

Heritage Happenings



Lest We Forget...

Change can be
creative and
exciting if you let it.

Annals—1968

1968 was a turbulent time. There was chaos in the streets of the country and changes all around including here at the Motherhouse. That was the year that the refectory became the cafeteria and that the dishwashing machine was installed. Many of the novices and perhaps some of the older Sisters were indignant. It wasn't that we were attached to the old way of washing dishes – lukewarm water, mops, and towels that were hung to dry but not washed to be used again – no there was no romantic attachment – we were all for change, but not something that changed our routine. Not a dishwasher.



Though we may not have liked the idea of a dishwasher with it came Sister Benigna and Sister Mary Arnold. They had plastic and ceramic skunks and would send them through in an irregular pattern especially when the Senior Sisters had dishes. They joined in our dishwashing songs. Just to give you a sense of the utter selflessness with which we composed new words to familiar songs, I'll recite two verses of our version of "Three Coins in a Fountain."

"Three forks in the machine – which one will the machine clean? Make it mine, make it mine, make it mine." And then – "Three glasses in the machine – which one will the machine break? Make it yours, make it yours, make it yours." Eulogy: Sister Benigna Stoffel 2008



Change is inevitable! Studying the needs is always a blessing!

Chapter of April 25, 1963: Mother Agna wrote: Dear Sisters, ... The discussion of questions relative to Development and Expansion resulted in: That there be a permanent committee set up for long-range programming....to study community needs as far as building is concerned and to make recommendations to the Mother General and her Council whenever called upon to do so. This responsibility was undertaken by the Director of Temporalities.

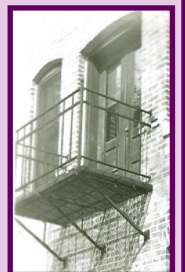


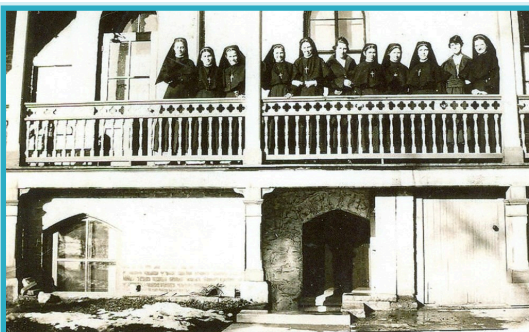
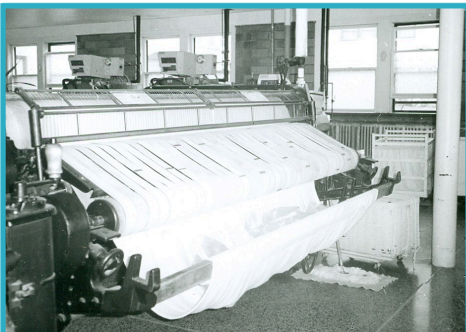
Chapter of June 1970: A detailed report was given on all the Motherhouse areas that underwent space utilization and improvement. Examples: Shalom was remodeled into 10 private rooms; the pig pen was demolished; the water tank between St. Matthias and St. Agatha dorms was removed. Proposed future projects included: college music center and auditorium; converting dorms to private rooms; and a SWIMMING POOL!!!

February 5, 1982: A study on space utilization was conducted to determine availability of space for retired Sisters to reside at the Motherhouse, the college, Ozanam Home, and on our missions.

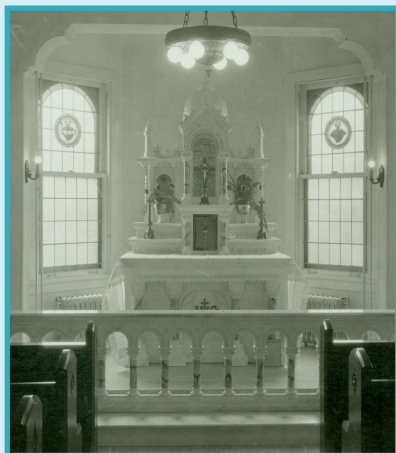
February 4, 1986: Consultation with Warner Associates, a Health Care Consultants resulted in recommendation to form a management team to assist the community governance with problems of land and space utilization, financial management and other strategic issues. **August 1986:** A Space Utilization Committee developed five different plans for suggested utilization of all the rooms in the Motherhouse.

January 27, 2021: The present committee began ZOOM meetings to discuss short– and long-term planning for our congregation in preparation for the July 9, 2021 Community Meeting.





Change, Renovation, Remodel: TOP: Laundry ; Old Kitchen
Hall Entry; Before adding the Elevator;
Bottom: St. Rita's Chapel; Dental Department..



This month meet the faces of Sisters whose names begin with "I"...for some reason they were skipped over for "J" and "K"!! In early years, for the Wake Visitation Service a Sister was laid out on top of a hard door after they died....in a room in the Motherhouse. Meet Sister Immaculata Hoffman who died July 14, 1892, age 14, professed two weeks.



A Cool Cat!!



Irene Gallagher-Imelda Huever-Ignatius Kerkhof-Ida Longstreth



Ignatia Morfeld-Ildephose Pierron-Isabel Ready-Irmengard Schoenstein



The Winter Waddle

