

# Five Superior-Geneas Headed congregation

A native of Kinkora, Rev. Mother Mary Angela, was superior-general, new guides, the meetings of the Sisters of St. Martha of Prince Edward Island who, on Wednesday, will see the official opening of a new mother house on Mt. Edward Road in Charlottetown.

The former Edith Keefe, daughter of John Keefe and Angelina Monaghan, Mother Mary Angela received her early education at Kinkora and teacher training at Prince of Wales College. After teaching in public schools for two years, she entered the novitiate at St. Martha's in 1931.

Mother Mary Angela trained as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, and later received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from St. Xavier University in Antigonish.

For a time, she was director of the School of nursing and administrator of the Charlottetown Hospital in 1949, also became administrator of the West Hill Hospital, a position she held until elected superior-general of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha in 1963.

**MOTHER LOYOLA**  
Prior to Mother Mary Angela, 34 years of service as superior-general of the congregation were given by Rev. Mother Frances Loyola.

Mother Frances Loyola, the former Ella Cullen, was born at Prince of Wales College, she entered the novitiate at St. Martha in 1918 and made her novitiate at St. Francis Xavier University with the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish in 1920 and made her profession in 1921.

After her profession, she taught in Kinkora, St. Vincent's Orphanage and various schools to which the Sisters of St. Martha were attached. She was elected general treasurer of the congregation in 1933 and Superior-General in 1937.

Since being released from this office in 1961, she has served the congregation as local superior in various convents, and has used her artistic talents to fine advantage wherever she was stationed.

**THE PIONEERS**  
Rev. Mother Mary Paula, elected superior-general of the congregation in 1933, was the former Ellen Gertrude MacPhee, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Hugh MacPhee of Georgetown.

She received the religious habit and her name, Sister Mary Paula, at Antigonish in 1919 and returned to the novitiate at St. Dunstan's College.

In the spring of 1920, she moved with other novices to Mt. St. Mary's which had just been set up as the mother house and novitiate.

In 1924, Mother Mary Paula took a course in hospital administration at Marquette University and became superintendent of the newly-built Charlottetown Hospital in 1925. In 1933 she was elected superior-general of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha.

After her second term as superior-general, Mother Mary Paula returned to superior to the Charlottetown Hospital. During the six years she spent in charge of her office, she was instrumental in her office planning and bringing to reality the new annex of the hospital.

The last few months of her life were spent at the mother house where she died in February, 1952.

The founder of the religious order's branch in this province, Rev. Mother Mary Stanislaus, is expected to arrive in the province Monday to participate in Wednesday's official opening.

Mother Mary Stanislaus is the former Mary A. MacDonald of South Side Harbor. She was among the first to join the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, a congregation founded by Bishop Cameron in 1900.

In 1910, she was elected superior-general of her own congregation in Antigonish. It was she who corresponded with Bishop Henry O'Leary regarding his plan to establish a group of sisters in Charlottetown, and who ultimately made the arrangements to train the sisters for him.

In 1916, being released from her office as superior-general in Antigonish, she accompanied the Island novices to Charlottetown as their temporary superior and remained with them for five years.

Mother Mary Stanislaus last year at Bethany, the mother-house of her congregation, celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of her profession.

She has maintained her interest in the Island congregation and it is with joy that the sisters here anticipate the presence of their founder at Wednesday's ceremony.

SISTERS AT PRAYER IN NEW CHAPEL.



EXTERIOR VIEW OF NEW MOTHERHOUSE



## Sisters of Martha perform outstanding service here

Moving towards the close of their fifth decade of service to their native province and, secure in their sense of maturity, the Sisters of St. Martha confidently face an era of challenging opportunities offered to them through the erection of their new motherhouse.

The beautiful new centre from which will radiate many activities of the order, has been termed a monument to the foresight of a former Bishop of Charlottetown, Bishop Henry J. O'Leary, who was responsible for the first steps being taken in 1917 to found the Sisters of St. Martha of Prince Edward Island.

Noting the need for ten more diocesan works, Bishop O'Leary said at that time, "it would indeed be a strange and incredible event if our Island diocese which has sent so many religious abroad could not obtain a sufficient number of recruits for all classes of work."

In the difficult organizational days he found able help from Mother Mary Stanislaus and the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish in welding a mere handful of young girls into a religious community.

But down through the years, by their motto "Amor et Labor" as guide, these dedicated women saw the order grow, both in numbers and stature, and today they proudly continue in their new motherhouse on Mt. Edward Road.

One wing is devoted to the chapel and auditorium and adjacent to the chapel are the chaplain's quarters, work rooms for printing, arts, crafts and sewing are being equipped and individual study rooms are provided for 100 sisters as well as adequate infirmary and recreation facilities.

**MANY FIELDS**  
Perhaps the Sisters of St. Martha are best known in their various administrative capacities, particularly in the hospital field where at least part of the enviable reputation of the Charlottetown Hospital is due to their efforts. And the same is true of the holding of hospitals in Albert and in Van Buren, Maine, and of the Sacred Heart Home in Tracadie, Nova Scotia.

In the teaching field, and in education in general, their work also involves a wide capacity. They operate, at college level, Marian College at St. Dunstan's University, which is a high school work in Kinkora Regional High School and Notre Dame High School, Wainwright, Ont. Elementary schools are in operation in Kinkora, Tracadie and in the village of St. Augustus and Green Meadows. They also staff three separate schools in Ontario.

In the labor of love of the sisters and its various work which has far-reaching effects on the social environment of the province. High on the roster of endeavours is their participation in social work and they operate agencies in Charlottetown—The

## Opening Set Wednesday

The official opening of the new motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Martha is set for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29.

At this time the solemn blessing of the chapel and the consecration of the altar will take place, with His Excellency Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, bishop of Charlottetown officiating. Following this, Bishop MacEachern will celebrate Pontifical High Mass.

At approximately 12 noon, His Excellency will preside over the unveiling of a plaque. Lunch will follow at 12:30 and open house will be held from 1:30 until 5 o'clock.

"Specialists" in definite fields. Many of them hold degrees from St. Dunstan's University (an exception was made for them long before the local college became a co-educational institution) and degrees and diplomas from a wide variety of North American institutions of higher learning.

Among such Canadian colleagues are McGill, St. Francis Xavier, Mount St. Vincent, Ottawa, Toronto, Windsor and Dalhousie and in the United States the sisters are well known at Notre Dame, Boston College, St. Louis, Cardinal Cushing College and Catholic University.

Because of what the order has become, because of what its members have accomplished, perhaps some of their success may be due to each of the three sisters who were the founders. Proverbs so easily apply: "Work shows the mowrow with a smile."

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## Lost Wallet Is Reported

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Milt Mossman's George H. Capron, the former baseball player turned real estate magnate, says he's had both hard times and good times. And Saturday was a perfect. If he were, except.

Capron told police he'd lost his wallet while on his way to nearby Huntington Beach "to buy a little piece of land." Police helped Capron retrace his steps to the restroom of a service station in neighborhood Seal Beach and sure enough, there was Capron's wallet.

It was \$109.54, in cash and checks, including a cashier's cheque for \$166,000. Capron is the man whose wife got \$16,000,000 of his estimated \$30,000,000 estate in a divorce settlement last week and, as Capron put it: "I don't even have a home to go to now."

The divorce settlement believed to be one of the largest ever, gave Mrs. Edith Bass Capron, 74, their Newport Beach, Calif. home, a \$100,000 apartment house and 800 acres of land in a valuable residential development near Laguna Beach.

Capron, who'll be 76 today, is staying with friends in nearby Long Beach.

## Aid Is Asked For Families

TORONTO (CP)—A demand for financial assistance for persons who are the victims of persons hurt or killed while upholding law and order was made Sunday at funeral services were held for 56-year-old Jack Blanc. Mr. Blanc was killed Friday when he tried to stop a bank robber who escaped with the \$22,100 from a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in suburban Downsview.

He was standing outside the bank when the holdup took place and started to chase the bandit with a letter's gun. The bandit turned and shot him in the head.

The demand for assistance for victims and their families in similar cases was made by a branch of the Royal Canadian Legion which held a special meeting Sunday to announce establishment of a fund to assist Mr. Blanc's family. Mr. Blanc belonged to the branch.

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