

**Sister Magdalen O'Donovan, Class of '54 Given Distinguished Graduate Award by the Diocese of Baton Rouge**

Our Lady of the Lake College nominated Sister Magdalen O'Donovan, o.s.f., an alumna from the Class of 1954, for a Distinguished Graduate Award from the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Sister Magdalen was honored along with other area graduates from Catholic schools and institutions at the Diocese Awards Dinner on February 2, 2011.

A native of Ireland, Sister Magdalen graduated from Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing in 1954. She has passionately served the people of Louisiana, bringing her lively personality to such roles as skilled care nurse leader, operating room supervisor and Administrator of St. Francis Hospital in Monroe.

Sister Magdalen's statement of belief in Catholic education:

"Catholic education reinforced my faith and convictions. Nursing has been my ministry: I encourage young people beginning careers to serve others joyfully and strive for excellence."