Growing and Changing

1950-1970

1950s

The novitiate in Saratoga is bursting at the seams with women entering in the late '50s and early '60s. During this time, the Sisters started or joined faculties of five high schools, 20 elementary schools and two Montessori schools; many in small communities that were just beginning to experience population growth.



1960s

The times are indeed a-changing: Sisters started to drive, received permission to watch TV and go swimming and were allowed family visits.



Evolution of habits. That's former child star and SND friend Shirley Temple Black posing with Sr. Roseanne Murphy and Sr. Veronica Skillin.

1953

College of Notre Dame becomes a four-year college. Twenty-three Sisters are involved in teaching, administration or emeritus positions.

1956

The mission in Hawaii started by the Massachusetts Province in 1946 becomes part of California Province. Sisters eagerly volunteered to teach at Star of the Sea and Holy Family schools in Honolulu.



Holy Family faculty for the 1966/1967 school year. Because of the heat, the Sisters wear gray habits and white veils.

1967

College of Notre Dame becomes co-educational. Initially male day students were to be commuters. When three out-of-town men showed up with their luggage, an on-the-spot decision was made to turn some offices into a men's dorm. "We never regretted that decision!" laughed Sr. Catharine Julie Cunningham, then CND President.



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