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Sister Mary Ann Casey

(1871-1944)

Sister Mary Ann Casey was born in Sherrington, Quebec in 1871. She attended school in Quebec, and in 1893 she entered the Grey Nuns in Montreal. She trained for two and a half years before working at the Notre Dame Hospital in Montreal. It was here that she completed her nursing course, and in 1900, she was sent to Alberta.

In 1908, in response to the growing need for nurses to care for patients across the province, Sister Mary Anne Casey founded the Edmonton General Hospital School of Nursing. She was the first director of the school, held the position until 1912, and two years later, resumed as director until 1921. By this time, over one hundred students had graduated from the program under the guidance of Sister Mary Ann Casey.

Soon after, she was named Superior of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Saskatoon, and was later transferred to the Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the United States.

In 1937, she returned to Alberta and was named Provincial Superior of the St. Albert Province, which includes all of the Grey Nuns Houses in Alberta.

Sister Mary Ann Casey died in 1944 and was buried in the St. Albert Cemetery. She received the Grey Nuns Nursing Order in recognition of her contribution and service to health, education, social, and religious well-being of the people of Edmonton. She was also named an Edmontonian of the Century in 2004.

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