

DR. HARRY TARPINIAN, president of the medical staff, brings congratulatory message from doctors and nurses as Mother Columbine (third from left) and Sister Mary Calasantia (second from left) look on.

JACQUES COUSIN, executive director of the United Foundation, paid high tribute to Felician Sisters and rated St. Mary one of the better institutions of its kind in the state.

St. Mary's Management Gets UF Praise

By W.W. EDGAR

St. Mary Hospital has been placed on one of the highest pinnales among the medical institutions of the state by the man who should know—Jacques Cousin, executive director of the United Foundation.

Delivering the main address at the dedication of the enlarged institution last Tuesday, he paid high tribute to the Felician Sisters, who established the original hospital in 1959, and then said:

"We at the United are very proud of St. Mary. We work with many institutions during the course of a year but none can match the record of St. Mary."

"We never have to wonder what is happening out here. Not only is the hospital well managed, but we always know what is going on where the hospital is going and how it plans to get there."

COUSIN ADDED that the hospital in its short span of its existence—13 years—has set up an enviable record—not only in serving the community but in hospital management and its involvement with the community.

He cited the work being done with the nursing courses at Schoolcraft College, at Madonna College, and the work being done with the Livonia Fire Department in teaching the men how to handle different types of hospital and emergency calls.

"No finer job is being done anywhere," he said, and we are proud to have been part of it through the UF contribution of \$2 million dollars from our capital fund—through the years."

CITING figures, he stated that 50,000 babies had been born in the hospital since its opening and added, "that would be about a capacity crowd." The Tiger Stadium and would fill the mammoth University of Michigan Stadium."

It also was revealed that the emergency work has reached the 32,000 a year mark and with the new facilities could handle 50,000 cases in the next year.

"That will be an average of an emergency case every 15 minutes," Cousin stated, "and that's as good a record as you'll find anywhere."

More than 100 invited guests attended the dedication and witnessed the blessing of the enlarged facility by the Most Rev. Waller J. Schoenher, DD. He was assisted by Rev. Robert Pomponi, chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, and Rev. Eugene Kijek, chaplain of the Sister's Motherhouse.

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DR. JOHN SHUEY, vice-president of the hospital board, served as master of ceremonies at dedication program.

President of the Board of Trustees, was master of ceremonies. After the invocation by Rev. Joseph Kubik, pastor of St. Florian Church, Shuey paid tribute to the hospital management—Mother Mary Columbine, Sister Mary Calasantia, executive director; and Rita Radzilowski, administrator.

Greetings from the trustees were brought by Jacob Sobieraj, president of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Harry Tarpinian, president of the medical staff, brought the greetings from the doctors and nurses.

In paying the city's tribute, Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara traced the history of the hospital and in a light vein recalled some of the incidents that have added to the hospital's lore during the years.

He closed with the wish that Mother Columbine and Sister Calasantia, who have been instrumental in bringing the hospital to its present status, would be allowed to remain on the job from now on.

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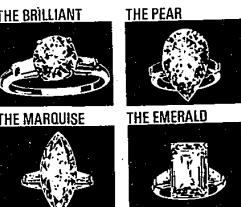
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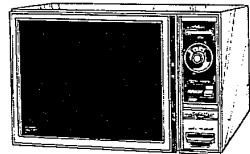
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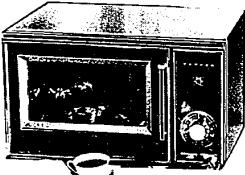
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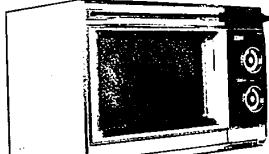
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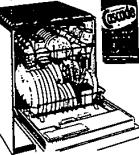
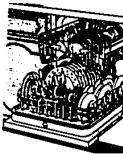
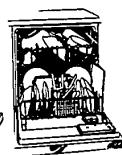
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