

February 4, 1957

We were honored to-day with a visit from Mother General. Mother M. Maurice R.S.M. She and Mother M. Bernadine were guests of honor at a special convocation of the College students in the Great Hall. The address of welcome was given by Miss Maureen Lynch, president of the senior class.

March 31, 1957

The first initiation into the newly organized Mercy Honor Society Sigma Phi Sigma was held this evening. The candidates were Maureen Lynch, Caroline Swetnam, Patricia Wood of the class of 1957 and Joan Langhorn, Constance Casey and Helen Regny of the class of 1956.

April 6, 1957

The Annual Meeting of the New England Region of the N.C.E.A. was held at Providence College. Sister Mary Jean, R.S.M. spoke on Sciences Verses The Humanities at one of the sectional meetings.

April 20, 1957

Rachel Wheeler, freshman, was baptized by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. had [sic] St. Mary's Church. She made her first communion at the Easter Virgil.

May 22, 1957

Fr. Rev. Bishop Haggerty, O.S.B. bishop of the Bahamas visited her to-day with Rev. Dillon of St. John and Paul Church, Coventry. Bishop Haggerty knows Gloria Young of the Sophomore Class.

May 30, 1957

Ascension Day – The day of recollection for the seniors was conducted by Reverend Edward Flannery, assistant editor of the Providence Visitor.

July 6, 1957

To-day at three-thirty p.m. Mother Mary Hilda arrived to remain as president of the college and first counsellor. Mother M. Catherine and Mother M. Antonine accompanied her. Mother Hilda received a very cordial welcome from the faculty.

July 12, 1957

Rev. Joseph Fallon, O.P. brother of Rev. Thomas Fallon, O.P. who is our chaplain for the summer months showed us slides of the Holy Land. Rev. Frederick Moriarty, S.J. who is conducting the renovation program at Moore Hall was also present.

July 13 1957

To-day approximately forty-one Sisters who are attending the theology school at Providence College visited Salve Regina.

July 14, 1957

To-day Sister Mary Rose left to join Sister Mary [Marie] Pierre of St. Xavier's in order to attend the institute to be held for superiors at Fordham University.

August 5, 1957

Rev. Francis Sullivan, C. J. who is conducting the second three weeks of the renovation program at Moore Hall closed the session this morning.

August 6, 1957

Appointments for the college for the coming year arrived this morning: Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, Dean of Studies, Sister M. Eloise Tobin; Sister M. Wilhelmina Blake; Sister M. Norbert Murray. Appointed from St. Xavier's to Salve Regina – Sister M. Laurene Kiernan and to Mercy College, Sister M. Siena O'Brien.

August 21, 1957

Forty Sisters arrived to-day for the spiritual institute to be conducted until August 31. Rev. _____ Read, S.J. of Weston is conducting the first three days on obedience; Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. the second three days on chastity; Rev. Norbert McCarthy S.S.C. the last three days on poverty.

August, 29, 1957

Mother Provincial, Mother Antonine, Sister M. Helena and Sister M. Alban came this afternoon to get the Sisters making the spiritual institute. The sisters present an interesting and entertaining program reminiscent of novitiate days.

August 31 1957

The spiritual institute closed this morning at eleven-thirty with benediction by Rev. Norbert McCarthy, S.S.C. The project was a great success and proved to be very instructive and inspirational to all who had the privilege of attending.

September 10, 1957

Sister M. Isabel General Counsellor, Mother Provincial, Mother M. Antonine and Sister Mary Baptist visited the college to-day.

September 27, 1957

The Annual Honors Convocation and capping of nurses was held to-day with pontifical Mass at ten and the Honors Program at eleven. Rev. David Dunigan, S.J. delivered the principal address.

September 28, 1957 Bishop Hickey from Belize visited us. A member of the Sisters went to see President Eisenhower who is in Newport.

October 5, 1957

The Salve Regina Guild bridge was held this afternoon at the College. Mother Provincial, Mother Antonine, Sister M. Helena and Sister M. Alban attended. The bridge was a great success financially and socially.

October 10 1957

Sister M. Laura was anointed at twelve p.m. and taken to Newport Hospital.

Sisters M. Constance and M. Anacletus left to-day to attend the Semi-Centennial of Georgian Court College, Lakewood, New Jersey.

October 11, 1957

Sisters M. Mercedes and M. Kathleen left for Bridgeport, Conn. to attend a meeting of the C.C.D.

November 7, 1957

Sister M. Kathleen had a heart attack to-day and was taken to Newport Hospital.

November 17, 1957

We celebrated Mother Hilda's first day to-day with Mass at 7:20 a.m. by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. followed by the presentation of roses and a spiritual bouquet by the student body. Mother Provincial, Mother Antonine, Sister Mary Mark and Sister Admirabilis arrived at noon. Slides of the Fatima procession at the Mount were shown at 4 p.m. followed by dinner in the state dining room.

November 18, 1957

Sister M. Kathleen returned from the hospital to-day and received a visit from Bishop McVinney at four p.m.

December 7, 1957

Mother Hilda, Sisters M. Martina, M. Constance, and M. Martina [sic] attended the December meeting of the N.C.E.A. which was held at Boston College.

December 14, 1957

Mother Provincial arrived to-day for visitation.

December 15, 1957

The Christmas play Why the Chimes Rang Together with a Christmas Concert by the Glee Club was held this evening to a capacity audience at Mercy Hall.

December 16, 1957

The Annual Christmas Party for the poor children was held at Mercy Hall at three-thirty p.m.

December 17, 1957

Mother Provincial left to-day. The annual Holly Dinner and Christmas Carol Program took place this evening. The girls presented the faculty with an opaque projector

December 25 1957

Rev. Ralph Mc Caffrey, O.P. Sister Mary Rose's brother offered three masses in our chapel beginning at Midnight. The first Mass was a high Mass.

December 28, 1957

Retreat opened this evening with the Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's participating with us. The experiences are being conducted by Reverend Clifford Davis O.P.

January 25, 1958

The first in a series of days of recollection for the various religious communities of the Newport area was conducted here to-day from ten-thirty a.m. until 4. p.m. The first conference was given by Reverend Peter Maguire of Mary Immaculate Queen Novitiate. The second at one-thirty was given by Reverend Peter Young of St. Joseph's Church. Reverend ____ Casey of St. Lucy's parish, Middletown assisted with confessions. Among the communities present outside of the Sisters of Mercy were Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, Sisters of the Holy Ghost, Holy Union Sisters, Corpus Christi Carmelites Holy Hour at three was conducted by Reverend Peter Maguire.

February 11, 1958

Anniversary of the Centenary of the Apparition at Lourdes. High Mass was celebrated at the 7:20 a.m. by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. An assembly was held in the Great Hall at 3 p.m. The principal speaker was Rev. Thomas M. Brien, O.P. professor of theology at Providence College. His talk on Our Lady was both practical and inspiring.

February 22, 1958

Day of Recollection – this time the first conference was given by Rev. Peter Young the second by Rev. Peter Maguire and the Holy Hour was conducted by Father Young. The emphasis was on Lent and the Passion of Our Lord.

March 3, 1958

Members of the Community went to Bayview to hear the Salve Singers who gave a special concert for the Sisters at five p.m. Everyone was most enthusiastic in their praise. The evening concert is scheduled to be held at Veteran's Auditorium. This Concert is under the auspices of the Salve Regina Guild.

March 25, 1958

Members of the Advisory Board of the College met this afternoon and three thirty in the State Dining Room. Members of the board are as follows: Most Reverend Russell J. Mc Vinney, S.D. Cornelius E. Moore, Henry R. Sullivan, James Foley, Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew J. Clarke, [?] Very Reverend Robert Slaven, O.P., Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas V. Cassidy, Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Kinney, Reverend Cornelius Collins, Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, Reverend Walter Les Flynn, Miss Mary Eagan, Mr. Walter Farrell, Mrs. Mary Fogarty, Mr. Thomas Gilbane, Mrs. Joseph Hickey, The Honorable Francis J. McCabe, The Honorable Francis I. McCanna, Mr. James E. McGwinn, Miss Lillian McMahon, The Honorable Florence Murray, Mr. J.T. O'Connell, Miss Regina O'Donnell, Dr. John F. Quinn, The Honorable Arthur Sullivan, Dr. Michael Walsh, Mrs. Peter Walsh.

April 6, 1958 (Easter Sunday)

Mother M. Hilda, Sisters Martina, Constance, and Rosalia left this morning for Philadelphia to attend the N.C.E.A. Convention and the Mercy Conference.

April 19, 1958

Sisters Martina, Evangelista, Jean, Eloise, Donald, Philemon, Rosalia, Donalda, Norbert, and Wilhelmina attended the regional meeting of the N.C.E.A at the Holy Cross College. Sisters M. Constance and Mercedes attended the M.F.C.C.S. Convention at Boston College.

Sisters M. [Anacletus] and John Francis attended the Modern Language meeting in New York.

April 25, 1958

Sisters Martha and Kathleen left to-day for Boston to attend the regional meeting of the Council on Foods and Nutrition.

Sister M. Rose Agnes was operated on the morning in Newport Hospital.

April 26, 1958

Day of Recollection to-day. First Conference Father Young, on confession; second, Father Maguire-Reparation; Holy Hour- Father Maguire.

May 19, 1958

Monsignor John W. Struck conducted the convocational visitation to-day at four p.m. He remained until about eight p.m.

May 23, 1958

Class Day exercises were held to-day at two thirty due to the fact that next Friday will be Memorial Day.

May 28, 1958

The Senior Day of Recollection was conducted by Reverend William Gallagher of St. Augustin's Church. The Sophomore-Senior supper took place in the evening.

May 29, 1958

The Commencement Ball was held in the Great Hall from nine p.m. to 1 a.m. The Seniors were entertained previous to this at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Horan.

June 1, 1958

Baccalaureate [sic] Mass was celebrated by Rev, Irving Georges, O.P. at eleven a.m. Baccalaureate [sic] dinner followed for parents and members of the Senior class.

June 2, 1958

Commencement Exercises were conducted at Rogers High auditorium due to rain. The speaker was His Excellency Matthew Brady of New Hampshire.

June 10, 1958

Sister Mary Christopher arrived home to-day from Notre Dame.

July 12 1958

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Sisters M. Martina, M. Mercedes and M. Rosalia left to-day to attend workshops at the Catholic University in Washington.

June 19, 1958

Sisters M. Eloise and M. Norbert left to-day to attend classes at Norte Dame. Retreat opened to-day under the direction of Rev. Vincent Riley, O.P. Ninety-five Sisters are making retreat.

June 23, 1958

Sister M. Evangelista was operated on at Newport Hospital.

June 27, 1958

Rev. ____ Marry, O.P. of Dunbarton College in Washington has been appointed Chaplain for the summer.

June 30, 1958

Summer Classes opened to-day with a special session in Spanish conducted by Miss Blanca Uberto of New York. Dr. Eva Ross of Trinity College is teaching Introductory Sociology. Other professors outside the regular faculty are Sister M. Loretto – Journalism; Sisters M. Rose Murray, Livy and Sister M. Nolacco – French.

Moore Hall opened to-day for the renovation group with Sister M. Peter as superior and Sister M. Marjorie as Mistress. Rev. Fredrick Moriarty, S.J. is conducting the classes.

July 6, 1958

An informal entertainment was held in the Great Hall after supper to celebrate the first anniversary of Mother Hilda's arrival at the college. Sister Mary Philemon organized the program which consisted of a tribute by Sister Mary Christopher, a Monologue My First Days at Salve Regina by Sister M. Lois, musical selections by S.M. Laurita, S.M. Paschaline, S.M. Georgette and S.M. Eleanora. Sister M. John Vianney composed the words for the songs sung by the Group.

July 7, 1958

Sister M. Kathleen had a heart attack at Mass, was anointed, and taken to the Newport Hospital.

July 10, 1958

Sister Mary Jean went to Newport Hospital with a virus infection.

July 17, 1958

Sister M. Mauritia and M. Cor Mariae were appointed to the College faculty to-day by Mother Mary Catherine.

July 29, 1958

Rev. Peter Maguire showed pictures of his last trip to Ireland this evening. The key point of interest was the Shrine at Knock.

July 30, 1958

The members of the Provincial Council arrived later this afternoon to join us in the Cook- Out held on the East Terrace.

July 31, 1958

Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. arrived as Chaplain in Father Marry's place.

August 3, 1958

A program honoring Sister M. [Albeus?] who has been appointed to the General Motherhouse and Sisters M. Jamesine and Ellenine who are opening a nursery school in La Ceiba in January was held at Mercy Hall evening. The highlight of the entertainment was the performance of an operation by Sister M. Paschaline. The victim of ministrations was Sister M. Edna. Mother Hilda addressed the Sisters. Refreshments were served followed by a dance.

August 11, 1958

Renovation closed at Moore Hall this morning. Retreat opened this evening with 106 Sisters. The exercises are being conducted by Rev. George Colby, C.S.C. Father made a radical change in the schedule by having us rise at 6:25 and directing that Meditation be held after breakfast at 9:15.

September 5, 1958

Sister Mary Kathleen left for Bay View to-day. She is physically unable to carry on in the Home Economics Department.

September 11, 1958

Sister Mary Jean left to-day for the Pratt Diagnostic Clinic at the New England Center Hospital in Boston.

September 14, 1958

The Junior Class arrived to-day in order to be ready to meet their Freshman sisters who arrive to-morrow.

September 24, 1958 Mercy Day

The annual Convocation for honors and the capping of the student nurses was held on the East Terrace at eleven a.m. The speaker of the day was Sister Martha's brother, John E. Quinn Dean of the Students at the University of Rhode Island. His talk was entitled The Modern Catholic Scholar. Dr. Quinn gave an inspiring and encouraging talk on scholarship which was well delivered and very well received. Bishop Russell J. Mc Vinney conferred the honors and graced the occasion with his presence and his exhortation.

September 30, 1958

Sister Mary Jean arrived home this evening from the New England Center Hospital.

October 8, 1958

A special Holy Hour was held this evening from six to seven for Our Holy Father. Fr. Georges recited the prayers for dying and gave a short talk on Pius XII.

October 9, 1958

Mass was said this morning for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius XII.

October 13, 1958

Reverend Raymond Dryer of St. Augustine's Parish in Providence visited the College this morning with thirty-eight children from the State Home.

Monsignor Ward Dunn visited us this afternoon at four-thirty together with the professed, novices, and postulates of the Society of Our Lady of Providence. The Sisters toured Ochre Court and McAuley Hall.

Sister Mary Rose left to-day for her vacation which she will spend at Sacred Heart Convent, East Providence

October 15, 1958

A requiem high Mass was celebrated for Pope Pius XII at 7:20 this morning. The whole student body attended in full academic dress.

October 17, 1958

Mother Hilda suffered very bad effects from an injection she received this afternoon and was anointed this evening by Rev. Peter Maguire who was confessor

October 26, 1958

Salve Regina Guild held its annual holy hour to-day at 3 p.m. Rev. Gerald Dillon chaplain and moderator of the guild conducted the services.

Sisters M. Constance and M. Rosalia represented the College at the dedication of the new building for Rhode Island College of Education.

October 29, 1958

Sister M. Serpahia [sic – Seraphina?], R.S.M. of the General Council arrived to-day to conduct the visitation. Her companion was Sister M. Ligouri, R.S.M. Procurator General

November 20, 1958

Sister M. John Francis, R.S.M. entered Newport Hospital for an operation to be performed to-morrow morning.

November 29, 1958

Sister M. John Francis arrived home from the hospital.

December 6, 1958

Sixteen of the faculty went to Emmanuel College Boston to attend the winter meeting of the New England unit of the N.C.E.A. The principle speaker was Anton Pegis of the Medieval Institute of the University of Toronto.

December 8, 1958

The faculty attended the Mercy conference held at Bayview. The principle speaker for the morning session was Rev. David Dungan, S.J. of Holy Cross College. In the afternoon a great session of high school and college faculty was conducted in the library. The principal

speaker was Dr. Elmer Smith of Brown University. He discussed the Curriculum in reference to both high school and college problems. The following faculty member participated Sister M. Martina, chairman, Sister M. Anacletus, Sister M. Jean, Sister M. Philemon, and Sister M. Donalda.

December 17, 1958

The annual party for underprivileged children was held at Mercy Hall at 3:30 p.m. Thirty-one children were guests of the student body. Dorothy Jopling impersonated Santa.

December 18, 1958

Holly Dinner, the lighting of four candles on the Advent wreath, the candlelight ceremony and the carol singing were the highlights of Christmas celebration at Ochre Court. A great program of Glee Club, Dramatic Club, and Sodality followed at Mercy Hall.

December 28, 1958

The annual three day retreat was conducted by Rev [sic] C.S.P. for the three convents here in Newport. Father was very much experienced in the religious life and gave us solidly spiritual retreat.