

Biography of Sister M. Esther Jaster

Secular Name: Sylvia Maria Jaster

Father: Francis (Frank) Jaster

Mother: Margaret Weishan

Sibling: Dolores G. Jaster

Birth: August 25, 1905 – Denver, Colorado

Baptism: September 3, 1905 – St. Elizabeth’s Church at 11th and Curtis in Denver, Colorado

Confirmation: May 19, 1918 – St. Elizabeth’s Church at 11th and Curtis in Denver, Colorado



1979 - Golden Jubilee



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Denver, Colorado



1906 - Sylvia and Dolores

1918 - Sylvia (left)
Confirmation with school friends



1911 - Dolores' confirmation





St. Elizabeth School, Denver, Colorado
Convent starting in 1917 then Parochial School as of 1950 until 1973



1919 - Sylvia, Frank, and Margaret Jaster
Liberty Park, Salt Lake City, Utah



Circa 1920
Jaster family wedding
Dolores, Frank, Margaret, and Sylvia



Circa 1920 - Dolores Jaster
8th Grade Graduation



Circa 1920 - Dolores and Sylvia Jaster



Cathedral High School, Denver, Colorado

High School: Graduated from Cathedral High School, 1840 Grant St. in Denver, Colorado.

College: Records indicate at least 12 credit hours were of undergraduate work were earned from Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado.

*Records indicate that Sylvia Jaster taught at St. Joseph's School in Akron, Colorado and public school in Indian Hills, Colorado prior to entrance as a postulate.

*Sylvia's mother, Margaret resided at 1038 Lipan Street in Denver, Colorado as of 1926.

Sisters of St. Francis of Penance & Christian Charity:

Entrance as Postulant: September 4, 1926 – Stella Niagara, NY

Reception as Novitiate: September 1, 1927 – Stella Niagara, NY

Temporary Vows: September 2, 1929 – Stella Niagara, NY

Perpetual Vows: September 2, 1932 – Stella Niagara, NY



**August 25, 1926
Postulant, Sister Esther
Jaster at Stella Niagara**



**1927 - Novitiate, Sister Esther and her
mother Margaret at Stella Niagara**

Stella Niagara, New York - date unknown





September 1927 - Novitiate, Sister Esther Jaster
at Stella Niagara, New York

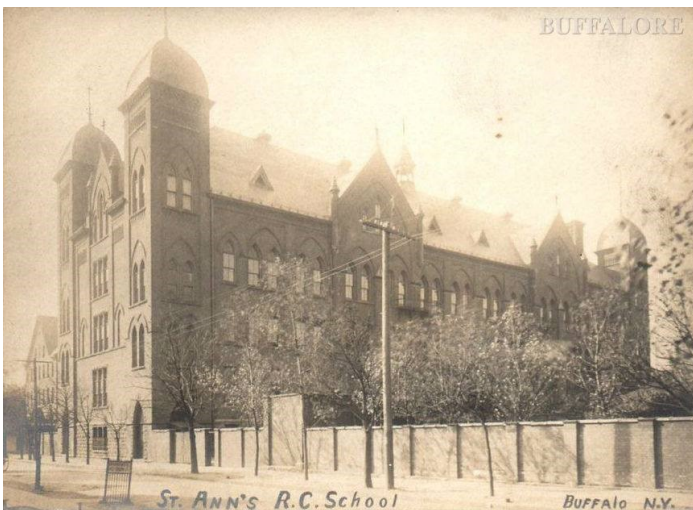




July 26, 1934 - Margaret and Sister Esther Jaster



September 24, 1934 - Sister Esther at center



Left: St. Ann's in Buffalo, New York

Above: St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance Nebraska

Professional History as a Sister of St Francis of Penance & Christian Charity:

1928 - 1929: Teaching at St. Ann's in 468 Emslie St., Buffalo, New York (Also known as 474 Emslie St.)

1929 - 1930: Teaching at St. Peter in Columbus, Ohio

1930 - 1932: Teaching at St. Anthony in Sacramento, California

1932 - 1933: Teaching at Stella Niagara, New York (<http://www.stellaosf.org/the-sisters-at-stella-niagara>)

1933 - 1941: Office work at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska

1939: Sister Esther Jaster formally becomes part of the newly formed Sacred Heart Province of the mid-west.

1941 - 1945: Teaching at St. Elizabeth School, 1060 St. Francis Way, Denver, Colorado

1945 - 1967: Novice Mistress/Director at Marycrest Novitiate, Sisters of St. Francis in Denver Colorado



Circa 1950's - Sister Esther Jaster on right, Marycrest



Marycrest Property, purchased 1938, Motherhouse on right, Novitiate in distance on left



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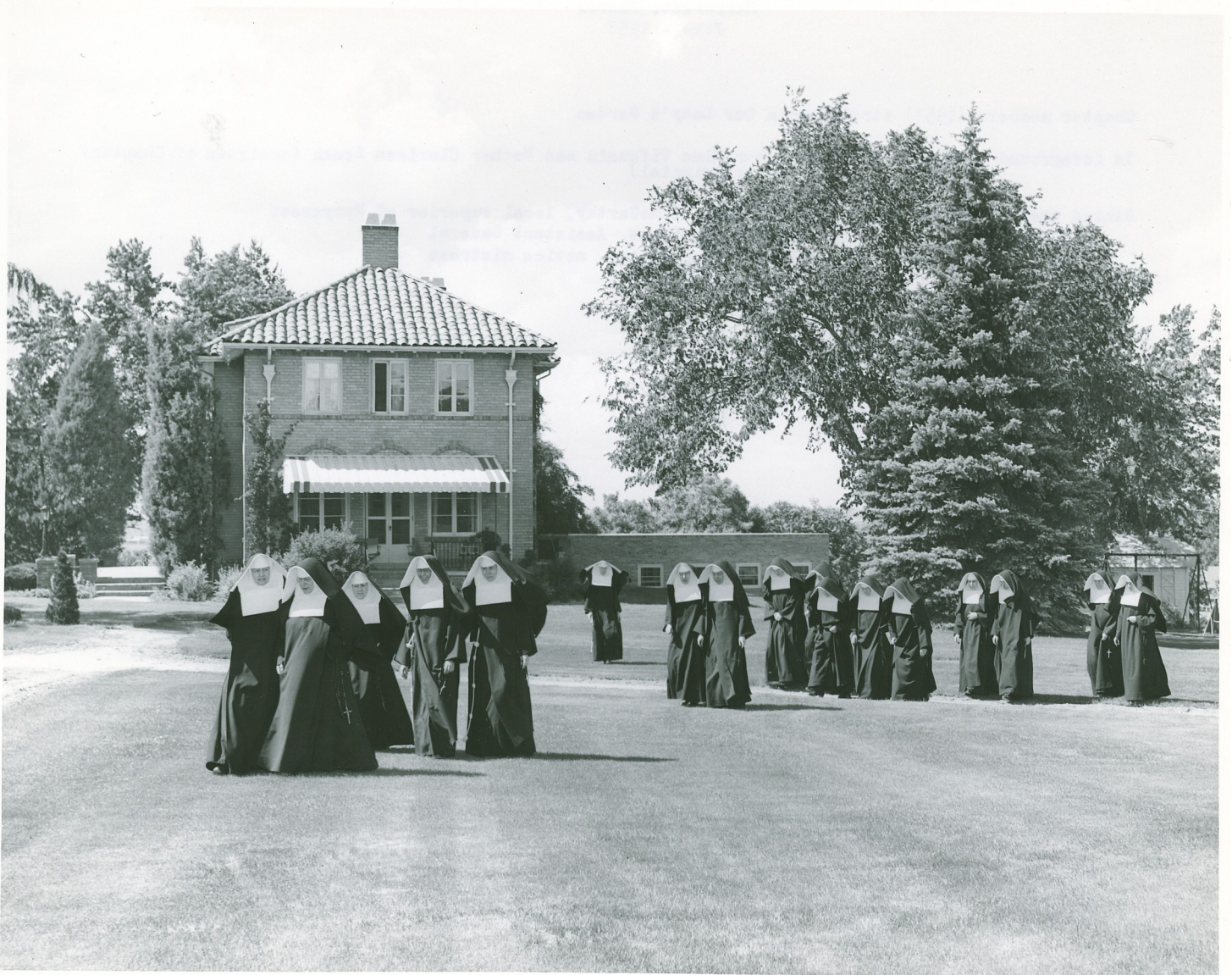
Circa 1951 - Marycrest, Denver, Colorado - Chapter Meeting - Sister Esther Jaster at bottom-right



Circa 1951 - Marycrest, Denver, Colorado—Chapter Meeting—Sister Esther Jaster on top row, 4th from right



**Circa 1960 - Sister Esther Jaster in the front row, 2nd from left
Possibly at Serra Madre in Pasadena, California for a meeting.**



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**1957 - Marycrest, Denver, Colorado - Chapter Meeting - Sisters walking in front of the Novitiate
Sister Esther Jaster is in the foreground, 2nd row, 3rd to the right**

Sister Esther Jaster served on the first three chapters of the Provincial Council for Sacred Heart Province for a total of 18 years:

1945-1951: Serves as 4th Councilor of the Provincial Leadership Chapter I.

1951-1957: Serves as 3rd Councilor of the Provincial Leadership Chapter II.

1957-1963: Serves as 1st Councilor of the Provincial Leadership Chapter III.



The first Motherhouse and original house of the Winslow estate purchased with the land in 1938.



Marycrest High School (1958-1985)



Marycrest convent at front and center, chapel and school on the back right. The motherhouse, novitiate, convent, chapel and high school with associated land were sold in 2012. (Now a Co-Housing residence.)



Circa 1960's - Sister Esther Jaster

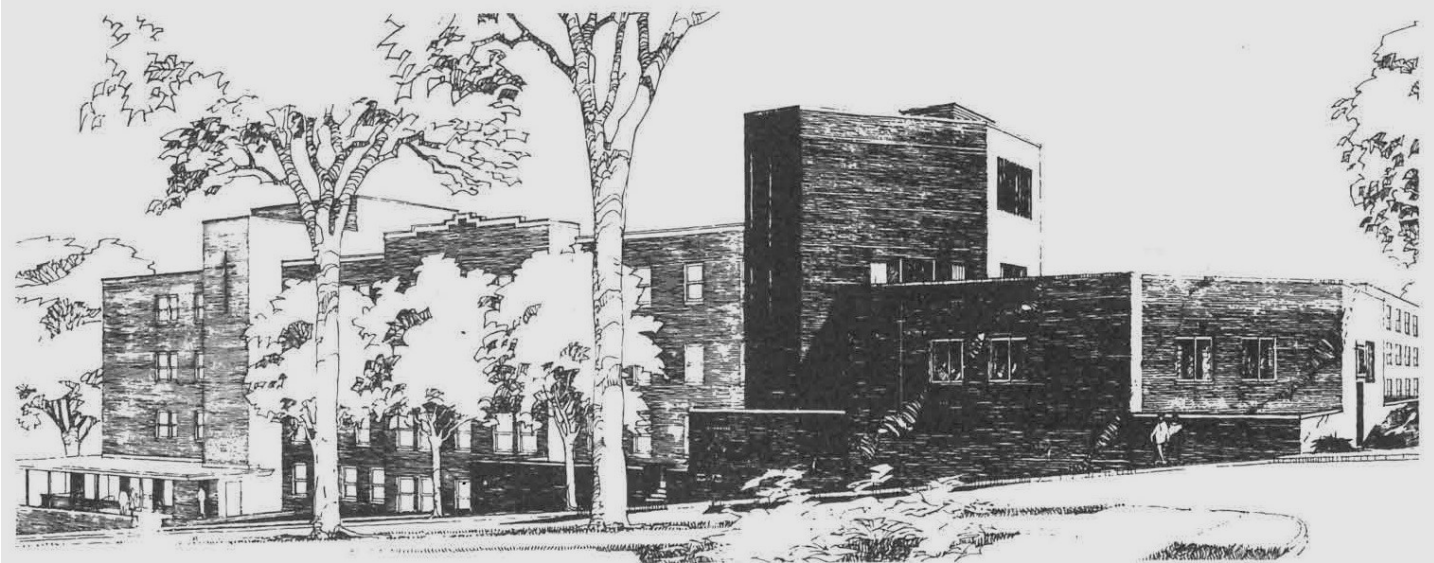


**1968 - St. Joseph Hospital
Minot, North Dakota
Sister Esther Jaster on left**

1967 - 1969: Receptionist and Sacristan (physical and spiritual ministry) at St. Joseph's Hospital,
Burdick Expressway and Third Street Southeast, Minot, North Dakota



1917



1970

St. Joseph Hospital, Minot, North Dakota

1969 - 1982: Member of the House of Prayer, Queen of Peace Oratory, Sisters of St. Francis,
5360 Columbine Road, Denver, Colorado

1973 - 1982: Local Minister, Queen of Peace Oratory, Sisters of St. Francis,
5360 Columbine Road, Denver, Colorado



1974 - Marycrest, Denver, Colorado
Sisters Macrina, Regina, Esther, and
Francesca

Queen of Peace Oratory
(1968-1999)
then
Formation House
(1999-2003)

In 2008, the remaining Sisters
moved out for demolition and
new construction to come.

Sisters of St. Francis
5360 Columbine Road,
Denver, Colorado





1979

Golden Jubilee

**Sister Esther with
Sisters Rose, Mary
Paul, and Marie
Therese**



Death: June 2, 1982 – St. Joseph’s Hospital in Denver, Colorado

(76 years old, 55 years as a Sister of St. Francis)

Vigil Rights: June 4, 1982 – Marycrest Convent Chapel, Sisters of St. Francis, Denver, Colorado

Liturgy: June 5, 1982 - St. Elizabeth’s Church at 11th and Curtis in Denver, Colorado

Burial: June 5, 1982 – Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Jefferson County, Colorado

Marycrest Property History



**Marycrest - Winslow estate purchased with the land in 1938 (left) - Sacred Heart Shrine (right)
Land was from Columbine Road to 52nd Avenue, with Federal Boulevard on the west side.**



Marycrest Assisted Living, Harmony and Serenity Residences on Columbine Road. Originally owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis. Independently owned and operated as of 2012.



Casa Chiara Community
(Built and opened in 2009.)



Residences and Provincialate
(Administration and Archives)

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