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Sister Mechtilde Becker prays in the convent chapel.

Church." Their special ministry is prayer, Sister Loretta noted, and they are happy to see that the Bishop recognizes prayer as their particular contribution.

Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, director of the personal growth team and a member of the central team with a special interest in the well-being of retired sisters, said she felt that St. Joseph's Convent preserved a sense of tradition, the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the roots of the congregation.

Sister St. Mark McMahon, who makes her home at the convent, taught music. Now that she has retired she shares her love for music with the other retired sisters, arranging special music programs for special occasions. She views her retirement as a time of harvest. "All my life, Christ was all my work. Now, I have time to give a great deal of thought to my spiritual life," Sister Mark added, that every pupil she ever had taught shares in her spiritual life and good works. She prays for the intentions of family, friends, religious benefactors, and those in need.

Sister Mary Consilia Flahive, said, "Faith is an ongoing process of trying to get more like the Holiness that is put before us. Every minute Christ is watching over us more and more as we need him more and more." The highest point of my life," she said, "is living up to our holy religion as we advance in its understanding and our appreciation of it."



Sister Mary Consilia Flahive enjoys a good book.



Sister Frances Marie Kehoe studies the small hand of a young friend, Arthur Louis DiNieri III.

Sister Elizabeth Anne said the sisters are very open in their discussion of their work. She emphasized their desire to do things for others by prayer and good works. The sisters have been "rolling bandages" for medical missions with such success that the project will be continued next week. These sisters are people who have "arrived," Sister Elizabeth Anne noted, in reference to their concern for others.

Creative activities offered at the convent include crafts such as felt work and ceramics. Movies are shown and sing-alongs are frequent. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all sisters regularly, Benediction is given every Sunday, daily mass is offered and the chapel is always open for sisters to make holy hours.

Sister Frances Marie Kehoe, who has spent the past 23 years teaching at Corpus Christi, is at the infirmary recuperating from the flu. "With the best of care," she said, "I expect to be going back to work in a couple of weeks."

More than a place, the convent is a spirit. The sisters there have the confidence of faith, reflecting in their good works and concern for others their love of God.



Sister Miriam Teresa Hughes enjoys a cup of coffee in her room.



Sister Frances Teresa Donoghue, right, enjoys an afternoon talk with Sister Marie Bernadette Reidy.



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