

M. Carla Rosa FMM (Third Principal)

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Nationality: Italian
Education: Ph.D. Economics
Active years as Principal: 27 August 1948- 20 April 1966



M. Carla Rosa FMM became Principal of the college on 27th August 1961. Under her leadership the College made great progress, giving attention to every aspect of intellectual and character formation of the students.

The year 1961 saw the introduction of B.A. Social Sciences. An annual **Valedictory function** was inaugurated by M. Carla Rosa from March 1962. It consisted of a thanksgiving service and the planting of a commemorative tree. In a song specially composed for the occasion, which became a part of the college tradition, the students prayed that the little sapling might send its roots deep, grow strong and straight like the rest of the Cloisters' noble trees which had imparted to them important values for life.

On 25th June 1962, the Diploma in Social Service (DSS) was discontinued and the College was affiliated for M.A. Social Work. Masters in History of Fine Arts was also introduced in the same year. The total enrolment of students was 1080. Construction work on the Social Welfare Centre, where activities were increasing each year, was started in August 1962 and completed in July of the following year. Attentive to the needs and aspirations of young people the **guidance system** was introduced in the college from the academic year 1962. Students were divided into groups and each group was assigned to a particular lecturer for guidance. Sessions were organized to impart counselling skills to the staff members. The guidance system was seen by the students as a means of coming to know themselves, learning to realize their potentialities and to grow in the art life. In many ways the system helped them through the period of late adolescence to a greater maturity.

A new venture of the year 1963 was the inauguration of the **Orientation Week** intended to help the new students become acquainted with the different aspects of college life. New students were taken on a tour of the campus and the various buildings by seniors who continued to be available during the week for any help needed. To meet the growing needs of the College, a new building, named after Blessed Assunta was constructed. The foundation stone was laid on 2 February 1964 and the work was completed in 1965. Affiliation was granted in two new branches of study: M.Sc. Mathematics and B.Sc. Chemistry.

On 20 April 1966 M.Carla Rosa went to Rome for a meeting and was elected as Vicar-General of the Institute and Sr. Sheila O'Neil was officially appointed as Principal of the college. The college magazine of 1966 paid an excellent tribute to M. Carla Rosa:

Closely associated with the development of the college since its inception over a period of eighteen years, and well known in University circles for her exceptional intellectual and administrative ability, M.Carla Rosa earned the respect, affection and gratitude of staff, students and others who had known her. She is best remembered for the personal guidance and help she gave to so many – each student was to her an individual. The oldest alumnae remembered the cheerful spirit with which she made the sacrifices and struggles of the early days. Her Ancient History, Politics, and Economics classes revealed the clarity of a consummate teacher and the wise foresight of a mother. Under her leadership the students saw a number of activities open to them. No college feast or function passed without some provision being made for the poor.

The article concluded that the huge debt of gratitude could only be paid by treading the path of selfless service she traced and by being resolute in applying right principles to every circumstance of life.

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