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February 3, 1963
S. Mary Othilda left to-day for Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

February 12, 1963
Sister Mary Othilda was operated on this morning.

February 15, 1963
Sister Mary Emily left for retreat at Mount Saint Rita. This afternoon marked the investiture ceremony for the Freshman [sic].

February 22, 1963
T-o-day [sic] Juniors received their College rings at a ceremony in the Great Hall. Tomorrow night highlights the Sapphire Ball; Sunday Morning brings Mass and brunch. Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. offered Mass and was speaker at breakfast.

March 19, 1963
The annual Advisory board meeting was held at three p.m. Mother M. Alban was present from the Provincial Council.

March 17, 1963
Sister M. Venard left to-day for the General Mother House where there is to be a meeting of hospital and college administrators.

March 23, 1963
Sisters M. Andrea and M. Brenda celebrated their silver jubilee to-day. The Mass of Our Lady of Mercy was sung by Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. Chaplain. Father gave a very beautiful tribute to the religious life in general and to the Sisters in particular. It was based upon the Gospel of the Mass which centered around the Marriage feast at Cana.
In the afternoon the Sisters enjoyed the movie "Good Morning Miss Dove". At four thirty a buffet supper was held in the state dining room.

March 30, 1963
Sister Mary Othilda returned this evening. Sisters M. Martina and Rosina brought her back after attending the Centennial Mass for Boston College.

April 14, 1963
Easter Sunday – The joy of Easter was somewhat lessened by the news of Sister Augustine's father's death suddenly yesterday about five p.m. We had the Easter Vigil services at the 11:15 and as a result no Mass to-day.
Sisters M. Martina and M. Rosalia left to-day for Saint. Louis to the N.C.E.A. meeting.

April 15, 1963

The demobilization of White Holm, our new estate begins this week. It should take a month for the whole process. It is located diagonally from Ochre Court, and has been selected to be the sight of the new dormitory-dining hall building. Plans are being drawn by McGinnis, Walsh, Kennedy Co. of Boston.

May 15, 1963

True to plans made beforehand the last wall of White Holm fell this afternoon. The rumble of bulldozers could be heard during the May procession which was held at Our Lady of Fatima shrine at 3 p.m.

June 2, 1963

The Baccalaureate Mass was sung in Saint Mary's church by Reverend Ralph McCaffrey, O.P. Sister Mary Rose's brother and uncle of Mary Rose Warburton, Member of the Class of '63. The Glee Club under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin sang the Mass. Directly after the Mass which was at 4:30 p.m. the parents and the graduates went to the Hotel Viking for dinner.

June 3, 1963

Misty to-day with high humidity. However, the Commencement exercises are to be held in the terrace at 3 p.m.

Just before the procession moved towards the terrace we received word of the death of Pope John the XXIII. After the invocation Bishop Russell J. McVinney read prayers for the Pope from the ritual.

The exercises were highlighted by two special awards. An honorary degree, Doctor of Education was conferred on Sister Mary Louise O'Brien, R.S.M. community supervisor with a record of sixty years of service in the Community. C. Alexander Peloquin received the degree of Doctor of Music. Doctor Peloquin has a national and international reputation as composer and director.

June 5, 1963

To-day we celebrated Sister Emily's feast belatedly – May 30th is the day. Reverend John M. Egan celebrated Mass at 8 A.M. After dinner we enjoyed a Movie, "The Great Imposter" and at five we had a buffet lunch (waffles with a blue-berry sauce, fruit salad, and ice cream) at Mercy Hall. After the lunch Sisters M. Emily and M. Rosalia left for New York on business.

June 8, 1963

Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. celebrated a high requiem Mass for Pope John, XXXIII at seven-twenty A.M. The Sister sang the Mass.

June 9, 1963

Sisters M. Emily and M. Rosalia left this morning for Mercy College, Chicago for a workshop relative to our foreign Sister students. They're expected to return on Thursday. The workshop was concerned with the Better Worlds Movement inaugurated by Father Lombardi, S.J.

June 10, 1963

Reverend Lawrence Hunt, O.P. arrived to-day to be our chaplain until retreat opens on Friday. Reverend Paul Curran left for Marygrove College and Reverend John Martin Egan left to give a retreat to the Dominican Sisters in Albany and subsequently to study at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

June 12, 1963

Sisters M Brenda and M Andrea are enroute to the General Motherhouse at Bethesda for the spiritual renovation program. Subsequently Sister M. Andrea is to attend Georgetown University for the summer program in German.

Reverend John S. Sullivan, a newly-ordained priest celebrated Mass for us at eight a.m. and gave us his priestly blessing. Father had been a student in Sister M. Philemon's chemistry class.

June 14, 1963

Sister M. Flavia, Councilor -General is making retreat with us.

There are 106 Sisters arriving for retreat which opens this evening. Reverend Gregory Roy, S.J. of Boston College is scheduled to give the Conferences. We have visitors making retreat with us. Sister Mary Emily, R.S.M. Council Bluffs Community who is studying at La Valle to-gether with two Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sisters M. Mathew and M. Rose Carmel also studying at La Valle. In addition to Victory Knoll Sisters from Cape Cod are making five days of the retreat – Sisters M. Dolores and M. James.

At the opening conference this evening Father Roy announced that the theme of the retreat was going to be God's Love for us. It promises to be stimulating spiritually.

June 21, 1963

We have a Pope - Paul VI – Cardinal Montini. This news was posted in Chapel before the 10 a.m. Conference. Contrary to former information Father Paul Curran did not go to Marygrove but after the retreat at P.C. interred Our Lady of Fatima Hospital for surgery. He is returning here as chaplain.

June 23, 1963

Retreat ended to-day. Sisters students are due to arrive this afternoon bringing our household up to ninety-six.

June 24, 1963

Queen Hall was opened this afternoon at three with twenty-seven residents. Sister M. Eugene is the superior and Sister M. Joachim, Mistress. Reverend Fathers Callahan, S.J. and Sullivan, S.J. are conducting the exercises.

July 6, 1963

Sister Mary Brenda returned to-day from Bethesda after attending the spiritual renovation at the General Mother House.

Sister Mary Rosina left to-day for New York, Judson Hall, West 57th Street where she will attend a workshop in Music. Sister expects to return next Saturday. The workshop is under the direction of Peter J. Wilkonsky [?] and is entitled Master Class in Choral Techniques.

July 9, 1963

Reverend Edward Callahan S.J. who is conducting the spiritual renovation at Queen Hall gave us a conference both stimulating and informative on the Ecumenical Council and its meaning for us as religious. He gave us a very fine concept of the work of the late Pope John XXIII.

July 13, 1963

Char Bishop Eid of St. Anthony of the Desert parish in Fall River celebrated Mass in the Maronite rite for us at eight a.m. He brought a choir of eight from his church to assist in the ceremony.

This afternoon ninety Sisters of various orders who are studying at Boston College arrived here around twelve-thirty. They brought box lunches which they enjoyed on the terrace and then toured the College. From here they were en route to Elmhurst in Portsmouth and then back to Boston College. This has been an ecumenical week since on Wednesday, July 10 about seventy Sisters visited Touro Synagogue where the Irish Rabbi Lewis explained the different aspects of Judaism to the group.

July 15, 1963

Sister Mary Emily received word to-day that Sister Cor Mariae of our nursing faculty has been appointed to the school of Nursing in La Ceiba.

July 18, 1963

Sister M. Martha was admitted to Saint Joseph's Hospital this afternoon.

July 20, 1963

Sister Mariella has been appointed to the division of Nursing.

Sister M. Norbert is to spend the year in study at the University of Pennsylvania. Sociology is her field.

July 26, 1963

Sister Mary Harold who was to have attended Brown University as a PhD. Candidate in history has been appointed to teach history here at the college.

July 27, 1963

Reverend Matthew Kattady, a friend from India offered Mass in the Syrian rite and visited with our Sisters from India.

July 28, 1963

To-day we had a tea for the 31 Sisters who will be graduated on Thursday. A very lovely musical program added to the occasion. Melodies were sung in Latin, English, Italian, and German. Mother Hilda gave a very inspiring and informative talk to the students urging them to develop themselves intellectually and giving some ideas Concerning the founding of our college.

August 1, 1963

Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. is our chaplain for a few weeks.

Summer Commencement was held on the terrace at 3 p.m. The invocation was given by Monsignor James V. Greene, pastor of St. Mary's Church. The commencement address was given by Reverend R. Callahan, S.J. of Wheaton College. His topic was the place of the Sister to-day as an offered Member of the City of Man and of the City of God. The presentation of certificate for teaching was made by William P. Robinson, Jr., Ed. D. Commissioner of Education in Rhode Island.

Sister M. Rose Agnes was admitted to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital this afternoon.

August [] 1963

Sister M. Mercedes returned to-day from attending summer session as a visiting scholar at Columbia University where she audited six classes [?]

August 13, 1963

Miss Janet Auchinclass, half-sister to first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, made a social call to-day. She is one of the Newport debutantes who is making use of Queen and St. Joseph's Halls for guests at the end of this week. The Sisters found her very simple and very charming.

August 16, 1963

Sister M. Martha returned home this afternoon.

August 21, 1963

Sister M. Rose Agnes has gone for treatment to Mercyville Hospital in Aurora, Illinois.

August 27, 1963 (Each Sister received a gift of three spiritual books)

This evening at five we had a buffet supper on the terrace honoring the departure of two of our Sisters – Sister M. Norbert who is en route next week for a year's study at University of Pennsylvania – Sister Cor Mariae who leaves here to-morrow on the first lap of her journey to La Ceiba. We also bade farewell to one of the Sisters from India, Sister Anna Maria S.A.B.S. who will study practical nursing with the Sisters of Charity in Detroit, Michigan.

August 29, 1963

Sister Mary Hilda, president of our college was admitted to Newport Hospital this evening.

Miss Josephine Taylor, the second debutante of the season whose guests were also housed at Queen and Saint Joseph's Halls visited this afternoon. She wished one of her guests to see Ochre Court.

August 30, 1963

Sister M. Andrea returned to-day after attending the summer program in German conducted at Georgetown University.

September 3, 1963

Sister M. Norbert left to-day for Philadelphia where she will study at the University of Pennsylvania. Sisters M. Jean and M. Christopher rode down with Sister in our station wagon. Sister is to live at Misericordia Hospital which is near the University.

Sister M. Ignatius who is to study for the first semester at Catholic University is doing substitute teaching in Grade II at Saint Matthew's school in Cranston.

September 6, 1963

Sister M. Emily left for West Hartford, Connecticut where she and Sister M. Constance of St. Xavier's will attend an institute on Mental Health at St. Joseph's college.

Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. conducted our Holy Hour today at 4:45.

September 7 1963

The greater part of our faculty enjoyed a boat ride in the environs of Narragansett Bay in the Yacht "Galaxie" which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomfret relatives by marriage to Sister M. Augustine. We left the wharf at Christie's at eleven a.m. and returned at 5:45 p.m. A highlight of the sail was a close-up view of the airplane carrier Lake Champlain which is docked at Quonset. This day will long be remembered!

September 10, 1963

Word came to-day from Senators Pastore and Pell that housing loan committee had granted us \$1,720,000 for the new dormitory. Construction should begin within two months and should be completed within thirteen months.

September ,9 1963

Sister Mary Hilda returned home from the Hospital to-day.

September 26, 1963

Sisters M. Everilda and Madeline, Sisters of Mercy conducting Endsleigh Training College at Hull England, are visiting us for a few days. Sister M. Madeline is president of the training college. Sister M. Everilda entertained us with slides depicting the various colleges conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in the United States. The Sisters have been touring the Country all summer. Sister M. Madeline will lecture on English Poetry during her stay and Sister M. Everilda on the English school system. The Sisters expect to leave here on October 1. They expect to embark for England on October 6.

September 27, 1963

Honors Convocation and Capping of student Nurses was held on the East Terrace at 2 p.m. Right Reverend Jame [sic] Greene, Dean of the Newport area presided. Doctor William Mahoney Chairman of the Humanities at M.I.T. addressed the student body on renewing within themselves a deep sense of responsibility relative to their present status and their future careers.

September 28, 1963

Mr. William Vanderbilt, Mr. Dudley Gilbert (once owner of what is now Moore Hall) and a Mr. Smith, top executive in the Pepsi-Cola Company visited the College this afternoon.

October 2, 1963 Feast of Guardian Angel

To-day was a red letter day in the history of our Community and our College. Ground was broken for the new building at an informal ceremony at eleven A.M. The invocation and

blessing of the ground was conducted by Right Reverend Matthew L. Clarke, Vicar General of the Diocese. Groundbreaking was participating in by the following:

Rt. Rev. Matthew L. Clarke

Mother Mary Helena, R.S.M.

Asst. Provincial Mother Mary Alban, R.S.M.

President Sister Mary Hilda, R.S.M.

Chairman Cornelius C. Moore Esquire

Emeritus of Advisory Board

Mayor of Newport Honorable Charles A. Hambly

Superior Sister Emily, R.S.M.

Administration Sister M. Martina, R.S.M.

Faculty Mr. George McKim

President of Student Body Miss Ellen Scully

Class of 1965 Miss Sally Conroy

Class of 1966 Miss Sandra Jarrett

Class of 1967 Miss Susan Alerio

President of Alumnae Miss Helen Regney Reall + daughter Mary Ellen

President of Salve Regina Guild Mrs. Edward Walsh

President of Father's Council Mr. Leo Connerton

Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. read a prayer on the Feast of the Guardian Angels for the safety of the workers.

The assembly song Salve Regina Coelitum, the National Anthem, Alma Mater, Salve Regina Salve. Reverend John Egan, O.P. gave the benediction.

Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Kenneth Brasted.

Sisters M. Rosalia and Venard left to-day to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Council on Education which was held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

They will also attend the Academic Convocation in Emmitsburg, Maryland on October 5. This convocation honors the Beautification of Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of St. Joseph's College in that City.

Further meetings were conducted in Washington by the College Commission of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union. Sister M. Rosalia is Chairman of this commission.

October 9, 1963

Sisters M. Othilda and Wilhelmina attended the orientation meeting of College Coordinators for the College-Business Symposium which is scheduled for Wednesday December 4 at the Sheraton-Biltmore hotel. The orientation meeting was held by the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce in the Conference of the Howard Building.

October 17, 1963

Reverend John La Farge, S.J. and Reverend Walter M. Abbott, S.J. of the staff of America spent two days here. Father La Farge wished to visit his native city once again even though has no relatives here now.

October 18, 1963

Sister M. Christopher and Sister M. Corona left to-day for Boston to a regional Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

October 19, 1963

Word came this morning of Sister M. Alberta's death, Sister Mary Martha's sister.

October 29, 1963

Hurricane in the offing – result no classes. Hurricane Helena at the moment quiescent.

November 2, 1963

Sisters M. Isabel and Marie Therese attended at library meeting at Providence College.

November 1, 1963

Sisters M. Rosalia and Augustine arrived at St. Joseph's College, Maine to discuss the inauguration of a nursing program at that College.

November 6 1963

Sisters M. Martina and Othilda are attending a registrar's meeting at Portland University, Portland, Maine.

November 8 1963

Sisters M. Jean and M. Eloise were in an automobile accident on Bellevue Avenue near Redwood Library. The Sisters were very fortunate to have received only minor injuries.

November 9 1963

Mother M. Regina, Mother General, arrived early this evening after Conducting an Area Meeting at Bayview.

November 11 1963

Mother General left around 4 p.m. to visit St. Augustine's and St. Mary's.

November 18 1963 High Mass was offered at 7:20. We celebrated Sister Mary Hilda's feast day with a dinner in the state dining room at 5:15.

November 22, 1963

Our beloved President John F. Kennedy was assassinated to-day in Dallas, Texas. He was shot through the head and neck and died at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard time. His slayer is said to be Lee Harvey Oswald captured shortly after the shooting in downtown Dallas.

November 25 1963

For the first time in the history of our college Mass was celebrated in the Great Hall. A low requiem Mass was offered at 10 A.M. by Rev. Paul Curran. The student body sang the National Anthem at the end of Mass.

December 1 1963

Sister Mary Emily entered St. Joseph's Hospital for minor surgery. She's expected to return within a few days.

December 4 1963

Sisters Mary Othilda and Wilhelmina attended the College-Business Symposium held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. The emphasis of the symposium was on leadership. Both Sisters considered the program to be excellent.

December 8 1963

Miss Lynne Leahy, sophomore, a blind student made her first Holy Communion to-day at the eight o'clock Mass. Lynne was baptized on Thursday December 5, by Reverend John Casey, pastor of Saint Lucy's Church in Middletown. Lynne's godmother was Marylyn Novotny, a member of the Junior class who is responsible to a great degree for Lynne's admission to the college and also for nurturing her interest in our Faith. Lynne's father, mother and sister attended the Mass.

December 15, 1963

The members of the Student Council to-gether with the senior and junior classes honored the faculty with tea in the State Dining Room. The affair was most enjoyable and very well conducted.

December 12, 1963

Some thirty-six poor children attended the annual Christmas party at Mercy Hall this afternoon. The general arrangements were handled by the sodality. The Regina Players-Freshmen section- under the direction of Miss Joan David entertained with Gheon's Christmas In The Village Square.¹ The children received very beautiful gifts of clothes and toys. December 12 was chosen to honor our beloved Foundress Mother Catherine McAuley on Foundation Day.

December 13 1963

The Regina Players presented "Royal Gambit,"² a play depicting Henry the VIII as a Modern Man. The point of the whole drama was to indict the net result of Henry's action in our century. After the presentation there was a panel discussion featuring Reverend Edward Flannery, editor of the Providence Visitor, Doctor Paul aon K. Thomson, visiting lecturer at Salve Regina and Sister Mary Jean, Chairman of the English Department. The entire performance was very well received.

December 19 1963

The annual Holly Dinner and Candlelight Ceremony was held this evening. The Students presented a Cape and humeral veil as a Christmas gift – truly a beautiful remembrance for the Christmas season

December 25 1963

Instead of Midnight Mass we had three Masses beginning at eight a.m. The Masses were offered by Reverend Father Kennealy, Columban Father from Bristol. Gifts were distributed after the buffet supper which was held in the State Dining Room at 5:15 p.m.

¹ "Christmas in the Village Square" by Henri Ghéon (1875-1944).

² "Royal Gambit" (1958) by Hermann Greisseker.

December 26 1963

Sister Mary Rosalia [rest of page blank]

December 28 1963

Retreat opened his evening for ourselves as well as the Sisters from Saint Mary's and Saint Augustine's. The exercises are being conducting by Rev. Andrew John a Sacred Heart Father. The theme of the retreat is Love and the Major Devotion is to the Holy Spirit.

January 8, 1964

Sisters M. Emily and M. Rosalia left to-day for New York where they will attend an Eastern Regional Meeting of the United States Office of Education relative to the current legislation affecting colleges and universities.

Sister M. Rosalia will continue her itinerary to Dallas, Pennsylvania for the annual conference of the general advisory board of the Sisters of Mercy. Following this Sister will go to Washington for the Annual Meeting of the Associate of American Colleges which is to be held at the Mayflower Hotel. In conjunction with this there will be a Meeting of the Mercy College Commission.

January 12 and 13, 1964

Blizzard – snowed in. One tragic incident affected one of our students. Kathleen Kelley's father, John Kelley was killed on January 13 while he was directing operations for clearing away snow drifts. A snow plough crushed him as he slipped and fell under its wheels.

January 18, 1964

Sister M. Rosalia is to attend a Fathers Council Meeting to-day in Weston, Massachusetts at the home of William White.

January 20, 1964

Sisters M. Antonine and M. Martha are delegates to the first annual conference of the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program, "Cicop", at Edgewater Hotel in Chicago. This group advances the Lay Apostolate Monument in the Americas.

February 7, 1964

Sister Mary Emily left to-day for the General Mother House in Bethesda where she is to take two weeks' course in personnel Management.

To-day marked the ring ceremony for the Junior Class. To-morrow brings the Ring Dance and Sunday Mass followed by a Communion breakfast. Reverend _____ Johnson, O.P. of Providence College is to celebrate Mass and speak at the Communion breakfast.

February 23, 1964

Freshman investiture is on to-day's Agenda followed by parents' tea in the State Dining Room.

March 7, 1964

Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Sister Mary Jean's and Sister Mary Eloise's mother died at 5 A.M. this First Saturday.

March 15 1964

Senator Claiborne Pell spoke to the Faculty this evening at 7 p.m. His subject was Pacem In Terris and the International Scene. This is one of a series on Pacem In Terris. Everyone was very pleased with the Senator's approach.

March 19 1964

At four-thirty this afternoon the portrait of Cornelius C. Moore was unveiled in Moore Hall. Doctor John F. Quinn, Chairman of Advisory Board was Chairman. Invocation was given by His Excellency Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D. Students greetings, Teaa Davorin-president of the House Counsel at Moore Hall. Tribute to Mr. Moore, Sister Mary Hilda, President – Mr. Moore responded to unveiling of portrait. Message and blessing, Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney. Moore Hall Residents concluded the ceremonies with the hymn Salve Regina Coelitum.

A buffet supper was served in State Dining Room for faculty and guests.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament preceded the buffet supper.

March 26, 1964

Rev. John Martin Egan, O.P. conducted services at 5 p.m. to-day. Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to side altar was most effective. The Mass was sung by the Sisters. Miss Marie Murphy, polio paralytic was here with her parents.

March 27, 1964

To-day's services were at 3 p.m. The Sisters responded to the Reproaches in Greek and in Latin. At the Veneration of the Cross the entire hymn was recited in English. Miss Murphy was again able to attend.

March 28, 1964

Easter Vigil is scheduled for 8 p.m. Father Egan had his altar boys trained very well. Miss Murphy found the ceremonies most inspiring.

March 29, 1964

We had Easter Mass at eight thanks again to Father Egan who made a special effort to make this possible. This morning Sisters M. Martina, M. Mercedes, and M. Rosalia left for Atlantic City to attend the N.C.E.A. Convention and the Mercy Conference. S.M. Olga left for a theology meeting in Washington.

April 4, 1964

To-day we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of two of our faculty Sisters M. Augustine and M. Rosalia High Mass was celebrated at eleven by Reverend Frances J. Feeney, a friend of Sister M. Augustine. The jubilee dinner was held in the state Dining room.

April 11, 1964

Sisters M. Andrea, M. Jean, M. Donald, M. Ignatius, M. Wilhelmina, M. Brenda, M. Harold, M. Jeremy attended the regional meeting of the N.C.E.A. at Boston College.

April 25 1964 [written in top margin]

Sister M. Philemon's nephew Joseph Banigan was killed in an automobile accident here in Newport last evening.

April 16, 1964

Sisters M. Andrea and M. Jeremy left to-day for Washington to attend a week-end meeting of the Modern Language Association.

April 18, 1964

Sisters M. Jean and M. Donald attended a writer's conference at Boston College. The conference included poets, novelists, biographers and journalists.

May 13, 1964

The Annual May Procession was held inside to-day at three p.m. Miss Alice Oliveira crowned Our Lady. The Marble table in the Great Hall served as a shrine. The crown was later placed at Our Lady's Feet in the Chapel.

May 16, 1964

Sisters M. Jean, M. Donald, M. Andrea, M. Wilhelmina, M. Jeremy, M. Ignatius, Marilyn attended Shakespeare Day at Fairfield University

The Morning program consisted of the comedy Much Ado About Nothing produced at Stratford, Connecticut. This performance was delightful.

In the afternoon at 2:30 honorary degrees were conferred on G.B. Harrison, Shakespearian scholar, Margaret Webster, famed dramatist, Dame Judith Anderson, actress and Eliot Norton, arts at the University which is about one half hour ride from Stratford theater

May 18, 1964 [written in top margin]

At the final faculty meeting of the year awards for service were bestowed on Sisters M. Martina, Martha, Rose Agnes, Rosina -1947-1964. Sisters M. Jean, Augustine -1948-1964. Sisters M. Mercedes, Donald, Christopher -1949-64. Sister M. Therese S.M. Philemon - 1950-1964

May 22 1964

Class Day to-day was principally noted for the blessing of the Cornerstone at Miley Hall. The sealing of the stone was the highlight of the ceremony. The following participated in this Terri Carmody, President of the Class of 1964. Ellen Scully, president of the Student Body, Sister M. Hilda Miley, President of the College, Sister M. Victor, Secretary Provincial representing Mother M. Helena, Mother Provincial. Cornelius C. Moore, Esquire. The metal box placed in the cornerstone contained 1964 yearbook, new constitutions for the Student Hand Book, Newport News for May 22, coins currently used J. F. Kennedy - half-dollar, medals of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, a Sacred Heart badge, and a picture of Saint Hilda, patroness of Sister M. Hilda Miley.

May 31, 1964 - Sisters carried academic hoods for first time in procession

Baccalaureate [sic] was celebrated by Reverend John Martin Egan, O.P. at St. Mary's Church at four-thirty p.m. the Mass was sung by a selected group for the Glee Club. Reverend Paul C. Curran gave the Baccalaureate address.

The Mass was followed by dinner for parents and members of the Class of 1964 at Shamrock Cliff. Sister M Rosalia is unable to attend exercises. She is ill in Merry Hospital, Baltimore.

June 1, 1964 Weather cold and threatening!

The fourteenth Annual Commencement was held at Rogers High School at 3:30. Most Reverend Russell J. Mc Vinney, D.D. presided. Doctor William H Conley of Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport Connecticut, was the speaker. His topic was "The Totally New Problem Posed By The Scientific and Technological Change and Population Growth." Honorary degrees were conferred on Reverend Vincent C. Dare, President of Providence College and Doctor John F. Quinn, Vice President of Student Affairs at University of Rhode Island.

June 4, 1964

Sisters M. Emily and M, Rosalia returned from Bethesda at 7 p.m. to-day.

June 12, 1964

Sister Mary Philemon leaves to-day for Oakridge, Tennessee where she will attend Summer Institute of Inorganic Chemistry to be conducted at []

June 14, 1964

To-day we celebrated Sister M. Emily's Feast Day. Sister was in Bethesda at the real date, May 30th

June 15, 1964

Sisters M. Andrea and M. Rosina left to-day. Sister M. Andrea is attending Georgetown University in the German Department. Sister M. Rosina is to be guest mistress at the General Motherhouse in Bethesda.

June 15, 1964

Sisters M. Martina and M. Donald are attending the Institute on Critical Issues and Higher Education at Boston College from June 15-17. Such topics as intellectual climate in college community, faculty-administration relationships, the library in the life of the college, the research grant will be discussed by educational leaders from a cross-section of the U.S.

June 17, 1964

Sister M. Othilda left to-day for the University of Cleveland where she is to participate in the study of economics at the Case Institute of Technology. Sister has a fellowship for the study. She will return late in July.

June 18, 1964

Retreat open this evening with 104 retreatants, Reverend Eugene Brissette, S.J. of Fairfield Preparatory School is conducting the exercises. We have with us as retreatants Sister M. Harold of Cincinnati Province and Sister M. Madeline of Cedar Rapids.

June 23, 1964

Sister M. Mercedes returned this evening after a two week sojourn at Bethesda (General Mother House) and Catholic University in Washington in the interest of the C.C.D.

June 27, 1964

Retreat closed this morning. Sister M. Eloise left for Providence College. She is to take some refresher courses in theology at the summer school. Sister M. Olga departed for Catholic University where she is also to study theology.

June 28, 1964

To-day marks the beginning of summer program with the arrival of Sisters for summer school and also for spiritual renovation.

It also marks the departure of Sisters M. Jean and Wilhelmina for Harvard University. They are to reside at the Cardinal Cushing House of studies at 12 Arlington Street, Boston. Sister Mary Jean will be studying Contemporary English and American literature while Sister M. Wilhelmina will be concerned with History especially with problems in the Far East.

July 1, 1964

Sister M. Jeremy and Sister M. Rosarita left for New York this morning. Sister M. Jeremy is to study French at Fordham University and Sister M. Rosarita nursing at Columbia University.

July 6, 1964

Sisters M. Emily and M. Mercedes made retreat at Queen Hall and returned to Ochre Court this morning. Retreat was conducted by Reverend Edward Callahan, S.J.

July [] 1964

Sister M. Antonine and Mrs. George B. Gold arranged trip to Touro Synagogue for about forty Sisters from summer school. Rabbi Theodore Lewis explained the history, services, and sacred objects connected with Touro Synagogue.

July 9, 1964

Sister Kevin Mary, a student here this summer received her appointment to La Ceiba as a teacher in the school conducted by the Sisters for American Children whose parents are connected with the United Fruit Company.

July 10, 1964

Sister M. Rosalia flew to Washington this morning to attend spiritual renovation for silver jubilarians conducted at Bethesda.

July 12, 1964

Sister M. Joannes departed for Brooklyn where she is to attend the week long sessions conducted by American Dietetic Association. The sessions are being held at Pratt Institute.

July 13, 1964

Sister M. Christopher is leaving at Saint Mary's, Pawtucket while doing case work in sociology at Butler Hospital in Providence.

July 15, 1964

Sister M. Emily has been appointed president of Salve Regina College. Sister M. Hilda is president emerita after 17 years of dedicated service to the college. Sister will remain here and thus will be able to give her wisdom and experience.

July 17, 1964

Sister Ralph Mary took her examinations to-day in the field of Medical technology – 200 questions.

July 18, 1964

The following are appointments to the college for the coming year:

Sister M. Petronella Donnelly, superior

Sister M. Ferrer McFarland, (Chicago Province) Math

Sister M. Audrey O'Donnell, Dean of Admissions

Sister M. Dionysia Kelly Registrar

Sister Ralph Mary Imperatore, Medical Technology

Sister M. Columcille McCarthy, Theology

Reverend John T. Dittal, O.P. Theology

Leaving the college

Reverend John Eagan. Saint Mary of the Springs, Columbus Ohio.

Sister M. Rose Agnus Cavanaugh. Bayview – Honor courses in Mathematics.

July 27 1964

Sister M. Arsenia, S.A.B.S. left to-day for New York where she will meet Sisters M. Augustine and Rosalia who will see her off to Kerala, India.

This evening Reverend Francis Sullivan, S.J. who is conducting renovation at Queen Hall gave a spiritual conference to us on the "Place of Charity in the Religious Life."

August 2, 1964

The Sister Graduates were honored with a tea this afternoon in Ochre Court Great Dining Room.

August 6, 1964

Summer Commencement exercises for fourteen Sister of Mercy were held on the terrace at three p.m. In the absence of Monsignor James V. Green Sister M. Emily conferred the degrees. The commencement address was given by Dom Alfred Graham, O.S.B. of Portsmouth, Priory. An honorary was conferred on _____ O'Connor, superintendent of Providence schools formerly superintendent of Newport schools.

August 7 1964

Sister M. Eloise returned from Providence College. Reverend Mariner T. Smith, O.P. and his sister Sister M. Paracleta, R.S.M. are here for two weeks vacation.

Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. is to be our chaplain for a few weeks to replace Reverend Robert McKenna, O.P. who has been here during summer session.

August 15, 1964

Sisters M. Jean and M. Wilhelmina returned after a very profitable session at Harvard summer school.

August 16, 1964

Sisters M Ignatius and Marcella pronounced their final vows this morning in the ceremony held at Mount Saint Rita

August 22, 1964 (Father was operated on for gall bladder.)

Father McCaffrey, O.J. was taken ill this morning and is in Newport Hospital. No Mass to-day – first time since opening of College. Holy Communion was administered by a visiting Priest from Saint Mary's.

August 23, 1964

Reverend Peter Maguire, Chaplain for Sister of Cluny kindly celebrated Mass and gave benediction to-day.

August 24, 1964

Revered Charles Quirk, O.P. is our Chaplain.

August 29 1964

Many of the Sisters enjoyed a boat ride to-day through the kindness through the relatives of Sister M. Augustine. Despite the threatening fog, the day was pleasant and enjoyable.

September 3, 1964

Sisters M Christopher and M. Norbert returned from Catholic Sociological Association's Meeting held in Montreal where Sister M. Christopher read a paper and Sister M. Norbert was discussion leader. On their return they accompanied Sister M. Nolasco who has been studying at La Valle.

September 4, 1964

Rev Luke McCaffrey, O.P. arrived here to-day from (St. J) Newport Hospital. He is back in the "Friary" across from Ochre Court.

September 5, 1964

The Diocesan Workshop for Principles open today with registration at ten A.M. There are some one hundred ten in attendance. The general theme of the workshop is "How Catholic is Our Teaching?" Sister M. Nona, O.P. President of Edgewood College of the Sacred Heart, Madison, Wisconsin is the principal speaker. Monsignor [] Geoghegan is in charge of the three day institute.

Sister M. Norbert left this morning for the University of Pennsylvania where she will continue her studies.

September 8, 1964

Two new Sister students from Kerala, India arrived to-day! Sister Angel Mary and Sister Seregrina of the Catechist Sisters of Saint Anne.

September 11, 1964

Sister Marie Therese was admitted to Newport Hospital due to an asthma attack.

September 13, 1964

One hundred fifty resident freshman arrived this afternoon between 1 and 5 p.m. They are to reside in Ochre Court, McAuley, Mercy, Saint Joseph and Queen Halls.

Reverend John Dittal, O.P. said Mass for us to-day. He is the newly appointed professor of theology and heads the department. Sisters M. Jeremy and M. Rosarita left to-day for study at Fordham and Columbia respectively – one in French, the other in Nursing.

September 20, 1964

Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. arrived to-day for the opening of the school year.

September 25, 1964

Honors Convocation was relegated to the Great Hall at the last minute due to a sudden but heavy shower. Doctor Paul van K. Thomson addressed the assembly his topic was Excellence on the Catholic Campus. A highlight of the program was the conferring of the Regina Medal on Mrs. Kieran Farrelly a very dedicated member of the Salve Regina Guild.

October 1 1964

Reverend John Dittal, O.P. blessed Founders Hall and Shady Lawn this afternoon at 4:45.

October 3, 1964

Reverend Paul Curran, O.P. is unable to continue with us due to illness.

October 10 1964

Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. is back with us as chaplain until we are able to get a Dominican as a professor and chaplain.

October 16, 1964

Sister M. Seraphia, R.S.M of Chicago is visiting here until Monday as the guest of Sister Mary Isabel.

October 13, 1964

Sister M. Flavia, R.S.M. General Councillor was here with Mother Helena for a few hours this afternoon.

October 24-25 1964

These days mark Father-Daughter Weekend. A program of classes, regional meetings plus a one act play entitled "The Clown Who Ran Away"³ occupy most of Saturday culminating with a dance in the evening. Mass will be celebrated by Reverend John Dittal, O.P. in De La Salle Academy gymnasium on Sunday at nine p.m. [sic] Brunch will follow in Cliff Walk Manor.

October 25, 1964

The Salve Regina Guild held a day of recollection to-day. Reverend Christopher Johnson, O.P. is conducting the exercises.

November 18, 1964

For the first time in the history of the College a Mass is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. The new liturgy will be inaugurated, also.

November 26 1964

Forty Hours Devotion open to-day with Reverend Luke McCaffrey officiating. Devotions will close on Wednesday at the 7:20 Mass.

December 9, 1964

The Annual Children's Christmas party Conducted by the Maria Regina Sodality took place in Mercy Hall. The Regina Players entertained with "The Clown That Ran Away."

December 12, 1964

A day of recollection and sodality reception fittingly commemorated [sic] Foundation Day. Reverend _____ Coleman of Holy Name Parish Providence conducted the exercises.

December 13, 1964

A joint program for Christmas of Glee Club and Dramatic Club was very well attended this afternoon. The Regina players presented a mystery play by Robert Hugh Benson. This medieval presentation was enhanced by selections from The Queen's Choristers.

December 17, 1964

Holly Dinner Procession to the Crib created the real spirit of Christmas. The gift of student body to the faculty was a set of dishes – very useful for the many occasions when the faculty Members hold meetings and seminars.

December 25, 1964

Midnight mass was celebrated by Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. Two other Masses were offered at 8 and 8:30a.m.

The Christmas tree in the Great Hall is gigantic and very beautifully decorated. Presents will be distributed after the buffet supper at 5 p.m.

³ "The Clown Who Ran Away" by Conrad Seiler.

December 28, 1964

Reverend Robert Ferrick, S.J. was unable to reach here for the opening retreat conference. Reverend Luke McCaffrey, O.P. very kindly substituted.

December 30, 1964

For the first time in the history of the college Mass was celebrated facing the congregation. Father Ferrick is very zealous about explaining the meaning and fullness of the “New” liturgy.⁴

⁴ The “New” Mass, a product of the Second Vatican Council Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy or *Sacrosanctum Consilium* (December 4, 1963), was enacted in November 1964.