

January 22, 1961

Sister M. Rufina was admitted to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital to-day.

February 4, 1961

Blizzard – Sister Mary Nobert's father suffered a heart attack while shoveling snow and died at seven this evening.

February 24, 1961

Sister M. Anacletus had a coronary attack and is in Newport Hospital.

March 29, 1961

Sister M. Rose Agnes was admitted to New England Baptist Hospital to-day.

April 3, 1961

Sister Mary Eloise and Sister Mary Jean attended the seventh National Convention of the Society of College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine held at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston.

April 3, 1961

Sisters M. Rosalia, M. Martina, M. Constance, M. Augustine and M. Christopher attended the Annual Mercy Education Conference at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

April 6, 1961

Sister M. Rose Agnes returned home to-day.

April 14, 1961

Sisters Marie Pierre and John Francis attended the Northeast Conference for Foreign Language held in New York City.

April 15, 1961

The N.C.E.A. Regional Meetings held in Anna Maria College, Paxton, Mass were attended by Sisters M. Constance, M. Antonine, M. Nobert, M. Brenda, M. Donald, M. Philemon.

Sisters M. Martha and M. Othilda attended Home Economics Meeting sponsored by Sears and Roebuck and held at Simmons College, Boston.

April 24, 1961

Sisters M. Philomina, M. Joycelyn, and M. James and M. Christine of Belize are here for assistance in Mathematics, Latin, English and Spanish.

Sister M. Philemon has received an NSF grant for an eight week summer institute in radioisotope technology to be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Sister Marilyn has been designated as director of a mental health training program over a five year period.

May 26, 1961

Class Day exercises were held in the Great Hall due to inclement weather. One highlight which was new this year was the presentation to the students of three Lay Apostles- Miss Marie

McCarthy Miss Mary Langhorn and Miss Judith Brown. Miss Langhorn and Miss Brown are scheduled for Catechetical work in North Carolina for a period of a month. Miss McCarthy is giving her services for a year in \_\_\_\_\_.

June 4, 1961

Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated this year in Saint Mary's Church at four-thirty p.m. Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. celebrated the high Mass which was sung by the College's Glee Club under the direction of Mr. C. Alexander Peloquin.

Baccalaureate address was given by Rev. Irving Georges, O.P. After Mass, the annual Parent's Dinner was held Mercy Hall.

June 5, 1961

The commencement exercises were held at 3 p.m. on the terrace. Representative John Fogarty was the commencement speaker and the recipient of an Honorary degree.

June 11, 1961

We anticipated Sister Mary Rose's feast to-day with high Mass celebrated by Sister Mary Rose's brother, Reverend Ralph McCaffrey, O.P. The color scheme in the dining room was pink and white. A movie was shown at 2:30 p.m. – a musical The Life of Romberg. After 5:30 buffet lunch we played Bingo. Sister Mary Norbert composed very appropriate words to various songs which we sang after dinner and lunch.

June 13, 1961

Sister Mary Donald left for Bethesda for the Renovation conducted for Silver Jubilarians. Sister will return July 1.

June 15, 1961

The Community enjoyed a boat ride up Narragansett Bay to Mt. Hope Bridge. We were on the water from eleven until four. This wonderful day was possible through the kindness of Mr. Michael Bove- Chevrolet [sic] Dealer in Newport. Reverend Peter Maguire was with us as well as Mr. Bove and a crew of three.

June 16, 1961

Retreat opened to-day under the guidance of Reverend Joseph Taylor, O.P. of Dover. There are 110 Sisters here for the exercises.

June 23, 1961

Sister Mary Philemon left this morning for the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Sister is to reside at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Sister is engaged in chemical research.

June 24, 1961

Retreat closed this morning. This afternoon brings the Sister Students who will reside at McAuley Hall during the summer session.

Sister M. Brenda left this afternoon for Boston College where she will study radiation biology. She will reside at Newton College for the Sacred Heart.

June 25, 1961

Summer session opened this morning with Sisters enrolled in Latin, English, Spanish, Sociology, and Home Economics. This afternoon the Sisters arrived for Renovation to be conducted at Queen Hall. Sister Mary Peter Witham is superior and Sister Mary Luis Brett is mistress.

June 30, 1961

Sixty policemen from various cities and towns in the state are residing at Mercy and Moore Halls for the Jazz Festival weekend- Sister Mary Rose supplied them with bedding, coffee, doughnuts, and cold drinks.

July 7, 1961

Holy Hour at 4:45 was conducted by Reverend Bernard Kelly.

July 9, 1961

Sisters M. Othilda and M. Wilhelmina left to-day for Boston College where they will attend Economics Summer Institute on the Christian Social Economy. They will reside at Newton College of the Sacred Heart.

July 14, 1961

Sister M. Rose Agnes left to-day for the New England Baptist Hospital.

July 30 1961

The Sister Students conducted a very entertaining program in honor of Sister Mary Rose. The highlight of the entertainment was the appearance of the Sisters from India as Sisters of Mercy.

July 31, 1961                Sister Marie Pierre left to-day for Toledo. A meeting of Advisory Board of the Mercy Education Conference was held this afternoon in the terrace. The Board included Mother Helena, Sister Mary Alban, Mother Hilda, Sister M. Felicitas, Sisters M. Miriam, Sister M. Carolyn, Sister M. Audrey, Sister M. Augustine, Sister M. Marjorie, Sister M. Rosalia, Sister M Martina.

August 3, 1961

The Summer Commencement Exercises were held in the Great Hall at 3 p.m. because of inclement weather. Twelve Junior Professed Sisters received degrees. Monsignor A. Goeghan gave the address.

August 4, 1961

The summer session ended this morning. Holy Hour was conducted by Reverend Irving Georges, O.P. at one p.m.

August 7, 1961

Renovation closed at Queen Hall this morning. A Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of Miss Mollie Moore, Sister of Cornelius Moore, Esquire was celebrated at 9 a.m. by Reverend

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Luke McCaffrey, O.P. who is our chaplain until the end of the month.

August 5, 1961

Reverend Mariner Smith, O.P. Procurator General of the Dominicans is enjoying a two weeks stay with his sister, Sister M. Paracleta, R.S.M.

August 11, 1961

Sisters M. Donald, M. Wilhelmina, M. Brenda, M. Martha and M. Joannes left to-day for a week at the villa.

August 12, 1961

Sister M. Rose Agnes arrived home to-day. She has been recuperating at St. Xavier's after a three week's [sic] stay at New England Baptist Hospital.

August 14, 1961

A group of Junior Professed arrived this afternoon to get things in readiness for the Sisters from India and Burma. Reverend Father Anthony Kuriala Cherry [sic] a priest from India who is now in the United States arrived to-day. Father is in charge of the spiritual orientation of the Sisters from the East.

August 15, 1961

Our Lady's feast – four Masses – 8 a.m. Rev. Luke McCaffrey, O.P. , 9 a.m. Rev. Mariner T. Smith, O.P. 9 a.m. at Our Lady's altar, Rev. James, O.P. 9:30 a.m. Reverend Father Anthony.

August 16, 1961

To-day marked the arrival of the Sisters from India and Burma. The two Sisters from Burma are twins, Sisters Clare and Teresita. They arrived shortly after 9 P.M. The Sisters from India arrived at 11:15 P.M. They enjoyed their first experience of ice-cream around 12.

August 17, 1961

The Sisters from the Orient assisted at 9:30 Mass celebrated by Rev. Anthony Kuriala Cherry [sic]. They spent the next day getting acquainted, resting, and writing letters home. They're eating in the cafeteria with the Junior Professed. The rest of the community are using the refectory.

August 18, 1961

Appointments arrived this morning: Sister Mary Rose is appointed to library at Bayview; Sister M. Anaceltus to Mount Saint Rita as teacher of French; Sister M. Rufina, assistant librarian at St. Xavier's; Sister M. John Francis, as superior at Mt. Saint Rita. Sister M. Emily is appointed as superior here. We are also having with us on the faculty – Sister M. Jeremy for French and Sister M. Ignatius for Spanish.

August 21, 1961

Sister M. Emily arrived to-day at 5 p.m.

The Sisters from India and Burma gave a program in honor of Sister M. Jane Frances' feast day. Sister is from Kerala and as [sic] been with us since last November.

August [ ] 1961

Sisters M. Leo and M. Francis from the Detroit Province arrived for a few day's [sic] vacation.

August 29, 1961

Prior to their departure, the Sisters from India and Burma favored us with a program honoring Sister M. Rosalia's feast day which is September 4.

August 30, 1961

Four of the Sisters from India left this morning.

August 31, 1961

Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P. who is our chaplain at present offered Mass at 6:15 for a group of Sisters who are leaving early. The remainder will leave during different times during the day.

September 1, 1961

The last two Sisters left to-day. These two are enroute to Saint Louis.

Father Quirk, O.P. conducted Holy Hour at 4:45 p.m.

September 27, 1961

St. Joseph's Hall was blessed this afternoon by Reverend Paul Curran, O.P.

October 3, 1961

Reverend Father William, O.C.D. gave us a conference on The Religious Life at five p.m. The five major weaknesses among religious he thought were self-centeredness, pettiness, mediocrity, impatience with self and narrowmindedness.

October 5, 1961

Sisters M. Constance and M. Martha are the delegates to a meeting of the American Association of Colleges held in Washington D.C. At the same time the Sisters attended a meeting of the Mercy Honor Society, Sigma Phi Sigma.

October 13, 1961

Sisters M. Antonine and Augustine attended a meeting of the Peace Corps Organization held in Boston.

Sister M. Mercedes represented our province at the New England C.C.D convention held in Portland, Maine.

October 22, 1961

A very inspiring lecture entitled The Patrician Year was given in the Great Hall by Reverend Leo Clifford, O.F.M.

October 28, 1961

Sister M. Norbert conducted a very successful high school day for about 200 students from various schools in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Sisters M. Emily, M. Jean, and M. Donald attended a meeting of the English Section of the New England Association of Colleges held at Wheaton College. The general theme of the lectures was L[?] Literature and Morals.

December 25 1961

We had no Midnight Mass this year. Reverend Father Kennealey of the Columban Fathers offered two Masses at eight a.m.

December 28, 1961

We are having a quiet celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of profession for Mother M. Hilda. High Mass at eight a.m. with Father James, O.P. as celebrant. A beautiful set of gold vestments is the main gift from the house. The vestments were made especially for the occasion for the Trappists at Spencer, Massachusetts. Reverend Robert Ferrick, S.J. of Boston College arrived this evening to give the three day retreat. Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Augustine's joined us in the exercises. The general subject of the retreat is Growing Up in Christ and the Means as an Extension of the Incarnation in us.

January 1, 1962

Retreat ended this morning with Father Ferrick wearing the new gold vestments. Sister M. Rose Agnes returned to-day after residing at Bayview since October.

January 22, 1962

Sister M. Rosalia entered Massachusetts General Hospital for a heart operation scheduled for the end of this week.

February 19, 1962

Sister M. Joannas was admitted to New England Baptiste Hospital for tests.

March 17, 1962

The community celebrated the Silver Jubilee of three of our Sisters: Sister Mary Emily, Sister Mary Rosina, and Sister Mary Othilda. A high Mass was celebrated at eight A.M. By Reverend Father Shanley, Sister Mary Emily's brother. Although it was an Ember Day we had permission to have the votive Mass of Our Lady of Mercy instead of the Mass of the day. A movie entitled "The Inn of The Sixth Happiness" was shown at 2:30 p.m. followed by a buffet lunch at 5:15 p.m. The table was tastefully decorated in white and silver. The only guests at the dinner were Sister M. Emily's sister, Sister M. Marcella, Sister M. Rosina's sister, Sister M. Everaud and the three Sisters of Our Lady of Providence who are residing here this semester.

March 29, 1962

Sister M. Joannes returned to-day after spending a few weeks convalescing at Bayview.

March 22, 1962

A meeting of the Advisory Board was held this afternoon at 3 p.m. Rt. Reverend Bishop Russell J. McVinney, D.D. attended. Plans are in progress for a combination dormitory and cafeteria.

April 18 1962

Easter recess began this noon. Rev. Paul James, O.P. will conduct the Holy Week services Thursday at 5 p.m.; Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 11:15 p.m.

April 22, 1962

Sisters M. Martina and M. Mercedes will leave to-day for the annual education convention in Detroit.

May 1962

Sister Mary Othilda left to-day for the Mother House as a member of the first group of Silver Jubilarians who are privileged to make spiritual renovations.

June 4, 1962

Commencement exercises were held on the terrace at three p.m. Honorary degrees were awarded to Reverend Cornelius Collins, a friend and benefactor of the college, Senator John O. Pastore and Miss Margaret Brennan, coordinator in the student- teacher program. Senator Pastore also gave the commencement address.

June 12, 1962

Sister M. Rosina left to-day for Bethesda, another of our silver jubilarians. To-day was noteworthy for a belated celebrated of Sister Mary Emily's feast which is May 26<sup>th</sup>. Such a date in the middle of commencement week and examinations was not conducive to a celebration. Hence the change. Sister's brother Reverend Joseph Shanley celebrated Mass at eight A.M. The feast day dinner was held in the cafeteria which was tastefully decorated with flowers from Queen Hall garden and with blue and white pom-poms. In the afternoon a movie based on an actual happening in World War II, The Man Who Never Was, added to the enjoyment of the day.

June 14, 1962

Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] Whitaker, O.P. opened retreat this evening to about eighty sisters. The Sisters assigned to Belize and La Ceiba were among the number plus the Sisters from Saint Mary's Warren and a group from Saint Aloysius' Home.

Sister M. Martina left to-day for a workshop for registrars conducted at the Catholic University. She is to be joined by Sister M. Othilda who has finished her sojourn at Bethesda.

June 26, 1962

Marks the opening of the summer session for twenty-two Junior Professed, forty finally professed and some forty-two seculars.

To-day also marked the opening of Moore Hall for Our Lady of Providence Sisters as a vacation residence. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for the actual vacation period.

Queen Hall opened its doors to-day to twenty- seven Sisters as a place for spiritual renovation. Sister M. Peter is superior and Sister M. Joachim is mistress. Reverend Fathers Callahan and Sullivan are conducting the exercises.

July 2, 1962

Sister M. Rosina returned from Bethesda.

July 9, 1962

Sister Marie Pierre Koch of Cincinnati Province who has been with us as professor of French left us to go back "home" to Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Yesterday, the Sisters arranged a buffet in the State Dining room followed by a program in the Great Hall. The main feature of the program was the rendition of Rachel Fields' poem [ ] which Sister Mary Rosina set to Music. This poem was a favorite of Sister Marie Pierre's and she was completely surprised to hear it sung. Sister M. Mercedes painted and printed the verses for Sister to take home with her. Sister M. Rosina also presented her with the Musical score.

July 16, 1962

At eight-thirty this morning Sister Mary Emily left us for Bethesda. She is a member of the final group of jubilarians to make the spiritual renovations. She is to return August 4.

July 20, 1962

Sister M. Mercedes, who has been directing the Sisters at St. Mary's Warren in their C.C.D. work at the vacation school, has returned home.

July 27, 1962

Sister M. Wilhelmina has returned from her summer school assignment at Saint Xavier's as a history teacher.

August 1, 1962

To-day was a red letter day! The appointments for the year arrived this morning. Many of the Sisters in the summer school received new assignments. At the college itself Sister M. Constance was appointed as superior at Saint Xavier's. Sister M. Donalda as teacher at Mt. Saint Mary Academy, Fall River. Sister Mary Donald was appointed Dean of Women. The incoming sisters are Sisters M. Olga and Sister M. Andrea and S.M. Marcel.

Sister M. Evangelista who has been with us since the college opened deserves special mention. She served as professor of English and German. She is unable to continue her duties so Mother Provincial thoughtfully assigned her to Saint Xavier's.

August 2, 1962

To-day marked the summer commencement exercises for thirty Sisters. Mr. Frederick Donovan of Rhode Island College gave the address. Mr. Robert Goelet favored us with his presence at the exercises.

August 3, 1962

To-day marked the end of the summer session here.

August 4, 1962

Sister M. Emily returned to-day. Rev. Mariner T. Smith, O.P. and his sister, Sister M. Paracleta are here for two weeks' stay.

August 14, 1962

Sister M. Isabel accompanied Sister M. James Frances, S.A.B.S. and Sister M. Jerome, S.A.B.S. to Mount Mercy, Dobbs Ferry, New York. The two Indian sisters are to await the arrival of the group from the Orient and help to introduce them to the ways of the West. Sister M. Isabel is returning to Newport in a couple of days.

To-day the community enjoyed a boat ride on the "Pami" – Mr. Bove's yacht. We left the pier at eleven and returned at 3:30 p.m. Even though the sky was overcast we had a delightful sail up the bay a little beyond the Mount Hope Bridge.

August 23, 1962

Sisters Helen Loyola and Irene de Lourdes of the St. Joseph's Sisters of Brooklyn arrived to-day for a short vacation. We were very happy to meet them again.

August 29, 1962

Sisters M. Christopher and M. Norbert have left for Washington D.C. to attend a sociology meeting. They are expected to return September 10.

August 31, 1962

Sisters M. Jane Frances and M. Jerome returned to-day with two Sisters from Thailand. Sisters M. Benedicta and M. Beata are to be students in the division of nursing. They are members of Religious Handmaids of Mary.

September 4, 1962

Mother M. Bernardine, Vicar General and Sister M. Flavia, General Councilor are here for a few days. They expect to be in the Province until September 15.

September 12, 1962

Sister Mary Olga's brother, Reverend John Galvin died suddenly to-day.

September 16, 1962

Seventy-three resident Freshmen arrived to-day. Twenty are to reside at Mercy Hall and the remainder at Ochre Court.

September 28, 1962

Convocation was held in the Great Hall due to inclement weather. Reverend Edmund Mullen, assistant attendant of schools was the principal speaker.

October 27, 1962

Father-daughter weekend- something new.

Classes were held in Angelus Hall during the morning – English, Sociology, History, Chemistry, Theology – lunch at noon followed by the inauguration of the Father's Council –

dinner at Cliff Lawn Manor- dance at 8:30. Mass on Sunday at 10 followed by brunch. All in all the affair was most successful.

October 17, 1962

School was re-consecrated to the Sacred Heart this afternoon at three p.m. Reverend \_\_\_\_ [sic] Sacred Heart Father from Fairhaven blessed pictures of the Sacred Heart of each dormitory and also for Angelus Hall.

November 18, 1962

Sister M. Rosalia left for Bethesda, the General Mother House for a meeting with Mother General and the Deans of the other Provinces.

November 22, 1962

Buffet Supper for Thanksgiving was enjoyed at St. Joseph's Hall.

Sister Mary Eloise left for Bayview where she shall remain overnight prior to going to Dobbs Ferry for a theology meeting. She is attending the meeting with Sisters M. Audrey and M. Nathanael.

November 24, 1962

Sister M. Julie of the Baltimore province and Sister M. Thomas Aquinas of Mount Mercy, Pittsburg were here for a short visit. Both Sisters spoke at the Mercy Educational Conference held at Bayview to-day.

December 18, 1962

The Reverend Cornelius Collins pastor of St. Michael's Church in Providence, who is one of our greatest benefactors surprised us to-day with of a Christmas gift of three Oriental rugs for the sanctuary and a backdrop to hang behind the altar.

December 18, 1962

This evening the student body presented the faculty with a Christmas gift of fine sets of vestments – truly a wonderful gift.

December 19, 1962

The Clagget house, Saint Joseph's Hall is ours. We have rented it for the past two years.

December 25, 1962

Midnight Mass this year was celebrated by Reverend John Donovan of Maryknoll. We had only one Mass this year.

A buffet supper was held in the state dining room at 5:30 p.m. We received our Christmas gifts after supper.

December 28, 1962

Retreat this year is being conducted by Reverend Leo Clifford, O.F.M. – the same priest who lectured on the Patrician Year in 1961 and on Saint Francis in 1962. His retreat is excellent.