



STUDENT NURSE



Sister Mary Roch and Nurse Mary Houlihan present Mrs. Gerald Brown with a brand new baby.

Advances in nursing go hand in hand with advances in medicine. Surgery that now restores heart and brain, new miracle drugs, new approaches to treating and preventing diseases, rapid progress in unraveling the mysteries of the life processes—all these bring new knowledge and intricate new methods to master and use. Through modern nursing care new health knowledge is brought into the lives of people everywhere. Nursing students today are aware of all this and of their places in the Health Team.

To meet the nation's extensive and constantly increasing nursing needs, students seek their educational preparation for practice as Registered Nurses in a variety of settings—one is the Diploma Program in Nursing. The "Diploma way" in nursing serves the interests and goals of qualified high school graduates who want to receive their education in a program centered in a community institution identified with the care of patients, who want an early and continuing opportunity of being with patients and with personnel who provide health services, and who want to prepare for beginning nursing positions in hospitals and similar institutions.

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Elmira has one of these programs, and has come to be known as "the place where the action is" and where a student's world evolves. At St. Joseph's growing medical complex students learn their basic scientific principles in courses at nearby Elmira College and apply these principles in their nursing courses at the home school and in its clinical areas. The opportunity to practice these nursing principles is under the individual supervision of the faculty. The care of the whole patient is stressed.

Upon completion of the first level of experience students spend time in a variety of advanced experiences—from nutrition to pharmacology, from Obstetrics to Pediatrics, from Operating Rooms to Emergency Room, Intensive Care to Coronary Care. At the senior level the nursing students travel to Veterans Hospital at Montrose, New York for an experience in Psychiatric Nursing. At the end of 33 months the program terminates. Graduation provides eligibility for RN licensing examination and the beginning of a career as a full-fledged practitioner.

A St. Joseph Hospital graduate may serve as a staff nurse in any medical/surgical unit from New York to California in any type of area—Intensive Care, Premature Nursery or Coronary Care; or on the staff of a tiny hospital in Tanzania, Africa or allied with AID in Vietnam.



Nurses Mary Farr, (left), and Mrs. Maureen Minch review the hospital charts.



Sister Remigia, director of St. Joseph's.



Mr. John Hallinan enjoys a happy moment remembering the event of photograph. With him is Nurse Katherine Olson.