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Our hearts went out to Southern Oregon

Today's road trip from Portland to Medford is a rather tiresome four-to five-hour drive. In 1865 when the three brave Holy Names Sisters made that trip it took five days (with uncomfortable evening stops) by stagecoach. Their goal was the oldest city in southern Oregon, Jacksonville, a town established by miners who moved north after taking part in California's Gold Rush. There were hopes for a thriving community, with education, art, music and theater as parts of it. An academy for young women would contribute to this dream.

As so often happened, the Holy Names Sisters' decisions to start schools for the local people came from the requests of French Canadian missionaries who knew of the Sisters' expertise and had access to the administration of the Holy Names community in Canada. Because of their requests, the beautiful surroundings of the Applegate Valley became the setting for the first Holy Names' venture so far away from Portland and the Sisters there.

Jacksonville Years

The roster of students at Jacksonville's St. Mary's Academy was never very large; the synoptical table at the end of the first year lists: three Sisters, 12 boarders and 33 day pupils; numbers that were fairly typical for subsequent years. However, there was nothing typical about the Sisters' activities during this time. The Sisters often left their convent and performed wonderful, memorable works of mercy.

In 1868 a smallpox epidemic descended on the people of Jacksonville. Two Sisters, Sister Francis of Assisi and Sister Mary Edward, went out from the security of the convent, going from patient to patient tirelessly. They found the work exhausting and sometimes frightening, but for two months they spent long days and sometimes nights taking care of the sick and dying. The selflessness and help received much praise and appreciation from the local community, but one of the Sis-

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ters never really recovered from the stress and died two years later.

Since the Sisters in Jacksonville lived so far from Portland and the other Sisters, they were sometimes called to places and activities that ordinarily were not a part of their daily routine. In addition to teaching and taking care of boarders, the Sisters visited the dying, comforted the bereaved, performed funeral services, visited the jails and even spent hours, including his final one, with a convicted murderer before he was hanged.



Move to Medford

With all this interaction with the Jacksonville community it is easy to see that the decision to move the Academy to Medford was not an easy one for the Sisters. But there was a need. When the Southern Pacific Railroad determined that the best route through the southern part of Oregon would be through Medford, the town of Jacksonville began to wither. The parish lost its priest, the school lost pupils, businesses closed. Both Medford and Ashland, the seat of a state college, wanted the school. Medford won, and in 1908, St. Mary's Academy opened its doors in that town.

From the beginning the school prospered: the opening day a roster listed six boarders and 70 day students. Besides teaching their regular classes at the school, part of the Sisters' routine included teaching catechism on weekends and for two-week periods during vacation in the surrounding area. These places included Eagle Point and Ashland in Oregon and Crescent City in California, thus adding literally dozens of new students to their ministry.

In 1928 the school enrolled boys in the high school for the first time, and in addition to academics and the arts, athletics became an important part of the school program. Today both the girls' and the boys' teams in a number of different fields earn high spots in their league, in spite of the fact that they spend a great deal of time going to and from the different parts of the state to compete. The school went through



Photo above: Sister Mary Pat Naumes stands outside the center she has created near Medford. Photo Left: First graduates, 1887, St. Mary's Academy, Jacksonville. Emma Bolt, later Sister Mary Leonella, stands in the center. Photo far left: Fourth Grade class, 1950, St. Mary's, Medford. Photo below: Graduating class, St. Mary's, Medford, 1940.

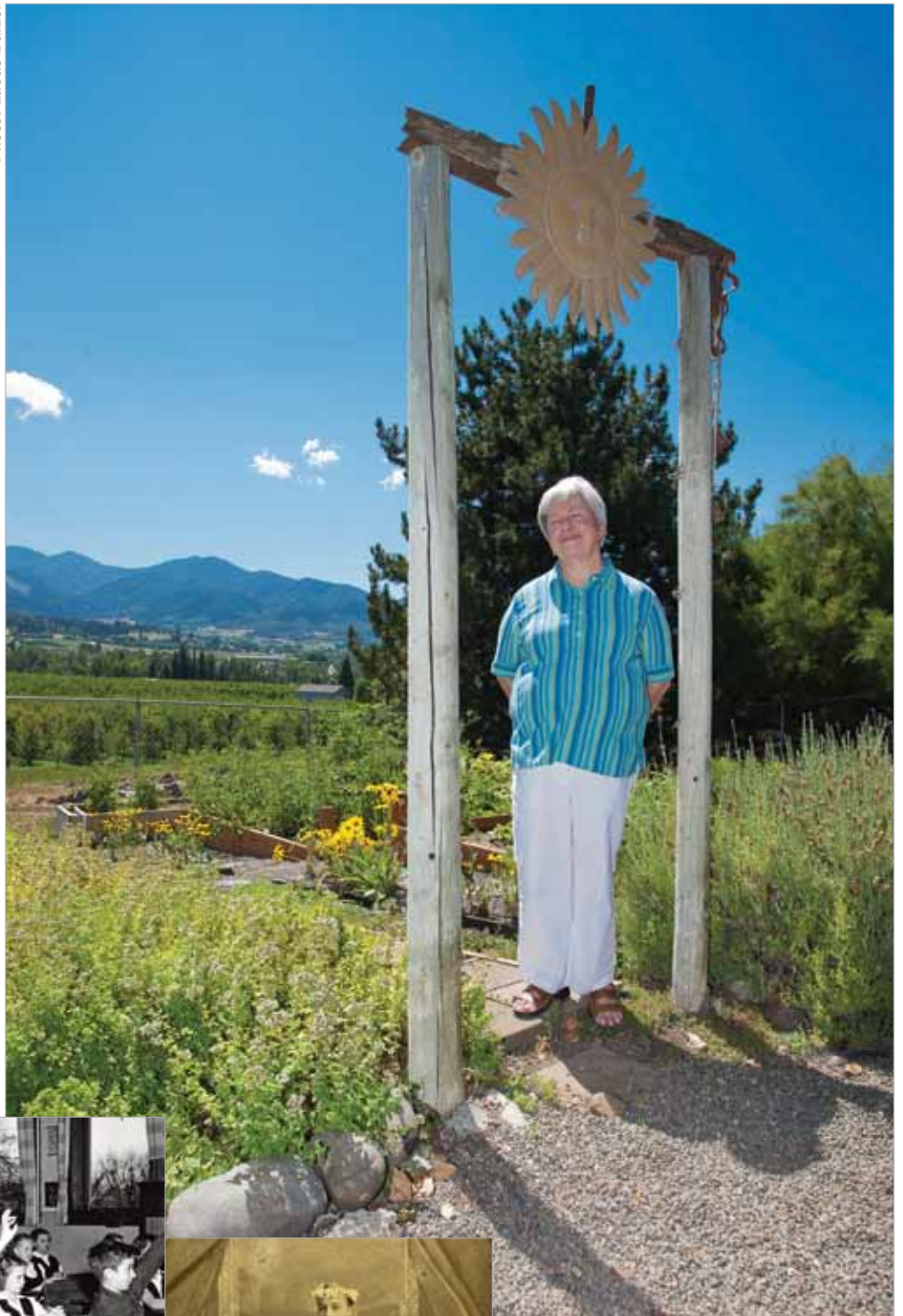


different locations and different names: from St. Mary's Academy to St. Mary's Grade and High school to separate buildings, and separate names, still St. Mary's High School, but the elementary school took on the name of the parish and became Sacred Heart School.

Although Medford is somewhat off the beaten track, its proximity to the Shakespearian Festival in Ashland, and its important location on the Oregon/California route, has made it a place for travelers to come, and the convent there has benefitted from this. In 1960 John F. Kennedy made a campaign stop and visited with the Sisters in their convent community room for more than 20 minutes.

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Out of Southern Oregon

Always there was a need for Sisters to fulfill the missions of the Holy Names community, and a number of women left southern Oregon for Marylhurst and the Holy Names novitiate. Currently there are five members of that group living.

Sister Virginia Ginet (Miriam Angela) and her older sister Olivette, who would later become Sister Helene Rose, grew up on a homestead near Jacksonville at Sterling Gulch. She said often that her work on the ranch in many ways prepared her for the kind of adventures she met in her long career as a missionary nurse/midwife in Lesotho. For instance, she told of killing rattlesnakes in the fields around the ranch as a preparation for having to shoot cobras in Africa. Sister Virginia and her three sisters boarded at the academy and her time there as student leader, preparing and giving talks, running meetings, helped prepare her for her position as chairperson of the Private Health Association of Lesotho, with its attendant meetings and responsibilities.

Less than ten years later, Sister Barbara Collier (David Maureen) a native of Medford, who attended St. Mary's School for 12 years and graduated in 1944, in a class of only nine students—eight girls and one brave boy. "We had great teachers, and lots of fun even if it was wartime. I still keep in contact with some of my classmates." There were lots of opportunities for leadership. Barbara went to Girls' State in Salem as a representative of the school, worked for Harry and David's in the days when it was just a local company, and took part in a state oratorical competition in Portland during those years. Since then she has taught, served as school principal, been a Holy Names Sisters' administrator, worked in parishes, and currently is administrator for the Sisters in independent living at Mary's Woods.

Sister Mollie Reavis (Susan Mary) graduated in 1959, the year the Oregon Sisters of the Holy Names celebrated their centenary—a special class. By this time there were about 40 in the class, and Mollie felt they were all well taught. "I especially loved Sister Shawn Marie (Barry) and the math classes she taught." After Mollie entered the community, she went on to study math and earn bachelor's and master's degrees in the subject, and become a high school math teacher for many years, as well as serving as vice-principal at St. Mary's Academy in Portland. She has taken many classes, and attended many workshops at universities such

as Princeton and Georgetown, and now devotes her retirement time promoting favorable relationships in the Muslim-Christian community in Portland.

In 1965 Sister Janet Marcisz graduated from St. Mary's High School with 47 others and remembers "most" of her teachers fondly, especially Sisters Kay O'Neill (Rose Janet) and Mary Sullivan (Sheron Marie). Although her family came from the Midwest, she spent most of her childhood and youth in Medford, and her mother lives in that city today. Janet taught first grade and kindergarten in many places, including Sacred Heart, for many years, before retiring. Along the way she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education and mentored other primary and kindergarten teachers. Through Oregon State Uni-

Suncrest Photos: Lucas Balzer



Names novitiate in 1963. For a number of years she taught in Archdiocesan elementary schools. Study at Marylhurst and Mount Angel Seminary, where she received an MA in theology, deepened her interest in art and theology and, when she returned to Medford, the classes she taught at St. Mary's High School for ten years reflected these interests.

Her next and current venture keeps her in the Medford area. In the town of Talent, only five miles from Medford, Mary Pat has established a beautiful center, using a family home as its base. There she holds day sessions for non-profit groups of many kinds, including public school teachers, representatives of government and social agencies, and women's groups. She offers day retreats and has room for three or four to spend the night when this is needed. Her place also serves as an overnight stop for Sisters transiting from north to



Master Gardener Sister Janet Marcisz provides some tips for flower arranging.



Photo top: Sister Mary Pat Naumes admires pear crop with orchard superintendent Tomas Majarro and Rudolfo, an orchard worker. Photo above: Catechists from Shepherd of the Valley Parish, Central Point, share a retreat day with Sister Mary Pat at Suncrest Retreat. Photo left: Sister Mary Pat and Tomas walk by worker housing.

versity's Extension program she has become a "Master Gardener." Now you can find her sharing her knowledge and experience in the less aesthetic areas of pruning and composting as well in landscaping and planning of gardens.

Another graduate of the same St. Mary's class as Sister Janet, was Patrick Naumes, a member of the Naumes family which has been closely and importantly connected as benefactors and friends of both St. Mary's and the Holy Names community. Patrick recently retired, but for 40 years he taught at both the middle school and high school, including classes in math, history, English, typing and computer science, and has been a friend and mentor to many dozens

south or vice versa. During Shakespearean Festival times the traffic runs particularly high. But like the first Sisters in the Rogue Valley, she is an excellent hostess and brings art and theology to the people.

Names have changed and now lay teachers and administrators carry on the work of the Sisters, but the school continues to flourish. There are now 460 students at the middle and high schools. Music, drama, athletics and community service join academics and, above all, the value system, that makes the school so special.

NOTE: This article and articles on pages 2 and 7 were written by Sister Jane Ellen Burns.

Jacksonville's gift to Marylhurst



Sister Mary Leonella Bolt visits with several students from Marylhurst College (late 1950s).

One name that is forever associated with Jacksonville is that of Sister Mary Leonella (Emma Bolt), well-known to generations of Marylhurst College students and to all those who love the trees and greenery on the campus.

Born in 1868 to prosperous, Protestant par-

ents, she learned about the Catholic saints from an itinerant French Canadian farmhand. This sparked her interest in Catholicism. The Bolt children went to the local public school for three months of the year, and were tutored by students from the nearby college in Ashland the rest of the time. St. Mary's Academy in Jacksonville, a boarding school for girls, came to the attention of Emma's parents. They sent her from her home to the Academy for high school.

While there, she heard the story of St. Patrick's conversion of all of Ireland, and felt that if he was powerful enough to do that, surely he could manage the conversion of one small girl. In her senior year, with her parents' reluctant consent, she was baptized.

After graduation she taught for one year at the Academy, replacing a sick Sister, and then applied for permission to join the Holy Names Sisters in 1889. Her mother gave Emma her blessing; her father, who died soon after, was never reconciled.

In the novitiate she received the name Sister Mary Leonella, and went on to study, teach and learn more about the community. For 20 years after profession, she taught high school botany, physics and mathematics, spending summers studying at the University of California in Berkeley. Later she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Washington while teaching at Holy Names Academy. Her doctoral studies were interrupted when the new college at Marylhurst opened and she was appointed to teach there.

This new institution was a perfect fit for her talents. Not only could she share her knowledge with the students in the classroom, but also on the college grounds. She designed and planted the property, labeling the trees and shrubs. Greenbrae, beloved of the students (some for non-academic reasons) became an outdoor classroom, and some of the plants she put in remain there today.

After her failing eyesight prohibited the use of microscopes and she had to leave the classroom, she stayed on the campus delighting in her plants and the opportunity to share her knowledge and stories. She died at the Convent in 1972 at age 103.

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Photo above: Sister Patricia McCrann, director of Namasté, celebrates the dedication of their new Redwood Cottage in Oregon City. The cottage was built using the Living Building Challenge (LBC) guidelines. This system was chosen because projects that achieve this level of performance can claim to be the 'greenest' anywhere. Projects are restorative, regenerative and strive for net zero impact. The cottage utilizes innovative, restorative elements such as straw bales for insulation and cisterns to deliver fresh water.

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Suncrest Retreat Center, Talent, Oregon, is nestled amid the pear trees of the Naumes family orchards.

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Sisters celebrate 50-year milestone



Photo: Steve Hambuchen

2011 50-year Jubilarians from Oregon and Washington include: Lower row: (from left) Sisters Sue Woodruff, Mary Ellen Robinson, Teresa Tsang, Vivian Ripp, Catherine Ferguson, Rosemary Thielman; second row: Sisters Sally Brown, Carolyn Coleman, Patricia Pfenning, Sue Schaad; upper row: Sisters Patricia McCrann and Mary Breiling. Not pictured: Mimi Maloney.

Traditionally a Holy Names Sister celebrates her golden jubilee fifty years after professing her first vows. In 2011 eight Sisters from Washington and Oregon did this in June. In August, 12 more celebrated this milestone, using the date of entry as their starting point. A ceremony that reflected the multicultural background of the Sisters, featured a Native American blessing and a Chinese hymn. Eight of them are from the former Oregon province.

Sister Mary Breiling

Sister Mary Breiling (Maria John), a native of Portland who grew up with her two brothers in Holy Redeemer parish. After graduating from St. Mary's Academy she entered the Holy Names novitiate in 1961. Since then she has taught in the upper grades and high school, including times in Coos Bay, Medford, and Portland, where she served as principal of Immaculate Heart School for eight years. She also coached sports, particularly softball, and made a name for herself as a computer specialist. In an unprecedented action she has served on three Provincial Administration teams as treasurer, and currently is president and chair of the Board of Mary's Woods at Marylhurst.

Sister Sally Brown

Sister Sally Brown (Anne Margery) is also a 1961 graduate of St. Mary's, but she came from across the river in Milwaukie where she lived with her six siblings, including her older sister, Sister Eileen Brown (Marian Paula), who is a diamond (60 years) jubilarian this year and her brother, Father Bruce Brown who was the celebrant of the Jubilee Mass. Sister Sally taught in the upper grades, including schools in Lake Oswego, Medford and Eugene, and in Portland where she served as principal at Holy Family School. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Marylhurst College, she went on to Lewis and Clark College to earn a master's degree in counseling and now is a counselor for the Oregon City School district.

Sister Carolyn Coleman

Sister Carolyn Coleman (Stephanie Marie), entered the novitiate from Salem, where she grew up as the youngest of three children, and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy. As a fourth grade teacher and later a librarian, she served in Salem, Astoria, Eugene and Portland, and also worked as a staff member of the Portland Outdoor School. She served the Holy Names community in various positions including time as a nurse's aide in the community care center/infirmary, and as groundskeeper for the Convent, a position that led to her work as the first master gardener at Mary's Woods. Currently she tends several gardens on the Marylhurst property and helps others do the same.

Sister Patricia McCrann

Sister Patricia McCrann (Mary Vincent) was born in Boston, but made her way with her Irish parents and brother and sister to Portland and The Madeleine parish. After graduating from St. Mary's Academy and entering the novitiate, she finished her bachelor's degree at Marylhurst College and began her career as an upper grade teacher in Portland and Medford. For 12 years she was associated with Immaculate Heart parish in Portland, as teacher, development director, choir director and pastoral associate. During this time she earned a master's degree in ministry from Seattle University, and for 25 years she has served as director of Namasté, offering spiritual guidance and retreats, and beautiful hospitality at various locations, including Cedarbrook in Washington.

Sister Patricia Pfenning

Sister Patricia Pfenning (Mary Arlene), grew up in Holy Redeemer parish and attended Immaculata Academy and Marylhurst College before entering the novitiate in 1961. After finishing her degree at Marylhurst she taught high school in Portland and Eugene. She served as coordinator of the Care Center at the Marylhurst Convent, and went back to Holy Redeemer to work as the secretary to the principal and coordinator of adult education. After receiving a master's degree in theology she went on to work on the staff at Loyola Retreat House, and served the Holy Names community as spiritual director and giver of retreats. Currently she brings these same talents to rural ministry in St. Alphonsus parish, Dufur, Oregon.

Sister Vivian Ripp

After graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in Salem, Sister Vivian Ripp (Marilynn Louise), entered the novitiate at Marylhurst in August 1961. Always a lover of music she received a bachelor of music degree from Marylhurst College, and taught music in Portland schools for several years. Following the addition of a degree in elementary education she taught lower grades in Portland, and served as principal of the same school she attended as a child: St. Vincent's School in Salem. In 1987 she completed the CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program at Providence Hospital in Portland and went on to serve as chaplain at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Montana, and Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene. Currently she is a music thanatologist, easing the journey of persons who are dying with music.

Sister Teresa Tsang

Sister Teresa Tsang, a native of Canton (now Guangzhou), China, entered the Chinese community of the Sisters Announcers of the Lord in Hong Kong in 1961. There she studied music and kindergarten education, and taught in local schools. In her community she assumed leadership roles as a General Councillor, and as Superior of the Motherhouse. She served as treasurer and faculty member at Our Lady of the Rosary College in Hong Kong. In 1983 she came to the United States to study English and became well acquainted with the Holy Names Sisters. Nine years later she transferred her vows to the Holy Names community in Oregon. Now she lives in the St. Ignatius convent, works with the Portland Chinese community, teaches singing to children's groups, and assists in parish tasks.

Sister Sue Woodruff

Sister Sue Woodruff (Mary Roxanne) grew up in Salem with her parents and three sisters but had family roots in the Celilo Falls area around The Dalles. After graduation, entrance to the Holy Names community and profession of vows, she earned a bachelor's degree from Marylhurst College and taught upper grades in Portland, Medford, and Salem in Oregon, and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Daly City, California. For two years she served as educational counselor for the Urban Indian Council in Portland, followed by a stint at the Bear Publishing Company in New Mexico. Two terms as a Holy Names administrator: one in the Oregon provincial office and another in the General Administration in Canada were followed by study at Marylhurst University's art therapy program. Presently she assists in the Archives.



Sister Mary Breiling (far left) with the 1975 National Championship little league team from Medford at the Williamsport, Pennsylvania, stadium.

Winning it all: Medford memory

In 1975 when Sister Mary Breiling (Maria John) was teaching seventh and eighth grade students at Medford's Sacred Heart School, she and a colleague, Dennis Murphy, coached the girls' Little League team. They won the city title.

Chosen to coach the Medford Girls' All-star team, they took the 12 year olds on the road. They went to the Pacific Northwest finals. They won.

They went to California and the West Coast finals. They won.

Traveling to Pennsylvania, they played in the National finals. They won.

After touring parts of the East Coast, the amazing team from southern Oregon returned to an ecstatic Medford, a victory parade and lots of celebrations!



The ninth annual Academy Awards at St. Mary's, Portland, honored three extraordinary alumnae on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Recipients included Sister Linda Patrick, '67 (center) for Excellence in Educational Administration She has worked for more than 15 years as Assistant Principal for Student Life at St. Mary's. Other awardees were Kimberly Westermann Randles '70 (left) for Outstanding Service to Community and Mary Jaeger '76 (right) for Embodiment of the Mission of St. Mary's Academy.

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August 11, 1865. The first Religious for this Mission were Sister Mary of the Seven Dolours, Superioress, Sister Mary Febronia, and Sister Mary Zotique. Mother Veronica, wishing to lessen as far as possible the fatigue of the trip which was to be made entirely in a stagecoach over high mountains and very rough roads, sent the Sisters in the carriage of the Community, about two-thirds of the way...

September 11, 1865. The Sisters' school known as St. Mary's Academy was opened... The first boarder, and the only one for a few weeks, was Miss Annie Underwood. The pupils were few in number, but very docile. ... The first house that the Sisters occupied was a story frame building 58 by 16 feet, divided into five rooms which were used respectively a Chapel, parlor, Community room, refectory, and kitchen. Nearby was the old County Hospital, this, after being repaired, served as classrooms.

On the adjoining lot was still another house which was used a dormitory for the boarders.

September 8, 1908. JACKSONVILLE CLOSED—This evening we bid adieu to St. Mary's Jacksonville and take the "Jerky" for our new Medford home. Although the thought of leaving these dear old haunts forever somewhat saddens us still we are anxious to join our Sisters and make the many preparations awaiting attention.

St. Mary's Academy, Medford

September 14, 1908. OPENING OF SCHOOL—The portals of our academy are opened wide to welcome the pupils who, though somewhat timid about meeting us, are, nevertheless, anxious to begin their studies within St. Mary's. We are well pleased with their first appearance and are happy to register seventy day pupils and six resident students.

September 27, 1908. DEDICATION. The kindly interest felt in the new academy was plainly evidenced by the large number who witnessed the ceremony. ... On the invitation of the Archbishop (Christie), Mayor Reddy also addressed the audi-



St. Mary's Academy, former John Drum home, Jacksonville

ence reminding them of a promise made by the people of Medford about two years ago. At that time the question of erecting a convent in Ashland was much discussed. On hearing the proposition about twenty of Medford's most distinguished citizens send a petition to His Grace, asking him to exert his influence in establishing a Catholic school here, instead of in the aforementioned city.