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This year marks the silver anniversary of Sister Marie Celeste Sullivan's association with St. Joseph's Hospital. Having come to St. Joseph's in 1965 as assistant administrator to Sister Loretto Mary Ballou, she was named hospital administrator in April, 1970. Under her leadership, St. Joseph's has maintained a premiere role in community health care, developing additional services and providing conscientious and compassionate care.

During her twenty-five years, the hospital has grown from a 400- to 650-bed facility specializing in the areas of mental health,



SISTER LORETTO MARY BALLOU

cancer, cardiac care and pediatrics. The Mental Health Center, a 42-bed inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services unit opened in 1971. An eight-bed coronary care unit followed, then a non-invasive laboratory in 1977 and a cardiac catheterization laboratory two years later. A three-story, free-standing Cancer Institute was constructed in 1983, expanding oncology services from 19 to 60 beds. A cardiac surgery intensive care unit and two cardiac surgery operating rooms opened in 1985.

Nineteen eighty-seven saw the formation of St. Joseph's Heart Institute, encompassing

patient care, education and research. St. Joseph's Medical Arts Building was built in 1988 and houses the Same-Day Surgery Center, Diagnostic Center, a state-of-the-art auditorium, fitness center and Muscular Dystrophy Association Clinic. Sister Marie Celeste's personal commitment to children is demonstrated by the \$3.7 million renovation to the pediatric unit presently nearing completion."

A Boston native and second of three children, Sister joined the congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany at age 25. Her first assignment was business manager at St. Joseph's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1962, she became a full-time student to St. Bonaventure University, in Olean, New York, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She arrived in Tampa, in July, 1965.

After many years as a hands-on administrator, she devotes herself presently to future development of St. Joseph's Health Care Center and vigilance over the Franciscan mission, the guiding force behind all hospital operations.

COMPASSION FOR THE ILL

Today she is Chairman of the Board of St. Joseph's Hospital and Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph's Health Care Center. Additionally, she is a director of First Florida Bank, the first woman to serve on that board, and a founding director of Tampa's Centre Club. She holds the second ranking within her congregation's General Council and serves as a consultant and advisor on matters relating to Catholic healthcare facilities for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Through years of experience and leadership in the Tampa community, the soft-spoken Sister has earned the respect and admiration of employees, patients, business and civic leaders and a myriad of friends. Despite the hospital's constant and massive specialization and expansion, Sister Marie Celeste maintains her compassion for those who are ill. The Franciscan mission forms the basis of her personal and public life.

"Our mission at St. Joseph's is to help people get well and prevent future illness. We also work to provide care in an environment that is non-threatening, where patients are treated with dignity and respect"

Sister Marie Celeste Sullivan, OSF