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FELICIAN SISTERS used the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate the 12th anniversary of St. Mary Hospital and lay the

cornerstone for a new addition. (Photos by Nick Merrick)

Hospital Celebrates No. 12 With Expansion

By W.W. EDGAR

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia celebrated its 12th anniversary Wednesday in a most unusual fashion—by laying the cornerstone of a multi-million dollar addition that, when completed, will make it one of the largest institutions in the state.

When the doors were opened for the first time to admit patients on Dec. 8, 1959, St. Mary was considered an experiment as the lone ray of hope to the suffering in the sprawling, partially populated suburbs of western Wayne County.

In the years that followed, it has grown and grown until now, with the latest addition, it will be a 380-bed institution that ranks with the best in the state.

TO HELP celebrate the occasion—and the added significance that it was the feast of the Immaculate Conception—several hundred members and friends of the Felician Sisters gathered to pay tribute and laud the work of Provincial Mother Mary Columbine and Sister Mary Calasantia, present executive director, who guided the institution from its inception.

Of all the tributes, however, it was Philip H. Power, the principal speaker, who struck the responsive chord when he said that St. Mary Hospital has woven itself into the fabric of the community and made the difference between a real community and "just a bunch of houses."

Paying high tribute to the Felician Order for its foresight in envisioning a hospital on the site, the publisher of Observer Newspapers Inc. called attention to the driving force it has been in the development of the entire area.

"Industry and business and people come to places where they can get service of the type that has been offered here through the years, and this is reflected in the fantastic growth of Livonia."

"We have 36 square miles with a population of 112,110, two colleges, six high schools, 54 elementary and junior high schools, two major shopping malls, several auto plants, the largest food warehouses in southeastern Michigan, a large industrial park—and only ONE hospital."

"That, in itself, is the fantastic story of St. Mary Hospital."

IT ALSO WAS pointed out that the presence of St. Mary has attracted dozens of doctors and medical specialists who helped build the city with the myriad of medical clinics in every section.

In closing his tribute, Power said that St. Mary was the symbol of the Biblical plea found in the book of Matthew: "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give ye rest."

It was in this same vein that Mother Columbine spoke when, as Sister Columbine, on that day in 1959 when the doors were opened for the first time, she said: "Come all ye who suffer."

MAYOR EDWARD McNamara of Livonia also lauded the Felician Order for the part it has played in the rapid growth of Livonia.

A bit facetiously he added, "Once we were known as the place where the race track was located. Now, it's Livonia."

THE PRESENT addition is the second since the hospital was opened.

Several years ago a new wing was added and the emergency section enlarged. The present addition was planned and, with a grant of \$2 million from the United Foundation and the financial help of other friends, will be ready to open within the next year.

From its inception St. Mary has been molding a great record. It was operating at 100 per cent capacity within its first six months—a feat almost unheard of in medical circles. It has been operating at or near that figure ever since.

With its 380 beds, the large new entrance on Five Mile Road and the mammoth parking lots, it is the epitome of service to both the healthy, the sick and the wounded.

It is the culmination of the promise made by Sister Columbine on the first day—"Come all ye who suffer."



ST. MARY HOSPITAL's chief executives are (from left) Rita Radzi-
alowski, administrator; Sister Mary Calasantia, executive director; and
Mother Mary Columbine, provincial mother of the Felician Sisters and former
administrator.



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THE VERY REV. Walter J. Ziemia, rector of St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, asked the blessing.