

January 1, 1955

Retreat closed this morning – excellent in every sense of the word.

January 10, 1955

Sister M. Emeria is in Washington attending the meeting of American Association of Colleges and Universities. These meetings were conducted in the Statler Hotel.

January 17, 1955

Sister Mary Rosina's father died about 4:45 this afternoon.

January 23, 1955

Conference and Holy Hour was conducted this afternoon by Reverend Peter Maguire.

January 25, 1955

Rev. Father Bonaventure of the Atonement Fathers showed slides of Rome, Switzerland, Holland and the various missions of the Atonement Fathers in the United States.

February 4, 1955

Ring Ceremony; Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda attended.

February 24, 1955

Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda and Sister M. Antonine arrived this morning to settle the summer curriculum. Mother Hilda is to remain for a few days.

February 28, 1955

Mother Hilda left this afternoon.

March 3, 1955

Sister M. Barromeo left to-day for retreat at Mount Saint Rita.

March 6, 1955

Holy Hour at two conducted by Fr. Maguire.

March 11, 1955

Sister Marie Pierre and John Francis attended a meeting of teachers of Modern language at RICE.

March 12, 1955

Sister Marie Therese's silver jubilee. High Mass sung by the Sisters, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Dillon. Four sisters made renewal of vows until August: Sister M. Ricardo, Joelita, Delia from St. Augustine's and Sister M. Joella from St. Mary's

March 15, 1955

Concert given by Christopher Lynch and Joan Walker with \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] as pianist. Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Catherine's attended and remained afterwards for dinner. We used refectory and community room.

March 28, 1955

Sister M. Emeria was taken to Newport Hospital at noon to-day. She suffered a heart attack at around eleven a.m.

March 30, 1955

Mother Hilda arrived to-day to direct us in S.M. Emeria's absence.

March 31, 1955

New holy hour booklets were used for the first time this evening.

April 2, 1955

Meeting of the planning committee for the Sister formation Program was held here to-day. Sister Mary Constance is chairman.

Mother Hilda together with Sister M. Antonine and Sister M. Othilda attended the sessions. Among those present were Mother Gabriel and Sister M. Matthew, Sisters of St. Joseph from Rutland, Vermont. Sister Mary Paul and Sister Roberta, Sisters of St. Joseph from Hartford, Sister Rose Irma and Sister Catherine Mary Sisters of Mercy from Madison, Conn; Sister Josephina and Sister Anna Daniel, Sisters of St. Joseph from Boston; Mother Ida Louise and Sister Evangeline, Sisters of Saint Anne; Sister Helen Madeline and Sister \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] – Notre Dame Namur;

April 3, 1955

Salve Regina Guild Meeting – Palm Sunday – Mother Catherine attended.

April 6, 1955

Mother Hilda returned to the Provincial House this afternoon.

April 5, 1955

Holy Hour at four forty-five conducted Rev. Peter Young. Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's attended

April 10, 1955

Sisters M. Evangelista, Martina, Constance, and Marie Pierre set out to-day for Saint Xavier's and hence to Atlantic City for the N.C.E.A. Convention.

April 12, 1955

Sisters M. Alberta, Dionysia Mercy, Olga, and Clarella arrived to-day for the Easter Holidays.

April 19, 1955

Sister M. Kathleen's father died to-day. Sister M. Jean began a course in World Literature with Marie Murphy a polio victim who is in the Newport Hospital.

Sister M. Benigna is staying here for a few days. Her father is quite ill.

April 23, 1955

Sister M. Emeria came home by ambulance from the Newport Hospital.

Sister M. Barromeo left to-day for St. Joseph's Hospital.

Sister John Francis was appointed procurator pro tem.

April 30, 1955

Sister M. Constance, Jean Pierre, Donald and Donalda attended the New England Regional Meeting of the N.C.E.A. at Newton College of the Sacred Heart.

May 1, 1955

Salve Meeting Guild Meeting – Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, Sister M. Mark and Sister M. Admirabilis were here for the function.

May 3, 1955

Holy Hour 4:45 conducted by Rev. Peter Maguire.

May 14, 1955

Sister M. Barromeo left the hospital to-day. She is staying at St. Joseph Convent, Pawtucket for a few days.

May 25, 1955

Bishop McVinney visited the college informally to-day. With him was Monsignor Stakes, Vicar General of Armagh.

May 26, 1955

May Procession was held this evening at 7:30. Tribute to Fr. Dillon in anticipation of silver jubilee took place in the Great Hall immediately following.

May 29, 1955

Baccalaureate Sunday – Pentecost – Mother Provincial and Sister Mary Catherine were here for the occasion. Mother Hilda has been here with us for the past three weeks.

May 30, 1955

Commencement Day – Exercises were conducted inside in Great Hall. Rev. Charles F. Donovan, S.J. of Boston College delivered the commencement address. His subject was "Ideas Have Consequences."

June 2, 1955

Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda arrived this Morning. Mother Hilda conducted the final faculty meeting of the year. Sisters M. Rosina and M. Othilda were assigned to Attleboro for a week. Sister M. Philemon was sent to New Bedford and Sister M. Donald to Valley Falls.

June 7, 1955

Holy Hour at 4:45 conducted by Reverend Peter Young.

June 8, 1955

Sisters M. Constance and M. Venard left to-day for Workshop at Catholic University.

June 11, 1955

Sisters M. Stanislaus and M. Anuita are here for the weekend.

June 14, 1955 Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda are here until to-morrow. The first board of the Salve Regina Guild will hold a dinner this evening in honor of Fr. Dillon's jubilee.

June 16, 1955

Sisters M. Othilda and Christopher left for Notre Dame. Sister M. Othilda is to take courses this summer, Sister M. Christopher to take her comprehensives and then return for renovation at Moore Hall.

June 17, 1955

Sister M. Emeria left for Bayview this Morning for the duration of retreat. Retreat opened this evening with Rev. John Dennis Crowley, S.J. of Holy Cross College at retreat master.

June 23, 1955

Sisters M. Venard and Constance returned from workshop.

June 27, 1955

Sister M. Emeria returned to-day. Summer school opened this morning with fifty-six sisters in attendance. Moore Hall renovation program was inaugurated to-day by Mother Provincial. Rev. Frederick Moriarty, S.J. of Weston College is conducting the first three weeks of the program and Rev. John Lynch, S.J. the last three weeks.

July 11 1955

Members of the French ship, Jean Bart, who are in Newport celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coming of Rochambeau to the city, visited the college this afternoon. Miss Fleur-de-lis chosen for the occasion is Sheila McEnness of the junior class here.

July 13, 1955

Rev. Father Dillon, our chaplain celebrated his silver jubilee to-day. The votive Mass of Our Lady was sung by the Sisters.

July 17, 1955

Rev. Father Dillon culminated his jubilee festivities with a High Mass at eleven sung by the Sisters. Fifty-five relatives attended the Mass. A catered dinner followed.

July 20, 1955

Reverend Stanley Gaines, O.P. outlined the five-point program of the papal concept of a religious vocation this afternoon at three-thirty. Father Gaines has lectured to Sisters in six American provinces.

July 28, 1955

At 8 p.m. to-day Miss Margo Kilroy of Newport entertained the Sisters at a recital in the Great Hall. Miss Kilroy is a pupil of Miss Ellen I. Nason and a member of the Mozart Club of Newport.

July 29, 1955

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] Martin, a cousin of Sister M. Martha's celebrated Mass this morning at 8:30 for Sister on the occasion of her first day.

August 3, 1955

Sister M. Othilda returned to-day from Notre Dame.

July 31, 1955

Miss Claire Lambert and Miss Claire McDuff entertained the Sisters with a program of vocal music in the Great Hall.

August 5, 1955

High Mass this morning – feast of Our Lady of the Snows. Summer session classes [sic] to-day. Sisters M. Laurene and M. Siena have been added to our faculty. They will take up residence here August 17.

August 6, 1955

Rev. John Lafarge, S.J., a native of Newport, arrived to-day as our Chaplain until August 25.

August 8, 1955

Renovation period ended this morning.

August 7 1955

Sister M. Barromeo arrived home from Newport Hospital.

August 20, 1955

Sister Mary Rose arrived to-day as superior and procurator. Sister came here from St. Leo, Pawtucket where she was superior for a year.

August 24 1955

Sister M. Barromeo was appointed to St. Joseph convent, Pawtucket, Grade 6

August 25, 1955

Sister M. Cleophas and Sister Mary Jean of Mt. St. Agnes College arrived this evening. Sister M. Cleophas begins a workshop in Modern Poetry to-morrow Morning at 9:30. Twenty-four Sisters arrived to-day to attend the workshop.

August 31, 1955

The workshop closed this evening. It was an unqualified success.

September 3, 1955

Sister Mary Kathleen celebrated her silver jubilee. Most Rev. Russel J. McVinney celebrated a pontifical low Mass. Present at the Mass were among Monsignor Bernard J. Lennon, Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P.; Rev. Joseph Cooney and Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] Schenick. Rev. Leo Carlin was unable to attend the Mass but arrived later in the day.

September 8, 1955

Rev. Gerald F. Dillon our chaplain was appointed pastor of the newly-formed parish, Sts. John and Paul in Coventry.

September 13, 1955

Mother M. Hilda and Sister M. Albeus arrived to-day. Mother is arranging committees for the coming year. Sister M. Mercedes of Portland, Maine arrived as the guest of Sister M. Christopher. She is to accompany Sister to Notre Dame University.

September 15, 1955

Mother Provincial and Sister M. Rosalind paid us a visit. Sister M. Christopher left this p.m. for Notre Dame.

September 17, 1955

Mother Hilda and Sister Albeus left to-day. Sister M. Mercedes acted as regional chairman for the C.C.D. at a meeting held for Sisters and Brothers at LaSalle Academy in Providence.

September 24, 1955

Rev. John Reilly is unable to carry on his duties. Rev. John Fitzgerald OP. of Providence College has been appointed chaplain.

Oct. 4., 1955

Convocation Day – Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda attended the exercises. Rev. Arthur Sullivan of Our Lady of Providence Seminary, was the speaker. His topic was “How to be Saints” – very well done.

Oct. 5, 1955

Mother Provincial is taking visitation.

Oct. 13, 1955

Sister Mary Rose's father died to-day at 1:30 p.m. May He rest in peace.

Oct. 21, 1955

Sisters M. Ephrem and M. Romanus arrived to-day for some Home Economics techniques. They are en route to Bethesda for the remainder of the year.

Oct. 31, 1955

Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda were here to-day for the nurses' meeting.

Nov. 19, 1955

Sisters M. Emil and Xaviera of the Immaculate Heart Sister of Marygrove College, Detroit and Marygrove College, Monroe, Michigan are here for a few days previous to the opening of the Sisters' Formation workshop which opens on Friday. Sister M. Emil has charge of directing and promulgating the Sister Formation Movement.

Nov. 21, 1955

Forty Hours devotion opened to-day.

Nov. 24, 1955

Thanksgiving Day – Sisters arrived this evening for Sister Formation Conference. Mother M. Bernardine, R.S.M. Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, Sister M. Grace companion to Mother Bernardine, Sister M. Antonine and Sister M. Nathanael were here for supper.

Nov. 25, 1955

Rev. John Lynch, Chaplain of the Novitiate of the Sister St. Joseph of Vermont offered Mass for us this morning. In the absence of Bishop McVinney Monsignor Goehan opened the morning session of the conference at ten o' clock. The enclosed program gives a complete account of the speakers and their topics.

Sisters M. Siena and M. Donald left to-day for Albertus Magnus College in New Haven to attend a Theatre Conference.

[Sister Formation Conference program]

December 3, 1955

Sisters M. Mercedes and M. Siena attended the regional meeting of the C.C.D. at the LaSalle Academy. Sister M. Mercedes was chairman. The two Sisters also attended a workshop in the Arts, held at Newton College of the Sacred Heart on Dec 3 and 4.

December 4, 1955

At the Salve Regina Guild Meeting the Freshmen were invested in their caps and gowns by Rev. John Fitzgerald, O.P. Chaplain of the college. The Juniors acted as a guard of honor for their Freshman sisters. Mother Hilda addressed the newly vested and their parents.

December 7, 1955

A [Corporation] meeting was held this afternoon in the library.

December 10, 1955

Sisters M. Mercedes and M. Jean attended C.C. D. Meeting at the Passionist Novitiate in Bristol

December 11, 1955

At 3:30 p.m. the annual Glee Club Christmas Concert was held in the Great Hall. Mother Hilda, Sisters M. Antonine, M. Mark and M. Admirabilis of the Provincial Council attended. A special guest was Miss Marie Murphy, polio victim whom the Sisters instruct at her home each week.

December 14, 1955

Christmas Party for 30 poor children was held at Mercy Hall. This party is enjoyed by the faculty and students even more than the children.

December 15, 1955

The Holly Dinner and the Candle Light Procession to the Creche in the Great Hall seems more beautiful with each succeeding year. Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda added their graciousness to the occasion.

December 16, 1955

Sisters M. Constance and M. Jean left this morning for Mercy College, Detroit. Sister M. Constance is on a committee for the organization of a Mercy Honors Society open to all Mercy Colleges in the United States.

Rev. Charles Quirk, OP is our Chaplain until December 24.

December 22, 1955

Formal announcement was made to-day of the acquisition by the college of the Twombly estate. It is the gift of Mrs. Florence Twombly Burden.

December 23, 1955

Mother Provincial and Sister Mary Catherine were here for dinner. Mother very kindly opened our new property for our first tour. All of us were thrilled [with] the beauty and at the same time of the practicality of the main building. Certainly we are thankful to God and Our Lady for their goodness to our college.

December 25, 1955

Rev. Ralph McCaffery, OP Sister Mary Rose's brother offered three Masses at midnight. The first Mass was a high Mass sung by the Sister's choir.

December 28, 1955

Retreat opened this evening under the direction of Rev. James Lyons, S.J. of the Mission Band of the New England Jesuits. St. Mary's and St. Augustine's Sisters are with us for the retreat

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January 19, 1956

Mother Provincial and Mother Hilda are here for a few days.

January 22, 1956

Reverend Irving A. Georges, OP has been appointed chaplain and professor here. His duties begin on Monday, January 30, 1956.

February 3, 1956

Ring Ceremony took place at 2:30 in Great Hall. Mother M. Hilda and Sister M. Antonine attended the exercises.



February 20, 1956

Mother Hilda came to-day to organize a public relations program. Mr. Conley of Providence College, Mr. Carmichael of the Rhode Island School of Design and Mr. McAloon our new director of public relations met with the faculty after dinner.

Sister M. Emeria, Dean suffered a heart attack this noon and was anointed by Fr. George's OP.

February 21, 1956

Sister M. Emeria died at nine this evening. She had received Holy Communion at seven p.m.

February 24, 1956

A solemn High Mass of Requiem was sung in the College Chapel for the repose of the soul of Sister M. Emeria at ten A.M. Rev. Gerald F. Dillion was celebrant, Rev. John Shea, deacon and Rev. Irving Georges, OP. Sub Deacon with Rev. Cooney as Master of Ceremonies. Bishop Russell I. McVinney gave the absolution. The following priests attended the Mass: Rev. Stephen Callahan, Rev. Bart Buckley, Rev. John Kenny, Rev. Victor Reis, Rev. Thomas Driscoll, Rev. James Lamb, Rev. Cornelius Collins, Rev. Joseph Braig, Rev. Edward Braig, Rev. Edmund O'Neill, Reverend Peter Young, Rev. John Murphy, Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ Casey, Rev. John Dominic Walsh, OP, Rev. Charles Quirk, OP, Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ James OP, Rev. Vincent Dore, OP, Rev. Peter Maguire. Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Catherine's Academy, Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, Sisters of Notre Dame from St. Sebastian's Providence Passionist Sisters from Bristol and Daughters of the Holy Ghost from Newport attended the Mass. Many educators were present including Michael Walsh, Mr. Porter-Shirley, James Hanley. Mr. Cornelius Moore also was present.

Mar. 1, 1956

Sister M. Antonine of the Provincial Council arrived as Acting Dean.

March 9, 1956

Sisters M. Antonine and M. Siena left to-day to attend a theology regional meeting which is to take place at Emmanuel College to-morrow.

March 19, 1956

Blizzard – no school sessions.

March 29, 1956

S. M. John Francis fell to-day and sprained both her ankles severely.

Marie Murphy to-gether with her parents attended Holy Thursday Mass. The fireman brought her.

March 30, 1956

Miss Murphy came to-day, Good Friday. The service were held at 3 p.m.

March 31, 1956

Miss Murphy also attended the Easter [Vigil]. This time her neighbor, Mr. Gallagher and his wife brought her, her parents and night nurse in his station wagon.

April 1, 1956

Sisters M. Martina, Constance, Marie Pierre left early en route to Saint Louis for the spring convention of the N.C.E.A.

April 2, 1956

Visitors; S.M. Anceta, S.M. Loretto, S.M. Eloise, S.M. Dionysia and S.M. Clementia: also S.M. Alexis

April 3, 1956

S.M. Annette arrived to-day for a visit.

April 4, 1956 Second Mass to-day – Rev. Paul James, OP. assisted by Brother Boniface, OP (Sheila Murphy's brother)

April 5, 1956

S.M. Rose and Sister Marie Therese attended library meeting in Boston. They returned with S.M. Xaviera and S.M. Ruthann who have come to assist in library. Second Mass to-day also.

April 6, 1956

S.M. Roseanne and S.M. Francis are here. S.M. Roseanne's brother, Rev. Charles Quirk, OP. has been our chaplain since Wednesday.

April 7, 1956

The travelers returned – S.M. Martina and Constance also S.M. Martha and S.M. Kathleen who attended a Home Economics meeting at Regis.

April 8, 1956

Guild Meeting cancelled due to weather.

April 9, 1956

S.M. Antonine and S. Marie Pierre returned from Ohio after having attended Mother Bernardine's golden jubilee.

April 13, 1956 S.M. Rose and S.M. Marie Terese left for retreat at Mount.

April 15, 1956

Joint concert of Salve Regina Glee Club and Manhattan Glee Club was held at Bayview to-day. A beautiful concert.

April 16, 1956

The concert received a very fine criticism in the Morning Providence Journal.

April 20, 1956

Catholic Business Education Association North East Unit- Meeting at Fontbonns Academy, Milton, Mass.

S.M. Venard left to-day to attend a meeting in conjunction with the business department. She is to return on Sunday.

April 21, 1956

S.M. Martina, Mercedes, Jean, Laurene, Donald, Othilda and Donalda are attending the regional meeting of the New England Unit of the N.C.E.A. which is being held at Boston College.

April 22, 1956

S.M. Rose and S. Marie Therese returned from retreat shortly after dinner.

May 14, 1956

Meeting of Salve Regina Corporation was held in the Library Reading Room at three p.m.

May 19, 1956

“Vinland” was formally opened for the Sisters. The “touring” period lasted from one-thirty until five p.m. Many sisters took advantage of visiting the estate since the day was beautiful.

May 27, 1956

Salve Regina Guild tea was held this afternoon. The Queen’s Choristers favored the group with songs and Miss Clare Monahan, an excellent violinist, gave a concert during the tea. Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, Sister Antonine and Sister Abmirabilis were present.

May 31, 1956

The Senior day of recollection was conducted by Rev. William Gallagher of Sacred Heart parish, Woonsocket. The Senior- Sophomore supper was held in the state dining room at six p.m.

June 1, 1956

Class Day exercises were held on the terrace followed by tree planting, turning the tassel, consecration to the Sacred Heart and benediction. From Nine p.m. until one a.m. the Commencement Ball festivities took place at Ochre Court.

June 3, 1956

Baccalaureate Sunday- Mass at ten with the Freshman Liturgical Music Class- singing. Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. officiated at the Mass and gave the Commencement Address. Dinner was served at twelve-thirty followed by benediction. A one- act play. Grey Brind was presented by the Dramatic Club at Mercy Hall. The Glee Club also entertained.

June 4, 1956

Commencement exercises were held outside despite the fog and dampness. Rev. Gerald F. Dillion, our former Chaplain, gave a commendable commencement address.

Mother announced the names for the various houses on the [Twombly] estate: the main house = McAuley Hall; the gate house= Rosary Hall; the caretaker's house= Marian Hall and the carriage house= Angelus Hall.

June 10, 1956

Mother Provincial, Mother Hilda, and Sister Antonine were here for the Alumnae Mass and reception to the faculty. They left after dinner for commencement exercises in Fall River and New Bedford. About sixty of the Alumnae returned. They were very pleased with the improvements and were delighted to tour McAuley Hall.

June 11, 1956

A group of us attended a solemn high Mass offered for Sister M. Reparata, superior of St. Mary's Convent. This Mass was a tribute of appreciation from the Mother's Club of St. Mary's in recognition of Sister's work for the children.

At eleven-thirty a boat ride is scheduled. This cruise is offered to us by Mrs. Frank O'Connell and her son Jay. We enjoyed The Centaur from 12 until four. Rev. Father Georges, O.P. accompanied us. Mrs. O'Connell served us a lobster buffet and we explored the bay for four happy hours.

June 12, 1956

We celebrated Sister Marie Pierre's silver jubilee to-day. Mass was offered by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. Chaplain. The Sisters sang the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnes Dei and Ave Maria. Father Georges gave an inspiring talk after Mass on the sublimity of the religious life ending with a special tribute to Sister Marie Pierre. Dinner was held at one in the state dining room. A movie Devotion, the story of the Bronte sisters was the feature of the afternoon's activities. The Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's came to the movie and the buffet supper.

June 14, 1956

The annual Guild Board dinner is on the agenda for to-day. Mother M. Hilda and Sister M. Antonine arrive for our faculty meeting at one p.m. Mother Provincial is also here to greet the guild board.

S.M. Jean and S.M. Donald leave here to-day enroute [sic] to St. Xavier's where they will stay overnight. To-morrow a.m. they will take a plane at eight-fifteen for Notre Dame.

August 24, 1956

Sister M. Christopher fell and was taken to Newport Hospital this evening.

August 27, 1956

Sister M. Cleophas, R.S.M. of Mount Saint Agnes College, Baltimore opened a workshop in Literary Criticism which is to conclude on August 31. Her partner was Sister Benedicta

September 3, 1956

Labor Day we celebrated Sister Mary Rose's silver jubilee. Mass was offered for her in our Chapel by her brother, Rev. Ralph McCaffrey, O.P.

Sister M. Christopher returned from the hospital.

September 24, 1956

Honors Convocation was held in the Great Hall. Miss Marie Murphy, polio victim received her degree from Right Rev. Russell J. McVinney S.D. Mr. Robert Goelet was present.

November 4, 1956

Sister M. John Francis went to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton for an operation.

November 12, 1956

The examiners for College accreditation arrived at three p.m.- Reverend David Dunigan, S.J. of Holy Cross; Professor Whitman of Yale and Professor Bonjer of Clark University.

November 17, 1956

Sister M. John Francis returned from St. Elizabeth's Hospital this afternoon.

November 30, 1956

Sister M. Mercedes attended Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Conference held in Worcester.

December 1, 1956

The freshmen were invested in cap and gown this afternoon in the Great Hall by Mother M. Hilda, President.

December 8, 1956

News came this morning of our acceptance into the New England Association of Colleges. There is great rejoicing.

December 12, 1956

The Hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Community was observed to-day. High Mass was celebrated at eight in the college chapel, a program was held in the Great Hall at ten and the Christmas Party for children was held in Mercy Hall at four.

December 17, 1956

The Annual Holly Dinner was served in the State Dining Room five forty-five followed by the Carol Ceremony. The Placing of the Infant in the crib and the presentation of gift to faculty – Album of Records.