

Operation Of St. Mary's Hospital Depends On Vast Personnel

When you think of St. Mary's Hospital what picture immediately comes to your mind? Is it the picture of a doctor and a nurse at a patient's bedside?

We would like to call your attention to the other equally important members of our group who are daily using their education, their skills and their efforts to help you and yours to achieve better health. Some are highly educated and are as professional in their work as the nurse and the doctor. Others are trained crafts men who assist you in the operation of the hospital.



Imagine a strong physical effort or deep vital and mental concentration. Make vital to your speedy recovery from illness or injury.

Imagine what would happen in St. Mary's Hospital if you were brought there to be treated for illness and there were no maids and no porters to clean your room every morning. No laundry workers to provide you with clean linen and towels. No chefs or waiters

personnel to furnish your daily meals. How difficult it would be for your doctor and your nurse to carry out their difficult responsibilities without the assistance of the medical clerks who keep your records thus giving your nurse more time to carry out her nursing duties. Imagine the chaos that would exist if there were no technicians in the laboratory or X-Ray departments to make the tests your doctor ordered. Or assume that we had no engineers to keep our boilers going. From where would our steam power come to operate our sterilizing equipment and our heating plant?

The hospital's medical wards would be paralyzed if we had no one to operate our switch boards, no one to handle the incoming patients at the Admitting Desk, no one to answer visitors' inquiries at the Information Desk? And even the finest of equipment and the soundest of buildings rapidly go into ruin if there is no maintenance crew of plumbers, painters, electricians and similarly skilled workers.

Looking at another unpublishable side of hospital work we ask these questions:

Did you know that St. Mary's Hospital must achieve and maintain high standards of performance in order to gain the approval of such national professional, dental or nursing organizations as the American College

of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and the National Catholic Hospital Association? Did you know that to receive such approval St. Mary's Hospital must at all times be prepared to submit accurate statistics concerning every phase of hospital care and activity? Did you know



that St. Mary's Hospital must meet the most rigid requirements of all local, state and Federal agencies assigned to protect the health and physical well-being of its citizens?

How many Rochesterians are aware of the multitudinous questionnaires, surveys, reports, and meetings in which the Administration officials of St. Mary's Hospital must participate?

Truly a hospital is many ordinary businesses combined under one roof. It has the problems of a hotel, a laundry, a restaurant and a plumbing

shop. It provides a school for student nurses and training courses for anesthetists, resident doctors and interns as well as for laboratory and x-ray student technicians. It has the major headaches of all industry in that it must try to make its income meet the demands of its expenses. It is affected by high prices and labor unrest. The community expects that St. Mary's Hospital will be in the front ranks of those hospitals practicing progressive medical methods.

From the administrator to the dishwasher, everyone at St. Mary's Hospital desires to fill his duties to the fullest degree. They want Rochesterians to think highly of St. Mary's Hospital and its efforts. But more important, they want all families in the community to know that in St. Mary's Hospital every job is important—every person is necessary and vital to the restoration of good health to all who come to St. Mary's door seeking assistance.

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