium on Nations plus May Procession

May 3, 1954

Mother Provincial arrived for visitation accompanied by Mother Catherine.

May 9, 1954

Sister M. Kathleen went St. Joseph's hospital.

May 10, 1954

Indoor crowning – Flags of Nations hung in the Great Hall – symposium

May 18, 1954

Corporation Meeting at 3 p.m. in library. Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Catherine, Sisters M. Catherine, Alberta, Admirabilis, and Beatrice came for the meeting. Early supper at 5:15.

May 26, 1954

Vigil of Ascension – day of recollection for seniors. Rev. David I. Coffey conducted the exercises.

May 28, 1954

Class Day – Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine attended.

May 30, 1954

Baccalaureate Sunday – Mass at 10:30; Parents' Dinner- 12:30  
Benediction and Musicales in the afternoon. Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine arrived to remain until to-morrow. Alumnae supper at six.

May 31, 1954

Commencement Day – Mass at nine – alumnae breakfast  
Bishop arrives half hour late for commencement – 4:30. Speaker Rev. John J. Dougherty, S.T.L. Professor of Scripture at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington N. J. Topic: "The Contemporary Catholic Woman." Very well done. Commencement ball and dinner 8:30 until 12.

June 1, 1954

Father Dougherty said Mass at nine. Mr. Charles Aubin, buyer at Officer's Club, treated the community to a steak dinner in our refectory.

June 4, 1954

Business Work Shop from 10 until four. Sister M. Emeria welcomed the members. Michael Walsh, State Commissioner of Education addressed the group. Sisters M. Vernard and M. Othilda of the business department were on the committee in charge of the affair. Students from Rogers High and St. Catherine's were members of business demonstration classes in the various group meetings. The whole workshop was most successful.

Sisters M. Jean and M. Donald left for Bayview to finish course begun in March. S.M. Christopher also went to Bayview to give a course to the practical nurses- S.M. Doris and S.M.

June 6, 1954

Mother Provincial and Mother Mary Catherine came for the Salve Regina Guild Board dinner.

June 10, 1954

Sisters M. Martina and M. Pierre left this morning for workshop in Washington, D.C. Registrar's Workshop.

June 18, 1954

Retreat opened with Rev. David Cominsky, S.J. conducting. Father is from Portland, Maine, stationed at Mercy Hospital. Eighty-six Sisters in retreat.

June 21, 1954

Sisters M. Jean and M. Donald left to-day for Baltimore to attend a workshop in Literary Criticism conducted by S.M. Cleophis, R.S.M. of Mount Saint Agnes College.

June 27, 1954

Retreat closed this A.M. Sisters liked the retreat very much. Sisters came in for summer school.



June 28, 1954

Sisters returned from Baltimore. Moore Hall opened for renovation. Rev. Frederick Moriarty S.J. giving the retreat.

July 2, 1954

Sisters M. Mercedes and M. Jean observed their silver jubilee

Rev. Gerald F. Dillon offered Mass which was sung by the Sisters

There was a movie in the evening "Prelude to Fame."

Word came to-day about provincial appointments: Mother Mary Catherine – Provincial; Mother Hilda – Assistant Provincial – New council member Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald. Sister is here for the summer teaching history.

July 13, 1954

Rev. Fr. Dillon's twenty-fourth anniversary. High Mass.

July 16, 1954

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – High Mass. Many Sisters made pilgrimages to Carmel. We sent cake and ice cream to the Carmelite Monastery.

July 18, 1954

Rev. Fr. Moriarty, S.J. finished his portion of the renovation program. Rev. John Lynch S.J. arrives this evening to take the remaining weeks.

July 19, 1954

Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda were here to-day about 4:15 for a few minutes. They had been to Moore Hall to see the Sisters.

July 24, 1954

High Mass of Requiem offered for Sister Mary James this morning.

July 31, 1954

Master George McDonald, son of Byrnes McDonald and a friend of Fr. Dillon's served high Mass on our chapel this morning. George's grandfather is responsible for a four-years scholarship to our College offered to a Bahamian student while Fr. Dillon was at the Bahamas this spring.

August 3, 1954

We were honored by a lecture on Russia given by Mrs. Perle Mesta former minister to Luxemburg. Mrs. Mesta was accompanied by her brother-in-law Mr. George Tyson. Fr. Dillon introduced Mrs. Mesta to the Sisters and a group of invited guests. Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda were here for the occasion. Mrs. Mesta is a charming, motherly, simple woman with a deep religious sense of her duty to God and her country. Her experiences beyond the Iron Curtain were thoroughly interesting. Mrs. Mesta spoke for nearly two hours from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. We could have listened for hours on end.

August 4, 1954

A musicale was presented by the summer students of the Music department under the capable direction of Sister Rosina in the drawing room at 7:15 p.m. The pianists were Sisters M. Rosina, M. Eleanora, M. Frederica, Marie Andre. A selected group of Sisters entertained with a group of songs. The program was as follows:

- I Pastel – Minuet – Parades – Two Pianos-eight hands;
  - II Fughetta – Bach; Gavotte – Bach; Allegro – Haydn; Waltzes – 1,2,3,5 Lieberlieder – Brahms – Maier-Two pianos-four hands.
  - III Vocal ensemble – Jesu Dulcis Memoria – Murphy; Serenade – Student Prince-Romberg; Dream of Summer – Mary Widow – Lehar; Alphabet – Mozart.
  - IV Invitation to the Dance – von Weber-Brauer – Two pianos four hands.
  - V Maytime Reverie – Briau – Two Pianos Eight Hands.
- High Mass of Requiem was sung by the Sisters this morning for Sister Mercedes' mother's first anniversary

August 6, 1954

Summer Session ended to-day

August 8, 1954

Rev. Father Harvey of Bangor, Maine offered Mass at 9: A.M. He is a friend of Sister Martha's.

August 9, 1954

Sister M. Marina and M. Pierre are en route to Cincinnati and Toledo. Sisters M. Constance, M. Jean and M. Donald are en route to retreat at Bayview where they will be joined by Sisters M. Philemon, M. Donald, and M. Christopher.

August 18, 1954

Sister M. Christopher has received a teaching fellowship to Notre Dame for 1955. It included \$1,000 a year and free tuition.

August 24, 1954

Yearly appointments; no changes; Sister M. Emeria reappointed superior for three years.

August 25, 1954

Sisters M. Martina and Marie Pierre returned from Cincinnati and Toledo.

August 27, 1954

Sisters M. Teresita and Margaret Mary of the New York Province are here visiting Sister M. Mercedes for a few days.

August 31, 1954

Hurricane Carol is in our midst. God is very good to us. Moore Hall roof damaged, trees felled; water finds entry into Room B, Mater Christi dormitory and library.

Fr. Kelley, Columbian, who said Mass here this A.M. stayed until 5 p.m. St. Augustine's Sisters are with us.

September 6, 1954

Electricity restored after hurricane.

September 10, 1954

Sisters arrived from St. Augustine's between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m. a precautionary measure in the wake of reports concerning Hurricane Edna.

September 11, 1954

Hurricane Edna is here. Tidal waves prevented by low tides at hurricane time. We did not receive the full blast as we did on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Electricity was restored around seven p.m. Rainbow was magnificent

September 12, 1954

Our Lady's Feast – St. Augustine Sisters returned this A.M. Thirty- eight resident Freshman arrived in the course of the afternoon.

September 13-17, 1954

Freshman week and return of Sophomore and Junior classes. Various activities – movie, tea, frankfurt roasts, and initiation.

September 17, 1954

High Mass of Requiem for Mother Hilda's sister, Sister M. Fidelis who died yesterday.

September 24, 1954

Honors Convocation – Mass at ten celebrated by Father Dillon who wore vestments donated by Sheila Dugan's father in honor of Marian Year. Academic program at eleven on terrace. Right Rev. Thomas V. Cassidy, Ed. D., L.L.D., L.H.D presided; Reverend Cornelius Collins, Chairman of State Board of Education gave the principal address. The student nurses of the class of '57 were capped at the exercises. Mother Mary Catherine, Provincial and Mother Hilda, President of the College were present

October 3, 1954

Guild Meeting – Holy Hour Conducted by Rev. Father Dillon, Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, and Sister Mary Antonine were present.

October 5, 1954

Sisters M. Lignuri, General Procurator, M. Isabel, General Councillor visited us together with Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda. Mother Hilda is to remain with us for a few days.

October 9, 1954

Mother Hilda returned home to-day. N.F.C.C.S. New England Unit is holding Fall meeting here.

October 10, 1954

Forty students plus Sisters M. Emeria, Jean, Orthilda, Rosina, Donald, Philemon, Christopher attended the procession at Mount Saint Rita.

October 9, 1954

Sister M. Mercedes, Chairman for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine presided at a meeting of the religious leaders of the Conference in New Bedford.

October 6, 1954

Sister M. Mercedes represented Salve Regina at R.I.C.E. Her topic was concerned with the place art holds with the teaching of science. Her paper was very well received. Sister M. Eusebius who has been visiting here returned home

October 14 and 15, 1954

Hurricane Hazel warnings! Girls dismissed at one on 15<sup>th</sup>. Hazel is snubbing us for fairer fields in western Pennsylvania. High winds and full tides indicate her less violent aspects.

Word came that the accrediting agents would arrive on October 20 at ten and remain for the day.

October 16, 1954

Sister M. Pierre begins her classes in French with Sisters Marie Paulette and Jeremy. Sister is en route to Providence each week from now on for this class. Mother Mary Hilda came this afternoon for a few days.

October 18, 1954

Marian Mass at ten A.M. on East Campus – school children from parochial schools in Newport, Portsmouth, De LaSalle students, St. Catherine's and Salve Regina student body completed the group; also Portsmouth Priory. Solemn High Mass: Rev. John Shea, celebrant, Rev. Peter Maguire, deacon, Rev. – Driscoll, sub- deacon. Choir boys from St. Mary's, students from St. Catherine's De LaSalle and Salve Regina sang the Mass. Rev. Gerald F. Dillon, our Chaplain, preached.

October 19, 1954

Sister Mary Augustine arrived to-day to represent the nursing faculty at St. Joseph's Hospital in view of the accrediting agent's arrival.

October 20, 1954

The accreditors arrived around ten A.M. – Rev. Vincent Dare, O.P of Providence College, Mister Everett Sackett, dean of Men at the University of New Hampshire, and Mister. A. Howard Maneely [sic] President of Wheaton College. Monsignor Thomas J. Cassidy, Monsignor Arthur Geoghan, Rev. Father John Shea, Rev. Father Dillon, Cornelius Moore, Mister Porter-Shirley, superintendent of Newport Schools and Mister Quinlan Shea arrived for lunch with the accreditors. After a meeting with faculty at four p.m. the agents left Newport.

October 23 ,1954

Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, Sister Admirabilis and Sister Antonine arrived for the Salve Regina Guild Bridge. Mother Provincial stayed for visitation.

October 24, 1954

Holy Hour at two p.m. conducted by Rev. Peter Maguire.

October 25, 1954

Most Reverend Thomas Wade, S.M. arrived this morning and gave a talk on the Missions. Mission Bazaar was held in Mercy Hall. Prizes were won by Sister M. Martina – bridge table and by Sister Marie Pierre – a walking doll. Net proceeds were \$675.89.

October 26, 1954

Mother Provincial left early this morning for Bristol.

October 29, 1954

Visitors arrived for the long week-end. S.M. Leona, S.M. Alice. Sisters Marie Paulette and Jeremy came for French lesson with Sister Marie Pierre.

November 5, 1954

Sisters Martha and Kathleen left for the University of New Hampshire to attend a Home Economics Meetings at which eighteen schools were to be represented from the New England states and New York.

November 6, 1954

Miss Natalie Clark, a convert of Fr. Dillon's, made her first Holy Communion in our chapel this Morning.

November 11, 1954

Archbishop [Thomas] Conley of Seattle visited us this noon. He was with Rev. Stephen Calahan and was Father Dillon's guest.

November 17, 1954

Rev. [Frederick] Wilcock, S.J. superior of the Russian Center at Fordham lectured on the Byzantine rite

November 18, 1954

Byzantine rite celebrated at Mass by Rev. Father Wilcock. The girls sang the Mass in English.

December 7, 1954

Marian Year closed by Rev. Hilary Ahern, O.P. of Providence College. Our Lady crowned by Joan Kane.

December 12, 1954

Cantata by Glee Club and verse choir. Glee Club group sang Mass at Agnes' Church in Providence. Bishop Wade officiated and confirmed a group following the Mass.

December 10, 1954

Investiture of Freshman class at 2:30

December 11, 1954

Received word that Rev. Father Ahern who gave the address here last week dropped dead last evening at the Rhode Island Auditorium where he was attending at a hockey game.

December 14, 1954

Sister M. Mercedes held art exhibit this evening

Miss Mary McIntire showed slides trip to Europe last spring.

December 15, 1954

Party for poor children – thirty of them – at Mercy Hall from 3:30 until 5.

December 16, 1954

Holy dinner, lighting of candles at crib, sermon and benediction

December 28, 1954

This evening retreat opened for forty-nine of us. The Sisters were here from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's Newport and also St. Joseph's Pawtucket. The retreat master from Weston is Rev. James Sullivan, S.J.