

January 2, 1959

Sister M. Rosalia entered Newport Hospital for a minor operation.

March 4, 1959

Word was received that Mother General, Mother Mary Maurice Tobin, R.S.M. died at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore. The Sisters felt very close to Mother during these months of her illness through intimate and frequent letters regarding Mothers condition which we received from Mother Mary Bernardine, R.S.M.

March 29, 1959

Easter Sunday – Sisters M. Eloise and Othilda left to-day for New York to attend the National Meeting of the teachers of theology. They expect to return on Wednesday.

April 11, 1959

Sisters M. Evangelista, Anacletus, Martina, Mauritia, Mercedes, Jean, Eloise, Philemon, Donald, Donalda, Rosalia and Wilhelmina attended the New England section of the N.C.E.A. which was held at Regis College, Boston Mass.

March 30, 1959

Sister M. Rosalia and Constance left to-day to attend the National Meeting of the N.C.E.A. which was held at Atlantic City.

April 30, 1959

Dr. Milik, president of the United Nations visited the College briefly this afternoon. He was introduced by Mr. Jemail of The Newport Daily News. His message concerning peace was sincere, spiritual, and thought-provoking.

May 2, 1959

Sister M. Hilda was elected delegate to the Provincial Chapter with Sister M Martina and Evangelista as substitute delegates.

May 6, 1959

Sister M. John Francis received news to-day that her nephew's body was discovered after a search of eleven weeks. He and Dr. Miller had gone on a trip to Lebanon Hospital and their plane was forced down due to carburetor trouble. They landed in an isolated wooded area of New Hampshire and were not able to contact help.

May 7, 1959

Official announcement was made today of the acquisition of the Moulton estate at the corner of Bellevue and Ruggles Avenues. It was purchased through Mr. Francis X. Flannery for \$40,000.00 and is to serve as a senior residence under the title of Queen Hall.

May 22, 1959

Class Day Exercises were held at two-thirty p.m. They were hampered by a sudden electric storm which interfered with the final part of the program – the tree planting, the tassel and the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart.

May 28, 1959

The Senior Day of recollection was conducted by Reverend Irving Georges, O.P. at the request of the Senior class. The annual May procession was held in the afternoon and the Sophomore-Senior supper in the evening.

May 29, 1959

The Commencement Ball was preceded by a dinner for the Senior Class held at Shamrock Cliff.

May 31, 1959

Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated at 11 A.M. by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. and was followed by the dinner for the parents in the state dining room. Father Georges said Mass for the community at eight A.M.

June 1, 1959

Commencement exercises were held on the East Terrace at three p.m. Most Reverend Matthew F. Clarke, Vicar General presided. The commencement speaker John Donovan, PhD head of the Sociology Department of the Graduate School of Boston College.

June 9, 1959

Mrs. Florence B. Burden, the donor of the Trombly [sic] estate now McAuley Hall visited the College to-day with a group of relatives and friends. She was very much interested in seeing how the estate had been adapted to college needs and was very much pleased with the library and Angelus Hall. She is here for the graduation of her grandson from Portsmouth Priory.

June 10 1959

Sisters spent the days at Star of Sea Villa leaving the college at 9:15 A.M. and returning at 5:45 P.M. Reverend Thomas H. O'Sullivan, O.P. of Philadelphia is our chaplain until June 15. Sister M. Vernard left for Catholic University, Washington to workshop in Business.

June 11, 1959

A dinner and reception was held this evening in honor of Doctor Paul Porter-Shirley who has resigned his position as superintendent of the Newport School system. He has had much to do with the student teacher program of the college since its first inception.

June 14, 1959

It was announced at dinner to-day that Sister M. Geralyn has been assigned to St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee for a period of two or three years and that Sister Marie Pierre of Toledo, Ohio is returning to the College.

June 18, 1959

Retreat opened this evening with Rev. Daniel Crowley, O.P. as retreat master. There are 102 Sisters on the retreat. The retreat meditations are to be on the Passion from which Father will draw practical applications to religious life.

June 29, 1959

Summer session opened this morning with courses in English, economics, French, history, and psychometrics. Reverend John Conroy, O.P. of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. is our chaplain for the month of July.

The Spiritual Renovation group arrived to-day at Moore Hall with Reverend Edward Callahan, S.J. conducting the first three weeks and Reverend Francis Sullivan, S.J. the last three weeks.

July 13, 1959

Sister Mary Rose, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Verona, R.S.M. left for a workshop in administration to be held at Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

July 18, 1959

Word was received that Sister Mary Norbert, R.S.M. passed her orals for Master's degree in the sociology with honor.

July 25, 1959

Mass was offered to-day for Sister Mary James, RIP. July 2, 1959 marked the 50th of her profession.

August 1, 1959

Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. arrived to-day as chaplain to replaced Rev. John Conroy who left yesterday.

August 7, 1959

Rev. Mariner Smith, O.P. procurator general, arrived to-day with Sister M. Paracleta, R.S.M. for a ten-day visit.

Summer session closed this morning.

August 10, 1959

Spiritual Renovation closed this morning at Moore Hall.

August 9, 1959

We had the privilege of five Masses to-day. Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P. and three fellow Dominicans were forced ashore in their yawl due to heavy seas and fog. Salve Regina was their haven of refuge.

August 27, 1959

The Spiritual Institute for the silver jubilarians of the past two years opened for its ten day session this morning. It is to be conducted by three priests each devoting three days to the conferences: Obedience, Rev. Edward Sullivan, S.J.; Chastity, Rev. Charles Quirk, O.[?]; Poverty, Rev. Alfred Duffy C.S.P.

August 24, 1959

Mother M. Hilda left to-day to attend the General Chapter to be held at the General Motherhouse in Bethesda.

August 28, 1959

Word was received to-day of the election of Mother M. Regina Cunningham of Chicago. Mother General Maris Stella (Stella Maris) Bergin of Baltimore—Assistant-Vicar General: Mother Mary Bernadine Purcell of Cincinnati, Mother Mary Jeanne Ferrier of New York, Sister Mary Flavia McCormick of Providence—Counsellors; Sister Beatrice-Marie Costello of Omaha as Secretary General and Sister Mary Lignuri Curry of St. Louis as Procurator General

August 31, 1959

The spiritual institute end to-day at one-thirty with a short message from Rev. Alfred Duffy, C.S.P. followed by the Papal Blessing and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

September 1, 1959

A three day institute in guidance conducted by Doctor James Cribbin of New York University began to-day at nine-thirty in Room C. The sessions are scheduled for 9:30; 11; 1:30; 4, and 7:30.

September 3, 1959

The institute closed to-day at the 1:30 session. The faculty were very enthusiastic about the Matter presented. During the course of the three days various types of counselling was illustrated by Sisters M. Martha – S.M. Othilda – Marriage problems; S.M. Norbert – S.M. Wilhelmina – course problem; S.M. Marilyn – S. Cor Mariae – emotional problem: S.M. Mercedes – S.M. Martina – Mark problem; S.M. Jean-Margaret West – change of concentration problem. The first mentioned in each pair was the counsellor, the second, the counsellee.

September 6, 1959

Retreat Sunday – S.M. Anacletus had a slight heart attack this morning and was taken to Newport Hospital as precautionary measure.

September 7, 1959

Labor Day – we celebrated S. M. Rose's feast with votive Mass in honor of Saint Joseph – high Mass celebrated by Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. The color scheme in both refectory and community room was blue and gold. Favors were pocket flashlight and key ring; book racks; and marking pencils. Buffet supper was held at 5:30 and followed by Movie.

September 9, 1959

Sister M. Anacletus returned from Newport Hospital to-day.

September 10, 1959

The community had a very enjoyable day at the Villa.
We left at 9:15 a.m. and returned at 6 p.m.

September 14, 1959

Freshmen residents reported to-day. Members of the Junior class are to be commended on their work with the new students.

September 16, 1959

Eight Junior professed Sisters arrived to-day as college students: Sisters M. Austina, Coronata, Ignatius, Corleen, Josepha, Charbonel, and Rose Angela.

September 17, 1959

Queen Hall was blessed this evening with a simple but impressive ceremony conducted by Reverend Irving Georges, O.P. Father gave a short talk on the meaning of a house blessing and the significance of the new residence in the history of Salve Regina College. The ceremony was concluded with the singing of Salve Regina Collitum

September 24, 1959

Convocation was held at eleven after Mass at ten celebrated by Rev. Monsignor Matthew Clarke, V.G. [Vicar General] The convocation speaker was the Honorable Florence K. Murray of Newport. Miss Marie Murphy received her B.S. degree at the ceremony.

September 28, 1959

Sister M. Rosalia left to-day for Catholic University in Washington to prepare for her orals in education which are to be held on October 16.

October 3, 1959

Sister Mary Isabel Earley formerly a General Counsellor arrived to-day as a faculty member to take up her duties as Assistant Librarian.

October 4, 1959

This year the day of Recollection and retreat Sunday are to coincide. To-day opened the series of conferences to be conducted by Rev. Thomas Collins, O.P. of Providence College.

October 16, 1959

Word was received this morning that Sister M. Roselia successfully passed her orals and will be home next week.

This afternoon marks the beginning of a series of lectures on English Literature and its various aspects. The visiting lecturer is Dr. Paul von K. Thomson of Providence College. The lectures are scheduled monthly from October to May.

November 1, 1959

Day of Recollection began at eleven A.M. with Father Collins, O.P. conducting the exercises. The three conferences continued around (1) Predominant Fault (2). Venial Sin (3) Obedience. The day ended with Holy Hour at 2 p.m.

Sister Mary Isabel is at the General Mother House for the dedication.

November 6, 1959

Sister Mary Philemon has been appointed to give vocation talks at Holy Trinity, Central Falls; St. Bernard's Wickford; St. Francis, Wakefield; St. Francis Orphanage, Woonsocket and St. Patrick's High School, Providence.

November 15, 1959

Salve Regina Guild held a meeting this afternoon at which Sister Marilyn was guest speaker. Her topic was "Mental Health Your Responsibility". [sic] Her talk was very well received and she answered many questions relative to this vital problem.

November 16, 1959

We celebrated Mother Hilda's feast day to-day. Mother Provincial, Sister M. Albeus, Mother Antonine and Sister M. Berenice were Mother's special guests during the afternoon and for dinner which was held in the state dining room at 4:30.

December 6, 1959

Day of recollection to-day; Father Collins based his conference on an analysis of prayer particularly mental prayer. These conferences were brilliantly but simply conducted and a great source of spiritual encouragement to us.

After the exercises of the day of recollection we attended the third of the lecture series on Communism. [] Mahoney, PhD formerly of Boston College and currently of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology gave a thorough exposition of Communist technique from Marx to Kruschew.

December 9, 1959

Mother General, Mother Mary Regina made her first official visit to Salve Regina. The student body assembled in the Great Hall for a short program of welcome and a series of Christmas songs. The principal speakers were, Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. , Gail Fisher and Mother General. Everyone was most favorably impressed by Mother's visit

[Inserted item: program for visit of Mother Mary Regina, R.S.M, Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy, to Salve Regina College, December 9, 1959]

December 16, 1959

The party for 32 poor children selected from the Newport schools was held this afternoon at Mercy Hall; Miss Lynn Tobin impersonated Santa. As always the party was very successful and reflective of the Christmas spirit. The gifts were numerous, practical, and well chosen.

December 17, 1959

The Holly Dinner and Carol Singing highlighted the Christmas festivities to-day. The student body presented an electronic [lectern] to the faculty. It should be very useful for lectures and retreat reading.

December 18, 1959

Mother Provincial arrived to-day to hold visitations. [Mother] M. Antonine accompanied her.

December 23, 1959

Mother Catherine together with Mother Hilda and Mother Antonine consulted with architects from Boston, Walsh and McGuinness for the purpose of drawing up building plans for the College.

December 25, 1959

We had three Masses at midnight – the first was a high Mass sung the Sisters. Reverend Ralph McCaffrey, O.P. was celebrant.

Reverend David Dunigan, S.J. of Holy Cross College offered three Masses this Morning beginning at 9 A.M. Truly it was a spiritual Christmas for us.

December 28, 1959

Reverend George Colby, C.S.C. arrived this evening to conduct the three day retreat. Sisters from St. Augustine's and Saint Mary's will be with us for the retreat.

January 5, 1960

Sister M. Martina and M. Donalda received their appointment for a summer of foreign travel terminating with a session at Oxford on July 4th. Sister M. Jean received an appointment to either Harvard or Yale for further studies in English

January 14, 1960

To-day we were honored by a flying visit of the presidents and deans of our Mercy College of the Union. They arrived at 4:30 from Boston and are to remain until to-morrow a.m. when they will fly to Washington for a conference with Mother Regina. The following is the list of those who came (Sister M. Grace and Sister M. Virginia of Cincinnati were not able to come)
Sisters M. Huberta and Josetta- St. Xavier- Chicago
Sisters M. Celestine and Marianna- Misericordia, Dallas
Sisters M. Alice and Rosalin- College of St. Mary, Omaha
Sisters M. Cleophas and Magdala- Mt. St. Agnes- Baltimore
Sisters M. Lucille and Justine- Mercy College, Detroit
Sister M. Gratia - Mercy College- Tarrytown.

February 11, 1960

Sister Mary Rose received word to-day that her brother Frank went to God on this Our Lady's feast. He had been suffering for some months.

February 19, 1960

Sister Mary Rose left to-day for Bayview where she is to make her retreat.

March 15 1960

Robert Goelet, Junior paid us an unexpected visit this morning and remained for lunch.

March 19 1960

To-day we celebrated the silver jubilee of three of our Sisters- Sisters M. Philemon, M. Donald, and M. Clarice. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. The state dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The highlight of the day was an original skit presented by the Sisters in honor of the jubilarians. Everyone enjoyed it immensely.

March 13, 1960

Mother General paid us a visit late this afternoon with regard to provincial appointments. Sister Beatrice Marie was her companion.

March 30, 1960

To-day marked the annual advisory board meeting.

March 31, 1960

Mother M. Hilda became ill to-day with a virus infection.

April 2, 1960

The annual meeting of the New England Section of the N.C.E.A. was held to-day at Holy Cross. The following Sisters attended the various conferences Sisters M. Jean, M. Eloise, M. Philemon, M. Donald, M. Norbert, M. Wilhelmina, M. Othilda, M. Christopher.

April 16, 1960

We were honored to-day with a visit from Sadao Suzuki, Mayor of Shinoda, Japan. He is in Newport in connection with the hundredth anniversary of Commodore Perry's visit to Shinoda having been invited by former mayor Wilkinson. He was accompanied by his secretary, former mayor Wilkinson and two members of the Voice of America. He presented us with a kind of banner known as a noren and usually given by business people to tradesmen as a sign of their efficiency and accuracy. Thus it was for us a symbol of trust.

May 7, 1960

This morning we had a visit from Sister M. Aquinas O.S.J. of Green Bay, Wisconsin who spoke at the Teacher's Institute held in the Fall River Diocese yesterday. She is known as the Flying Nun.

May 12, 1960

Eddie Dowling of theatrical fame paid us a visit at eleven-thirty to-day and gave an inspiring talk to the students.

May 20, 1960

Sisters M. Martina and Donald left at 1:15 to-day enroute to New York. They will sail to-morrow on the Constitution for their European tour.

May 30, 1960

Rev. Fathers Siveiny and Drinan S.J. of Boston College offered Masses here this morning. Toward noon they returned with a distinguished guest Christopher Dawson who is now engaged as visiting lecturer at Harvard.

June 6, 1960

Commencement this afternoon at three brought signal honors to our Reverend Bishop with the degree, Doctor of Humane Letters and to Cornelius Moore Esquire with the degree Doctor of Law. This occasion marked our first conferring of honorary degrees.

June 7, 1960

Retreat opened to-night under the guidance of Reverend Pierre Conway, O.P. there are thirty-eight of us on retreat... The Sisters from St. Mary's Warren, plus two from Belize, Sisters M. Joseph and Margaret Mary, and also Sister M. Constantia joined the household for this early retreat.

June 21, 1960

Sister M. Martha admitted to Rhode Island Hospital to-day for an operation.

June 23, 1960

Mother Mary Hilda was the recipient of an honorary degree, Doctor of Education, from R.I.C.E. Since Mother wasn't able to be present at the commencement exercises, Doctor Gaige President honored Mother by coming here to the College. Among the guests present were Doctor Michael Walsh, State Commissioner of Education, Doctor William Robinson, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Mr. _____ Brown of the State Commission on scholarships, Mr. John McLaughlin and Mr. _____ Moran. Mother Provincial and Mother Antonine honored us with their presence also.

Sister M. Rosalia returned this morning from a workshop held at the Catholic University. Sister presented a paper on The Quality of College Teaching. The paper was well received.

June 26, 1960

This afternoon brought the influx of Sister students for the summer session with thirty-nine Junior Professed enrolling in the summer school and twenty-five others who have participated in the summer program previously.

June 27, 1960

Queen Hall was opened to-day for the first time as the residence for the Sisters participating in the renovation program. Sister M. Peter is superior; Sister M. Audrey, Mistress. The first three weeks is to be conducted by Rev. Edward Callahan, S.J. and the last three weeks by Rev. Francis S. Sullivan, S.J.

June 29, 1960

Word was received this morning that Mother M. Antonine has been appointed to teach history here for the coming year. The appointments for the provincial council are as follows: Mother Provincial: Mother M. Helena; Assistant Provincial: Mother M. Alban; Councilors Provincial: Sisters M. Hyacinth, M. Philomena, M. Siena; Secretary Provincial: Sister M. Victor; Procurator Provincial: Sister M. Verona.

Rev. Robert Lindsay, S.J. cousin of Sister M. Norbert, celebrated Mass at twelve p.m. to-day. Father was ordained last week at Weston.

July 4, 1960

Sister M. Martha returned from Rhode Island Hospital this morning,

July 5, 1960

Sister M. Mauritra and M. Jean left for Cambridge, Mass. to-day. They are to attend Harvard Summer School. They will reside at Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge.

August 8, 1960

Retreat opened to-day for a group of about fifty Sisters. The exercises are being conducted by a Holy Cross Father.

August 14, 1960

Sister M. Brenda arrived to-day as a member of the faculty, instructor in Biology.

August 19, 1960

Sister M. Mauritra and M. Jean arrived home having finished their studies in English at Harvard.

August 22, 1960

Sisters M. Martina and Donald returned from their European trip and their summer at Oxford.

August 24, 1960

Sister M. Evangelista celebrated her golden jubilee with a solemn High Mass at ten a.m. in the college chapel. The Mass was celebrated by Sister's grand nephew Rev. John Sullivan C.S.P. He was assisted by two of his confreres. Attending the Mass were three monsignori-monsignors Leo Flynn, Matthew Clarke, V.G. and Charles Lynch. Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. Chaplain pro tem was also in the sanctuary. Dinner was served at noon for eighty Sisters and thirty secular friends and relatives. Room C was tastefully decorated for the display of gifts. After a movie *Strange Interlude*, a buffet supper was served at five. At seven the Sisters of the community presented an entertainment centered around classical writers such as Virgil, Horace and Cicero. The final selection was a choral verse rendition of *The Golden Mass*. A highlight of the day was the reading of the Papal blessing.

August 28, 1960

To-day marked the opening of a Music Workshop under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin and Sister Mary Rosina.

August 31, 1960

Sister M. Rosalia left for a meeting at the General Mother House in Bethesda. The meeting is concerned with the education of the Sisters.

September 5, 1960

To-day we celebrated Sister Mary Rose's feast day with high Mass at eight celebrated by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. The state dining room was beautifully decorated as the setting for the days festivities. A movie "*Angels in the Outfield*" added to the days festivities. At supper each Sister drew a number corresponding to a number placed at various small tables arranged in the dining room. Everyone enjoyed this novel method of partaking of the evening meal on such a special occasion.

September 12, 1960

Hurricane Donna struck at noon. Rosary was said in [the] chapel around one p.m. Father Georges reading the prayers. The few girls who had arrived on Sunday congregated at Ochre Court. The electricity failed around four thirty p.m. but was restored before morning. The chief damage consisted of fallen trees. The hurricane was not as severe as the 1954 storm.

September 23, 1960

To-day marked the Honors Convocation with pontifical Mass at ten Celebrated by Rt. Rev. Thomas Maloney, Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop Maloney also conducted the convocation exercises and delivered the principal address Women in College Life.

October 5, 1960

Sisters M. Rosalia and M Philemon left to-day for a week in Chicago where Sister Rosalia is to attend a series of meetings relative to Sister education. Sister M. Philemon will have an opportunity to visit her two sisters and her brother to-gether with their families.

October 15, 1960

To-day we received the gift of a Chevrolet Sedan from Mr. _____ [sic] Chartier of Newport.

October 25, 1960

To-day marked a visit of three member of the New England Association of Colleges in the interest of re-evaluating the college to-gether with two members of the Hospital Accrediting Agency who arrived yesterday for the purpose of examining our nursing school. Reverend Everett McPeak, S.J. of Fairfield University, George S. Miller, PhD. Dean Emeritus of Tufts and Kenneth Shaffer, PhD Librarian of Simmons composed the Committee from the New England Association of College. Miss Rita Kelleher of Boston College School of Nursing and Miss Alice Hageshaw of Simmons College represented the nursing accreditation board. Both committees seemed very pleased with their stay and were most friendly towards us.

November 2 1960

Sisters M. Rosalia and M. Isabel left this evening for Hillsgrove Airport where they are scheduled to meet the two Kerala¹ Sisters assigned to our college. The Sisters are Sister Jerome and Sister Jane Francis. Both have some college education and hope to become teachers.

November 3, 1960

Sisters M. Martina and M. Rosalia attended the regional meeting of the New England Association of Colleges at the University of Rhode Island.

November 11, 12, 13, 1960

Sister M. Rosalia is attending Mercy Sister formation meeting at Bethesda.

November 19, 1960

Sister M. Othilda took part in a panel discussion conducted by the New England Business Teachers. The meeting was held in Springfield, Connecticut.

¹ Kerala is a state on the southwestern coast of India.

November 25, 1960

Sisters M. Rose Agnes attended the meeting of the Mathematics Association held in Middletown, Connecticut.

December 2, 1960

Mother Hilda and M Rosalia attended the annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges in Boston. At this meeting our acceptance or re-acceptance into the association was formally announced.

December 3, 1960

Sisters M. Constance and M. Philemon attended the New England Unit of the N.C.E.A. held at Emmanuel College.

December 9, 1960

Sisters M. Roselia and M. Augustine went to New York for a meeting with the National League of Nursing Collegiate Board of Review for Accreditation.

December 20, 1960

Sister Marie Therese was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital to-day.

December 24, 1960

The announcement of our acceptance into the National League of Nursing as an accredited School of Nursing was in the morning's mail.

December 25, 1960

We had three Masses at midnight celebrated by Rev. Ralph McCaffrey, O.P., Sister Mary Rose's brother.

December 28, 1960

Reverend William Connolly, S.J. is conducting end of year retreat. As usual the Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's are with us during these days.