

Sister Marguerite Is Also Doctor Dynski

By BONITA BALDWIN

At graduation this Spring her name was read, "Sister Doctor Marguerite Dynski." Twenty-eight-year-old Sister Marguerite — Dr. Dynski is the first local Sister of St. Joseph to earn the M.D. degree. She will begin her post graduate level work, formerly known as an internship, at Rochester General Hospital June 30.

Sister Marguerite related "the evolution" of her career at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dynski, in St. Stanislaus parish, Rochester, last week. Sister attended grammar school there and later enrolled in St. Agnes High School. While in high school Sister Marguerite thought she might like to be a doctor, but certain that she would pursue a religious vocation, she doubted the compatibility of the two careers.

In 1965 Sister Marguerite was accepted into the chemistry department at Nazareth College and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph. She enjoyed her summer work in the laboratory at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira so much that in 1968 she transferred to D'Youville College in Buffalo to study medical technology.

By 1970, she was graduated a registered medical technologist. Conversations at that time with the assistant dean of D'Youville school of nursing, Sister Kathleen Scholette, GNSH, rekindled her aspirations to be a doctor.

Sister Marguerite returned to work in the bacteriology lab at St.

Joseph's Hospital the following year and spent much time talking with Sister Margaret Adelaide Owen, then administrator of the hospital, and Sister Remigia McHenry, director of the school of nursing. Their encouraging word was, "Apply!"

With permission from the Motherhouse, Sister Marguerite applied "to see what would happen." Her acceptance at SUNY at Buffalo medical school early in 1971 was like a "sign from God." She is the first Sister to complete medical school at Buffalo.

While at Buffalo, Sister Marguerite lived with seven other student Sisters in an apartment at Rosary Hill College. She attended Mass at their convent and observed the prayer times and readings of her order. She said that her community and family were most supportive during her four years of study. Her parents sometimes drove to Buffalo with a dinner for her so that she wouldn't have to cook.

Sister Marguerite shaped her medical school training and is now planning her postgraduate level work for a dream long in coming. Sister hopes to go to Brazil, "but it's so long range," she admitted. Even now she has five more years of work ahead. There she would work with Sister Christel Burgmaier, a nurse who has been operating a state clinic in rural Brazil. The two entered the convent together and are close friends.

In special preparation for her dream Sister Marguerite spent her med school summers working in



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rural areas around St. Joseph's in Elmira. Her senior year she studied tropical medicine in Liverpool, England. During her time at Rochester General she plans to take additional electives in pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology, a year of internal medicine, and a complete surgical residency. She explained that she wants the broadest training and best skills possible for rural work and also the ability to practice in the rural U.S. if she cannot get to Brazil.

If she goes to Brazil Sister said that she will not try to build a hospital. "The belief that people come flocking to a large hospital is a myth," she explained. Instead she will study the area and adjust her services to meet the needs of the most people. She said she believes that even there it will be possible to continue both of her careers. "The goal of the apostolic religious life is to meet the needs of people where no one else is," said Sister Doctor Marguerite.

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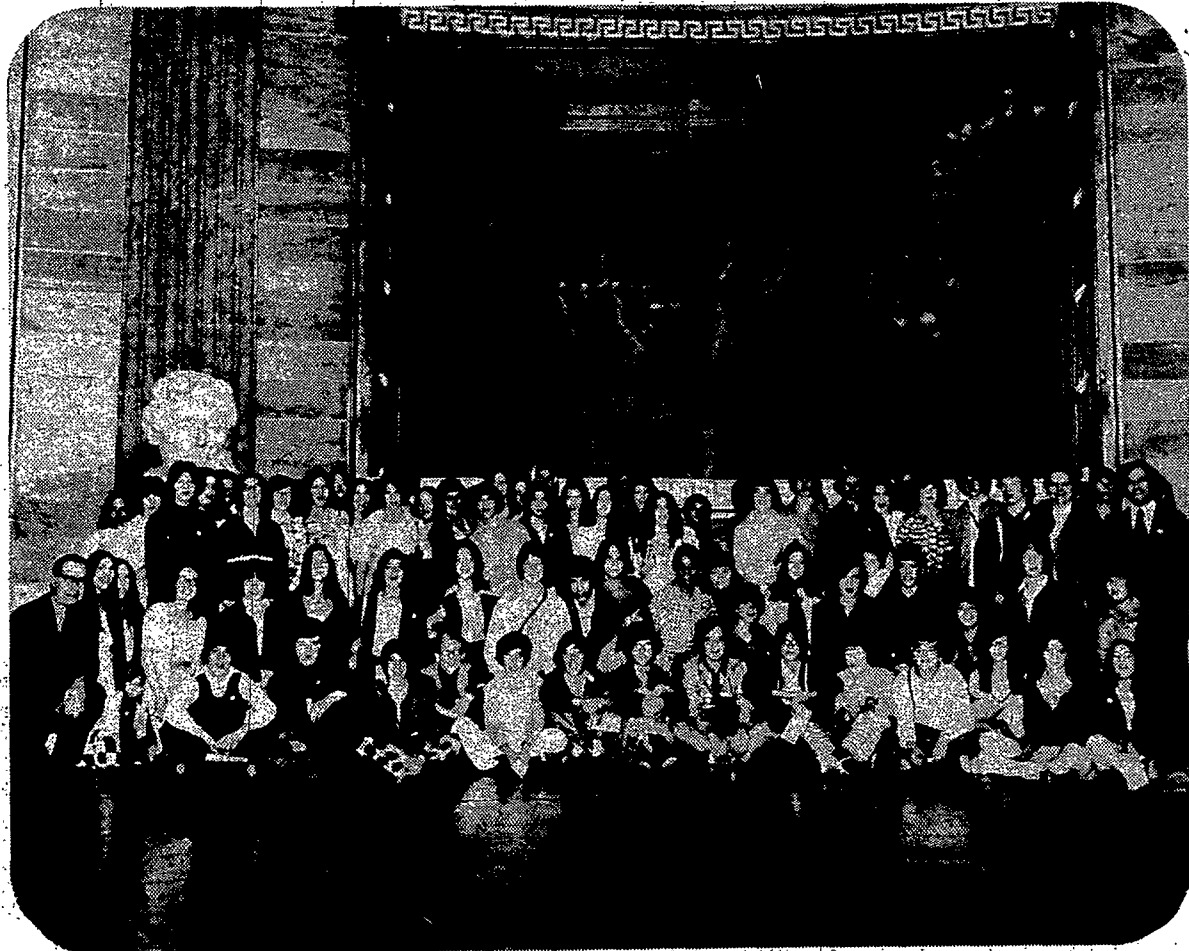
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fathers' Day Mass — Celebrated by Father Joseph Brennan, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 15, Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave. Sponsored by St. John's International Alliance; public.

Suburban Mothers of Twins and Triplets — Dessert party for prospective members, Thursday, June 12, 8 p.m. 15 Anne Marie Drive, Gates.

Festival — St. Salome's, Culyer Road in Seabreeze, June 20, 21: spaghetti dinner, 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 20.

Rummage Sale — St. Pius X, Van Etten, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 19, 20; 9:00am Saturday, June 21.

Music for Children — Orff-Schulwerk festivals of music, movement, speech, involving 130 children aged 4-10; Sundays June 8 and 15, 3 p.m., Hochstein School, 12 Hoeltzer St. Free.

Senior Residents, Northwest Area — Monthly meeting, 1-4 p.m. tomorrow; friends welcome.

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