



Spanning the generations, one of the sisters who works as a nurse in the infirmary reaches out to one of the residents.



Sister Mary Rose, left, and Sister Mary Howard, co-administrators of the infirmary, at work in the new quarters.

### The Sisters of Mercy Dedicate New Infirmary

# The Dream Becomes



Sister Mary Dismas adjusts drapes in one of the bedrooms during cleaning.



Dusting and cleaning in the new treatment room are Sister Virginia Wilson, left, and Sister Mary de Chantal.

By the end of moving day last week, 10 Sisters of Mercy found themselves settled in their new rooms on the infirmary floor at the Blossom Road Motherhouse.

It was a day of expectation — and tears. After all, the old infirmary had been home to many sisters over the past years, as Sister Mary Adelaide Major can testify. She has been in the infirmary for the past 20 of those years.

The infirmary patients have christened their new location Lourdes Hall. A plaque in the foyer reads:

"The Sisters of Mercy offer daily prayers of gratitude for all who have contributed in any way to provide this place of comfort and care for our aged and infirm."

Renovation of the second floor of the McAuley Building at the Motherhouse was recently completed. An open house of the new quarters was held Dec. 11.

"It's the dream we've always wanted," said Sister Mary Florence Sullivan, congregation archivist. "We never really had a place where our nurses could give the sick sisters the attention they needed without inconvenience. It's marvelous that, after all their years of service, the sisters can have all this comfort now — not that they ever asked for it. It's so beautiful a home that it makes them think of their next home, heaven."

Sister Mary Gabriel Oster, one of the sisters in the infirmary says "delighted" with the beautiful surroundings. It's also very practical — "everything we have we'll be using."

Another infirmary patient, Sister Mary Helen Casey,



Lending a hand during cleanup day, about a week prior to the open house are, from left, Sisters Karen Kenrick, Virginia Sweeney, Rita Biel, and Roberta Rodenhouse. The sisters were polishing furniture in the dining room.



The move to new quarters gets underway.