

Minnesota's Rochester

Tornado Launched Famous Hospital

Rochester, Minn. — (NC) — One of the largest private hospitals in the nation owes its success to a tornado, music lessons and cooperation with the family behind the famed Mayo Clinic here.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, a nine-story, twenty million dollar plant capable of handling 1,000 patients a day in its sprawling two city blocks area, is now 69 years old.

But the idea for this hospital was born on a warm August day 75 years ago, according to Sister Mary Brigh, its administrator.

For on that day a tornado lowered the small village of Rochester and plucked its 5,000 residents into a disaster.

Franciscan Sisters — engaged mostly in teaching — had made Rochester their headquarters not long before. But on the day of the storm they abandoned their books and opened an emergency hospital with the aid of a local physician — Dr. William Worrall Mayo.

When the temporary hospital was abandoned after the storm, the Sisters approached Dr. Mayo, saying they would like to build a permanent hospital that he and his two sons, who were physicians, could staff.

"This was at a time when community hospitals were an innovation, with no public or professional respect," Sister Mary Brigh explained in an interview.

"It was not surprising, then, that the doctor discouraged the idea. Rochester was a small town; the Sisters had no money; people would not patronize a

hospital, he said," Sister related. **MUSIC LESSONS** enter the picture here. Seeking funds to fortify their bargaining position, the Sisters began a series of money-raising efforts, including giving music lessons.

"With funds gathered this way, they went back to Dr. Mayo. This time he agreed and St. Mary's came into being," Sister Mary Brigh said.

In 1914, the Mayos left St. Mary's to establish their own larger hospital, necessitated by the fame they had achieved in surgery.

CLOSE LIAISON is maintained between St. Mary's and Mayo Clinic. In a pact shared by the local Methodist hospital, the three cooperate on many cases. A pneumatic tube between them permits swift transmittal of case histories.

Many of the special sections at St. Mary's — X-Ray, laboratories and physical medicine — are staffed by personnel selected in cooperation with the Mayo Clinic.

Seminary Rector
New Orleans — (NC) — Father John McQuade, S.M., a member of the faculty at the Marist Fathers' Notre Dame seminary here, has been appointed rector.



Rectory Moves Across The Street

ON THE GO — St. Monica's rectory inched across Monica Street, Rochester, this week to take up its new location next to the parish school. Former site of rectory will be used for construction of a new administrators building for the parish. Priests have temporary offices in the school. (Courier Journal Photo by Paul Contestable)

Disregard Advice Of Marriage 'Experts' Who Give UnChristian Counsel

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I'm really worried about the advice our young Catholic students are receiving in their marriage classes. They are told to move as far as possible from all parents — to put up barriers whenever possible. That parents have one objective in mind and that is to cling to the child, and that all parents interfere to a certain extent. What do you think of such advice?

Well, May, if I told you this paper couldn't print it, so I had best skip my comments on such nonsense.

I sincerely hope that this advice is not handed out as generally as you infer, though I must admit that the evidence you present from several different colleges looks rather disconcerting.

It is possible that some marriage preparation courses leave this impression because of the emphasis they place on in-law problems. Since such problems may occur, they should be discussed, but it would be quite illogical to try to eliminate them by going away with in-laws.

Problems also may occur in choosing friends, the use of money, and in conjugal relations, yet no counselor would advise young couples to move as far away from these areas as possible in order to avoid the threat of conflict.

SUCH HASTY generalizations throw the baby out with the bath water. Granting that some in-laws may become the source of trouble, it is patently absurd to conclude that in-laws as such are dangerous. As the French say, "One swallow in the sky doesn't make spring."

On the other hand, May, it would be unrealistic to deny that the formation of smooth relationships between parents and married children calls for considerable mutual adjustment.

Marriage will take your children out of your immediate family circle and place them in another of their own making. This will necessarily modify your relationships to them and vice versa. Henceforth, their primary loyalties must focus on their own conjugal unit, while on the basis of their new unity as a couple, they must pattern their relationships to two sets of parents.

Studies suggest that this process takes time, though it is normally accomplished without serious conflict. Both parents and children must recognize and accept the implications of marriage. Both may promote or hinder smooth adjustment.



In-law relationships are a two way street!

The adjustment I'm talking about should not be viewed as a problem but as a normal process. Marriage unites two established families and starts a third.

This is precisely its strength — the new conjugal unit benefits from the support, encouragement, and affection of the older units, while parents rejoice in the extension of their family to include new members and new generations. Indeed, I have constantly insisted that one of the major sources of weakness in our present family system is the lack of support young couples receive from their circle of relatives. This often results from high rates of mobility and rapid social change. To set it up as an ideal appears unintelligible to me.

You have reason to worry if your children receive such advice. Tell them to use their common sense and forget it. It will be much more profitable to consider what is needed for adjustment.

Hence I would suggest that

some thought be given to the following. Both sets of parents must be given equal consideration and affection.

It is normal for girls to retain rather close emotional attachment to their mothers. After all, they've known each other for quite some time.

Some young husbands resent this, as they had a rival. Prudent parents will not try to help their young couples too much, at least in the beginning. Let them make their own plans and face their own normal problems.

Parents will wisely refrain from taking sides in strictly marital disagreements. Let the young people work it out on their own terms. It's their problem and can be readily settled only by themselves. If it proves too much for them, both sets of parents should cooperate in helping them work out a solution. This may sound idealistic, but remember, when the success of sacramental marriage is at stake, parents must move humbly and cautiously lest they dare put asunder what God has joined together.

"PLENTY OF ROOM UP FRONT . . ."

is something of a battle cry hurled at the commuter during the morning and evening rush-hour! It is bad enough to hear it in a bus, subway or street car — BUT — how do you think it sounds in Church when you come to Mass. And yet, what can the poor pastor of Perumannor (Ernakulam, India) do except crowd his people into Mass. In this city there are 5,000 Catholics who must use a church which is 45 ft. long and 25 ft. wide, INCLUDING the sanctuary! Here is a case of the seal of the missionary forging ahead without regard for the material resources of the people.

Large numbers of the poor have been converted in the last decade and now there is no church for them to attend. The people will supply the labor if we will give them the raw materials. Will you help us make it possible for these poverty stricken Catholics to come to Christ in a fitting manner?

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Bellevue's Dr. More

Nun Interne At N.Y. Hospital

New York — (RNS) — When a call for "Dr. More" sounds through the loudspeakers of a ward in Bellevue Hospital here it is immediately answered by a Catholic nun.

She is Sister Mary Thomas More of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (Marist Sisters). Hospital officials say she is the first nun to serve as an interne at Bellevue, whose history goes back to 1788.

From her ward overlooking the East River, Sister More can see

Brooklyn, where she grew up as Elizabeth O'Brien and where her widowed father lives.

THE NUN IS the third member of the Marist Sisters to become a physician. One of the two nun-doctors is now serving in Jamaica, B.V.I., and the other in the North Solomons, South Pacific. Sister More hopes to be assigned to one of these areas after she completes her one-year internship.

While making her rounds in the ward, the nun presents a

striking figure with her flowing white religious garb, over which she wears the same white jacket inscribed on a sleeve with "D.H.", insignia of the Department of Hospitals, as do the other doctors. Usually a stethoscope hangs from her neck along with the order's black-and-silver crucifix.

Sister More was educated at Fordham University here and at Marquette University's School of Medicine, Milwaukee, where she received her M.D. degree in June. She took her religious training with the Marist order in Framingham, Centre, Mass.

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