



His Excellency
BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY

Century Of Charity

That was a happy hour for Rochester when the Sisters of Charity opened a new hospital one hundred years ago to serve the sick in our city. For a century the spirit of charity and service which brought the Sisters here has been the inspiration of their long and faithful service to all of us.

Generations have come and gone during these years and all have become indebted to the Sisters of Charity and St. Mary's Hospital, to the medical and surgical staffs, the devoted nurses, the hospital organization, the various groups that have given time and money to aid the work.

The fine hospital building is in itself an eloquent expression of the charity of the good Sisters who have that name. Without their generous gift of over one million dollars, the hospital could never have been built.

On behalf of the bishops who have been so deeply indebted to St. Mary's Hospital, on behalf of the priests who have found St. Mary's a very tender mother, and on behalf of all those to whose fevered lips St. Mary's has pressed the cup of her tender charity for one hundred years, we pay our tribute of gratitude.

James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester



Lawrence Decker holds her first born child as Sister Miriam pins medal on infant's blanket.



Sister Martina

Administrator Of 'Little City'

Her clipped Bostonian accent — "I'm very proud to be from Boston," she says with a twinkle — is quick to give an order, settle a complaint, soothe a patient, or chuckle at a doctor's joke.

Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Sister Martina, is a "Jack of all trades." Staff, patients, maintenance,

Constance Curran
laboratory technician

Research Improves Service

Better care for patients is the goal of St. Mary's Research Department under the supervision of Dr. John J. Butler, director of Medical Education at the hospital.

In explaining his work in the hospital's laboratories, Doctor Butler states that "research doesn't mean just experimenting." "Our job is more concerned with ways and means of improving the care of the patient," he said.

Improving and equipping the laboratories at St. Mary's has been a slow process, since the research department depends entirely on funds from private donations. Laboratory studies already have resulted in deeper knowledge of hormones and greater help for glandular disorders.

A new laboratory is to be opened in a few months, according to Dr. Butler, with equipment that promises better patient service.

Besides his research work, Dr. Butler conducts regular departmental conferences with interns and resident staff on the various phases and findings for improvement of patient care.

Cathedral Of Linen

A familiar sight in Rochester is the cornice of the Daughters of Charity. Designed after a French peasant headress, the cornetta has been called "a cathedral in white linen." The Daughters of Charity, the first uncloistered order of women in the Church, "carry their own cloister with them."

To honor the Blessed Virgin, the Sisters wear a habit of blue with a white linen collar. Rosaries are suspended from a cord at the waist.



SISTER MARTINA
St. Mary's Administrator

business office, the nursing home — Sister Martina must have "a finger in everything."

"A MAN-SIZED JOB for a lady" is what one St. Mary's staff member called the position of hospital administrator.

Sister Martina does her "man-sized job" placidly and thoroughly.

Sister has had many years experience in administration. She came to Rochester for the first time in 1916 and for eight years headed the St. Mary's School of Nursing. She returned as administrator of the hospital in 1935 for a nine year term.

SISTER MARTINA came back to St. Mary's again in 1952 to repeat her role as administrator, the office she holds during this centenary year.

The whole hospital — "a little city in itself" — is her responsibility. She thinks of herself as only one of the 45,000 Daughters of Charity working for the sick throughout the world. But at St. Mary's, to nun, doctor, nurse and patient, Sister Martina is "first lady."

Your Litany

"Let your office and your litany be the poor; they will suffice. In their service put all else aside. In doing this you leave God only to find Him. The poor alone demand your time. Treat them well, with

gentleness, with tenderness, with love, for they are your lords and masters, and mine. They are to be the nobility of Heaven. It is they who will open the gates."

St. Vincent de Paul



St. Mary's Hospital stands on site where pioneer Sisters of Charity launched Rochester's first hospital in 1857 in two stone stables.

Charity Nuns

Service Of Sick For Hundred Years

St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, will step into its second century of service to the sick this Sunday.

Sept. 8th marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rochester's first hospital.

Directed and supervised by the Sisters of Charity, St. Mary's is today an efficient, ultra-modern hospital caring for nearly 60,000 patients a year.

A staff of 145 doctors, 14 Sisters, aided by 853 nurses and hospital employees, provides the most modern scientific care and treatment for the sick.

Annual cost of operating St. Mary's is over the two-million-dollar mark.

THE SISTERS of Charity now have plans to construct a \$2 million hospital wing and add an extension to the nurses' home.

They were three Sisters of Charity from their Emmitsburg, Maryland, motherhouse.

This program of expansion fits the pattern set by the pioneering nuns of a century ago who launched extensive building programs despite war, poverty, and prejudice in order to provide the best facilities to care for the sick and suffering of the Rochester area.

Opening the centenary observance was a pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday afternoon May 5 of this year. The Bishop on that occasion termed St. Mary's "a cathedral of faith, hope, and charity."

Today's six-story ultra-modern structure stands on the same site as the first St. Mary's which began its century of charity cradled in primitive quarters.

Housed in two stone stables, St. Mary's was first opened on Sept. 8, 1857, three years before the outbreak of the Civil War.

Staffing the infant hospital

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THE STORY of the Sisters of Charity in Rochester dates back to 1844 when Father Bernard O'Reilly, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester appealed to Emmitsburg for nuns to tend orphans in an asylum at Platt and Frank (now Plymouth Ave. North) Streets. The nuns replied they could not accept new duties at that time.

He repeated his request the following year and four nuns arrived in Rochester April 10, 1845, to staff the orphanage. Sister Sylvester, one of the pioneer band, later described the scene of their arrival: "An old woman was on her knees in the street thanking God that the Sisters had come."

Besides Sister Sylvester, there were Sister Martha Daddisman who headed the group, Sister Patricia and Sister Andrea.

Rochester. In 1844 had a population of 20,000 but lacked a hospital. The sick were cared for in private homes or at a doctor's office. The city was also rife with prejudice against the Catholic Church.

Cholera epidemics heavily struck the city in 1853 and 1856 and awoke Rochester's citizens to the urgent need for hospital facilities.

BISHOP JOHN TIMON of Buffalo (Rochester was then part of the Buffalo diocese) came to Rochester July 8, 1856 to organize a committee to plan a hospital. His proposal to open a Catholic sponsored hospital met with little enthusiasm. He refused to yield to defeat and a year later resumed his efforts.

He summoned Rochester from Catholics to St. Patrick's rectory on Sept. 16, 1857. A committee including Dr. Thomas Bradley and Patrick Barry was

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Operating room at St. Mary's, equipped with most modern facilities for surgery, is daily scene of science struggle to save life, restore health to patients.



Our Patient Department provides vital health services that given David Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prince.