



Sister Rose Angela, Dean of Nazareth College, chats with students.

Nazareth College Trains American Womanhood

Suburban campus educates 437 young women in liberal arts and professional courses

St. Joseph Nuns in charge hold degrees from studies made at world's outstanding universities

GOTHIC arches soaring above the campus of Nazareth College on East Ave. in suburban Rochester point out the crowning achievement of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Rochester. From kindergarten through college, a girl is able to enjoy a complete Christian education under the direction of these nuns specially trained for each step on the educational ladder.

More than one thousand three hundred young Catholic women in the past thirty-one years have hailed Nazareth College as alma mater. Alumnae now numbering 1,334 live in every state in America, most every European country, and in China and South America.

In addition to these graduates, 418 nuns have been educated at Nazareth College to staff the parochial schools, high schools, hospitals, and special institutions under the care of the St. Joseph Sisters.

At present, a faculty of sixty-one instruct the 437 collegians currently enrolled at the college.

Faculty members hold degrees from the world's outstanding universities, qualifying them for their classes.

FORDHAM, the Sorbonne of Paris, Cornell, Juilliard School of Music, Friebourg University, Columbia, Oxford, Lithuania's Vilna U., and Berlin and Munich Universities, are some of the schools which have granted degrees to professors now at Nazareth College.

Fourteen faculty members hold doctorate degrees, and all professors have attained degrees especially qualifying them for their role as college teachers.

Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth College who have a Doctorate in Philosophy are: Sisters Agnes Patricia, Francis Solano, Helen Daniel, Joseph Mary, Margaret Teresa, Marie Augustine, M. Paulette, M. Raphael,

Rose Marie, and St. Catherine. Sister M. Kathleen won her Doctorate in Music at the Detroit Conservatory and a Doctorate in Musical Arts at the University of Montreal.

Clergy and lay professors hold similar distinctive degrees and are continuing their studies in special courses in American and European schools.

GRADUATES of Nazareth College are presently serving as teachers in public and parochial schools, especially as art and music instructors in addition to regular class-room teaching. Others are social workers, nurses, research technicians in industry and government. Some are commercial artists or in executive positions.

The Sisters hasten to point out that Nazareth graduates also keep pace with secular co-ed schools in finding a partner for marriage. Seventy-five percent are married within five years of graduation, which is considered a normal ratio.

"This indicates," a spokesman for the Sisters said, "that Nazareth College trains its students to be competent in their professional career and also develops in them the personality traits of a good Christian wife and mother."

NAZARETH'S Art Department, pioneered by Sister DeSales and continued by Sister Magdalen, has provided scores of teachers for art courses in area public schools.

The Music Department has traditionally achieved wide acclaim for its exceptional vocal and instrumental training.

Complete college courses are offered in liberal arts, science, business administration, medical technology, nursing, pre-medical, and pre-law. Speech Correction courses train teachers in the techniques of aiding children handicapped by speech

difficult. Graduates of this department are in demand for services in area public schools, and Nazareth is the only Catholic college in the state offering such an instruction.

IN 1924, at the request of the late Most Reverend Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., then Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, the Sisters of Saint Joseph undertook the work of founding a college for the higher education of young women. The Rouse property at 981 Lake Avenue (the "old glass house") purchased for this purpose, became the site of the first Nazareth College of Rochester.

Transfer of the property was effected on the Feast of Our Lady, August 15, 1924, and on September 24 of that year, Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the College was formally opened with the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit by the Rt. Rev. Magr. Michael J. Nolan, President of Saint Andrew Seminary, Bishop Hickey was at that time in Europe.

The initial registration revealed 25 young women, many of them graduates of Nazareth Academy and holders of New York State Scholarships, ready to cast their lot with the young college. At this time, it could have only a provisional charter pending the successful completion of the first four years of a program of the liberal arts and sciences.

Such was the reputation which Nazareth Academy had established over the years that neither the State Education Department nor the patrons of Nazareth College had any doubt as to the outcome of this latest project entrusted to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

WITH a charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, the final act of incorporation placing the College upon a foundation of unquestionable stability was happily accomplished on March 25, 1925.

since more a Mary Day, the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

The first President of the College was Reverend Mother Sylvester who held that office until 1938 when Mother Rose Miriam, former Head of the Chemistry Department became second President. Reverend Mother M. Helene succeeded to the office in 1951.

The immediate direction of the young College was in the hands of Sister Teresa Marie, first Dean. Reverend in the memory of faculty, alumnae, students, and many friends of Nazareth, Sister Teresa Marie retired in 1949 because of ill health. She was succeeded by Sister Rose Angela, former Registrar.

The building of a thoroughly trained faculty preceded, as of major importance, the building of the physical plant.

THE ORIGINAL faculty numbered among its ranks Rt. Rev. Magr. Louis W. Edelman and Rt. Rev. Magr. William Byrne, as well as the following Sisters of Saint Joseph: Sister Teresa Marie, Sister Rose Marie, Sister Rose Miriam, Sister Imma, Sister Agnes Patricia, and Sister Raphael. In addition, a lay faculty of eleven men and women represented a comparable excellence of preparation.

In May, 1925, the first formal inspection of the new College was made by Doctor Augustus J. Downing of the Department of Education of the State of New York. Official approval was given the work of the first year. Each year's work thereafter was also officially approved. In May, 1928, Doctor James Sullivan of the State Education Department expressed himself as "both satisfied and pleased" with the progress of the young institution. This set the stamp of approval of the State Education Department on the four-year curricula.

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