

ANNALS OF 1963 - 1964

JUNE

- 14 Sister Helen Margaret and Sister Helen Agnes flew to Michigan for the latter's Golden Jubilee and Retreat.
- Sister Rose Xavier arrived for Retreat and to be in charge during Sister Helen Margaret's absence.
- 15-22 Retreat at St. Peter's attended by Sisters Joseph Eugene, Marie Jane, Vincent Maureen and Mary Jude.

JULY

- 1 Sisters drove to St. Mary's, Kingman, for funeral of mother of Sister Ellen Dolores, Mrs. Nell Klein.
- \$5,000. was received from the Damon Runyan Fund for Cancer Research bed.
- 3 Sister Karen and Benedicta, two Humility of Mary Sisters from Pennsylvania, whose car broke down, spent a couple of days with us.
- 9 Sister Helen Margaret returned from Home Visit and visit to Motherhouse.
- 11 Sister Rose Xavier returned to Provincial House in Santa Cruz.
- 17 At the Nevada Association of Medical Technologists, Sister Vincent Maureen was chosen President-elect.
- 20 Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Dwyer, accompanied by Monsignor Peter Moran, paid a social call on Saturday evening. He was in a jovial mood, and related many incidents about the Ecumenical Council and his recent illness.

Dr. Clark, University of Pittsburgh, Professor of Medicine, and Professor Geddis, Professor of School of Hospital Administrators, who were sponsored by W. I. C. H. E., came to interview Sister Helen Margaret, who is the only woman member of the Governor Sawyer's Committee for Medical Education in the four states of Wyoming, Montana, Nevada and Idaho.

AUGUST

- 1 Sister Mary Bernadette had major surgery.
- 2 Sisters Rose Michael and Marie Immaculata returned to St. Peter's after their summer with us. Sister Mary Bernardine went with them.

AUGUST

- 2 Appointments for year 1963 - 64
Sister Helen Margaret McGinley, Administrator
Sister Helen Agnes McDonnell (patient)
Sister Marie Daniel Lundy (Transferred - Remained at Infirmary)
Sister Marie Jane McGoldrick (Housekeeper)
Sister Mary Jude Ludwig (Surgical Floor)
Sister Francis Augustine (Office)
Sister Robert Joseph Bailey (Dietitian)
Sister Ellen Stephanie McNally (OB Floor)
Sister Joseph Eugene Fogarty (Surgery and NP Wing)
Sister Ann Michaelene Pasternacki (Laboratory)
Sister M. Vincent Maureen Dolan (Laboratory)
- 7 - 13 Sister Helen Margaret attended 3-day Sister's Conference in Spirituality for Communities under auspices of Holy Cross Fathers and directed by Rev. Robert Sweeney, C.S.C., former President of Portland University, at Portland, Oregon.
- 8 - 11 Sister Evelyn Marie, C.S.J., Carondelet, St. Louis, Missouri, noted artist, stayed with us 3 days.
- 13 Word was received that Sister Marie Daniel will remain at St. Clement Infirmary. There was no one sent in her place.
- 14 We had 13 patients receiving Holy Communion today, our largest total.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Sister Helen Peter arrived from Tucson for medical attention. She, on crutches, deplaned and was driven to Rose de Lima Hospital.
- 5 Sister Helen Agnes arrived from Detroit, where she had been after her Golden Jubilee celebration in Adrian.
- 12 Letter from Mother Mary Genevieve stated new rubrics. Approach Communion not according to rank, no inclination before approaching Communion rail.

OCTOBER

- 8 Mr. Gifford, Western Director of Federal Department of Health, Education and Public Welfare, inspected the Hospital for a Federal report.
- 18 - 19 Sisters Helen Margaret and Francis Augustine flew to Reno and Sparks for the election meeting of the Nevada Hospital Administrators. Sister Helen Margaret was appointed a delegate to the Western Hospital Convention in San Francisco. Sister is the new Chairman of the Southern Nevada Hospital Council.
- 24 2 Kewanee huge boilers were rigged by crane into the newly constructed Boiler Room. They will supply gas heat to the entire hospital and replace a 20-year-old boiler. The actual cost of a new boiler room, 2 new boilers, a new make-up hot water tank, a submerged oil tank was \$51,000. The Max C. Fleishman Foundation gave us \$41,000. We will save \$5,000 a year in money for gas.

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NOVEMBER

- 2 Sisters Vincent Maureen and Ann Michaelene attended a day's session of Nevada State Medical Technologists in Las Vegas. Sister Vincent Maureen is President-elect of the organization.
- 8 - 10 Sister Helen Margaret flew to San Francisco for Council Meeting on the possible location for a Provincial House. Torkiana Estate was purchased November 9th. for a Provincial House.

DECEMBER

- 26 Sisters Mary Bernardine and Ida Joseph arrived for medical treatment.

JANUARY

- 2 - 9 Sisters Joseph Eugene, Vincent Maureen and Mary Jude drove to St. Clare Retreat House in Santa Cruz. They returned January 11th. with Sister Daniel Therese, the new First Floor Supervisor. She finished her course at McAuley Clinic in San Francisco.
- 8 Sister Mary Bernardine was operated for bowel resection and recuperated nicely, despite a diagnosis of malignancy.
- 12 - 14 Feast of the Holy Family. Most Reverend Robert Dwyer was admitted as a patient for virus influenza.
- 14 Sister Mary Ida, Head of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in the U. S. who wear a secular outfit, visited the Hospital after conferring with the Bishop. She is from Hungary, along with 7 other refugees. They have 12 American admissions in Los Angeles, their headquarters, and Reno.
- 18 Rev. Alfred Tachias, Pastor St. Mary's, Kingman, Arizona was admitted to the Hospital under Dr. J. Potter's care and operated for ruptured appendix by Dr. Tabar 1-19-64. He left on the 28th.
- 29 Rev. John Sullivan brought Sisters Irmalinda and Ella Manette, Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio, who operate Page Hospital, Page, Arizona, to visit ours. They took over the Government Hospital at Page in September 1964.
- There were 81 patients and 5 babies - (our high number) in our hospital.
- 30 Today there were 90 patients and 9 babies.

FEBRUARY

- 3 - 9 Mother Jean Marie came for Visitation, accompanied by Sisters Mary Carolyn and Georganne. Mrs. Margaret Coolidge drove the Sisters to Henderson.
- 8 Mother had a Superiors Meeting all day Saturday, after which a panel of 6 Sisters gave talks on "Stimulating Religious Vocations" to all the Sisters in the area. Buffet supper was served.

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- 29 Sisters Mary Bertha and Sabina arrived from the Motherhouse to be patients in our hospital.

MARCH

- 12 Rt. Rev. Hubert C. Lomme, Las Vegas, New Mexico arrived for a medical check-up.
- 15 - 22 Sister Vincent Maureen attended Humphrey's Post Graduate Center, University of Colorado School of Medicine for Medical Technologists. Sister was elected President of the District Medical Technologists for the year-June 1964 - 1965.
- 25 Two Atomic Energy Inspectors here from L. A. to investigate our Cobalt Treatment Therapy under the direction of Dr. Elmer Lee.
- 26 Mrs. Margaret McGinley, Sister Helen Margaret's mother, arrived.

APRIL

- 19 - 25 Sisters Helen Margaret and Ellen Stephanie left for Western Hospital Association Convention at Civic Auditorium in San Francisco.
- 27 Sisters Mary Jude, Joseph Eugene and Ellen Stephanie attended some of the sessions of the 6th. Annual Spring Cancer Seminar, Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas. It was sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Nevada Division, Inc.

MAY

- 1 Sister Joseph Eugene left to attend the Catholic Psychiatric Guild Session May 2nd., at the Conrad Hilton, and May 4 - 7, the American Psychiatric Association, Biltmore, in Los Angeles.
- 6 Rev. Pinder, O.P. and his mother spent the night in our hospital.
- 7 - 8 Sister Marie Louise and companion, Sisters of Charity, came for hospitality. Sister's brother is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. Sister resides at St. John's Convent, 602 W. Aja Road, Tucson, Arizona.
- 11 Monsignor Lomme left to be chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital, Albuquerque.
- 12 - 14 Mother Jean Marie arrived to confer with Sister Mary Bertha.
- 15 Mother Mary de Lourdes, R.G.S., Sister Mary Jeanette, Sister Mary of Our Lady of Mercy, Sister Mary Celine visited from the Good Shepherd Home, Las Vegas.
- 16 (Eve of Pentecost). Sister Mary Sabina received word her brother, Hanley Mack died at 1:30 A.M. Lord, rest his soul! She returned to Michigan.

Today, our Chaplain died suddenly in St. Peter's Rectory. After Monsignor Robert Anderson heard our confessions at 5 P.M. he went to the Rectory, where Monsignor John T. Smith, our Chaplain, was lying on the couch. Monsignor Anderson, who answered the doorbell went to hear

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3 children's confessions and when he returned, he thought Monsignor was asleep. Mrs. Sewell, the cook, said afterwards she had heard gasping noises. Monsignor looked again, "Why, he isn't breathing." He shortly started to turn purple. He was dead. Monsignor hurried for the Holy oils to anoint him. That day, Monsignor had helped to hear 70 First Communicants' confession in the morning and said that it seemed more like 700. He was driven to St. Peter's Convent to hear their confessions. He wasn't his usual jovial self, but rather quiet. He gave us Benediction at 12:30 but ate no lunch. He did have a drink of fruit juice before walking over to St. Peter's for supper.

- 19 Rt. Rev. Monsignor Robert A. Anderson, Pastor, celebrated Requiem High Mass at which the Dominican Sisters sang the Mass. Many clergy, religious, and lay people were present at St. Peter's. There were 6 pews of Auxiliary Ladies in pink uniform and a large group of Nurses in white cap and uniform.

Sister Helen Margaret was asked to intercede for a proposal of a two-year Associate Nursing Degree Program. Attending the meeting conducted by Dean William Carlson at Nevada Southern University, were his staff Heads of Departments, Dr. J.B. Demman, Hospital Administrators, Nurses and Orvis School of Nursing representative.

- 20 Sisters Helen Margaret and Theresa Martin flew to Reno for the Solemn Pontifical Funeral Mass by Bishop Robert Dwyer.

Appointments for 1964 - 1965 arrived. No changes.

New electric stove, an addition to the old one, arrived for Dietary Department.

Arthur G. Johnson, Radiation specialist from U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Region V, Division of Compliance, 2111 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California came for a second inspection and finally approved our X-ray department.

- 21 Three Sisters attended Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Workshop for "Personnel Techniques for Management," conducted by Mr. John A. Witt, Director, Personnel Services Section, American Hospital Association, 840 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.
- 24 Golden Jubilee celebration for Sister Mary Bertha at which Mother Jean Marie and Sister Mary Edmond were present. Mother spoke of Sister Bertha's brilliance and remarkable memory, to know all the Sisters' records. Mother Gerald used to say: "I couldn't get along without Sister Bertha." All the Las Vegas and Henderson Sisters were here for the Western theme program, banquet and movie. Mother and Sister M. Edmond returned Monday.
- 26 Sister Mary Sharon arrived for medical work-up.

Sisters Mary Bertha, Helen Margaret and Miss Julie Torbert, a student X-ray technician, who is a prospective aspirant, flew to the Provincial House.

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- 1 Sister Robert Joseph flew to St. Louis for a three-week Dietetics Institute at Fonthomme College.

Some of the Sisters were present at Rev. Elwood J. LaVoy's new parish ground breaking ceremony, St. Francis de Sales, Washington Blvd. and Michael Way, Las Vegas. Sister Ann de Lourdes is the new Superior.

- 2 Medical Staff Officers for 1964-1965 were elected after the annual banquet: President: Dr. William E. Kemp, Vice-Chairman - Dr. W. D. Swackhamer, Secretary - Dr. W. K. Conmack.
- 6 Rev. Christopher Raftery, O.P. arrived to conduct the Dominican Sisters Retreat at St. Peter's Church. The main theme of the retreat was prudence in every phase of religious life.

There will be 17 Sisters here for the summer. We will miss Sister Bertha, who went to Adrian to celebrate her golden jubilee.