

active in Guyana for many years.

Today, neither visitors nor officials may realize that they are walking on the lawns and in the buildings that once served as Chapel and dormitory for the Sisters of Mercy Convent and the Stella Maris Preparatory School. The main building of the present office was formerly a dining room and kitchen; the current visa and immigration section served as the laundry and storerooms. What is now the main entrance to the Canadian High Commission leads to what was formerly the convent's Chapel. Below the Chapel, Stella Maris Preparatory, which began with 18 pupils, was housed.

Since taking over the Sisters of Mercy Convent property over a quarter of a century ago, the Canadian Government has come to cherish the beautiful architectural design of the buildings. For this reason, much of the original building still stands. Our most solemn celebrations are still held in the Chapel, mindful of the fact that it was once a place of prayer and reverence.



ABOVE: FORMER PRESIDENT JANET JAGAN AND HIGH COMMISSIONER
Dr. Allan Bowker extending toasts on Canada Day 1997 in the chapel.