

**SISTER JANE FRANCIS BRADY, S.C**

Class of 1953

Inducted 1997

Sister Jane Francis Brady, a 1953 graduate, has been President and Chief Executive of the St. Joseph Hospital & Medical Center, the largest hospital in the State of New Jersey, since 1962. St. Joseph's in Paterson, is a major teaching and tertiary care facility with 787 beds, 20 satellite sties and 3500 employees.

As president of the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, a coalition of 22 urban hospitals, Sr. Jane has emerged as a leading spokeswoman on health-care reform, statewide, working to ensure that the needs of the poor are considered in the formulation of health policy.

While Sr. Jane attended Post Road School, her mother was a special education teacher at Rochambeau and Highlands Schools. Sr. Jane went on to earn a BS, *summa cum laude*, from the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, NJ. After a brief stint at AT&T, she entered the Sisters of Charity, the order that founded and still staffs St. Joseph's Hospital, in 1958, in the Office of the Secretary General.

As her administrative responsibilities at the hospital increased, Sr. Jane enriched herself with additional schooling. She earned an MBA from Seton Hall University in 1965, a Masters in Hospital Administration from Columbia University's School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine in 1969, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Seton Hall in 1995.

Sr. Jane has been active as a volunteer administrator for international medical trips sponsored by the Healing the Children organization, and in that role, has traveled to Africa, El Salvador, Panama and Morocco. She has also been named "Woman of the Year" by a host of New Jersey medical and civic organizations and, this year, received an honorary degree from her alma mater, The College of St. Elizabeth.