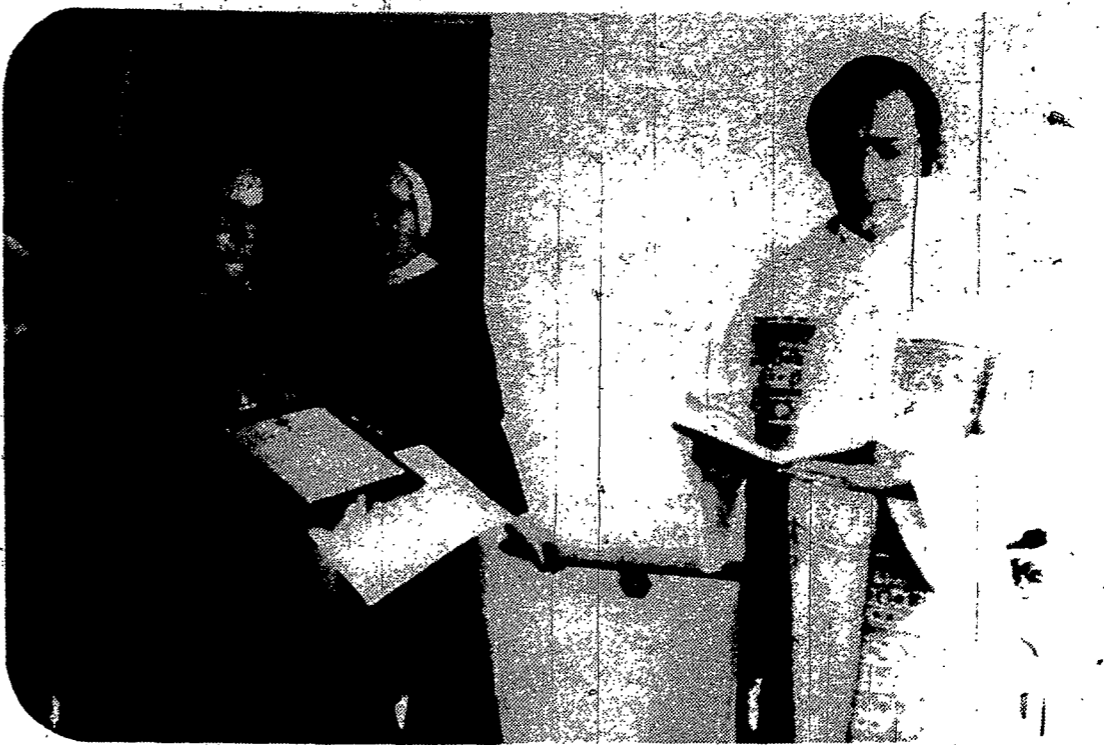


SISTERS OF MERCY INFIRMARY
Lourdes Hall

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.

Dedication - December 11, 1977



Sister Judith, left, Sister Mary Irmina and Father Robert Kennedy, motherhouse chaplain, during the blessing of the dedication plaque, Sunday, Dec. 11.



Sister Georgia Seibold, a nurse at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, made a special trip to help with the cleanup.



Sisters Cathy Pflieger, Jane Schur, and Marie Marshall, during general cleanup.



Sister Janet Wahl, coordinator-liaison of the infirmary building project, left, and Sister Judith Heberle, superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, take part in the ground breaking for the outside elevator to the new infirmary.



Washing the infirmary's new dishes are Sisters Mary Florence, Mary Carmel, Mary dePaul, Agnes Theresa and Irene Gardner.

Infirmary Becomes a Reality

called the infirmary "the nearest thing to heaven on earth, because there were such displays of self-sacrifice, generosity and love in its coming out."

Sister Mary Gregory Duris is looking forward to her days in the new infirmary with "beautiful, large windows, community room, sun porch, dining room, stereo and the most beautiful, inspiring chapel."

The infirmary shows "great love and a deep concern for the sick sisters in our community," said Sister Mary Adolphine Cooley, another senior sister.

Mother Mary Magdalene Schenk, former Major Superior of the Sisters of Mercy, commented on the "very functional" aspect of the new infirmary. "It also affords comforts that give pleasure," she added.

"I think it's beautiful," said Sister Mary Ursula McQueeney. "They can look out the window and see life outside, either the traffic of the Expressway or the cloister garden and convent and know that though they're bedridden, there's life around them."

Sister Mary Teresina O'Hearn, an infirmary patient, was impressed with convenience for the nurses. "We certainly owe a special debt of gratitude to Sister Mary Alice O'Brien and her nurses," she said.

Senior sister, Sister Mary de Pazzi, said the new infirmary was "one of the great necessities" of the congregation. "It was now time for it," she reflected. "In my 60 years in the convent, nothing that we have built has gone so well and had so much cooperation from sisters, patients, workers and the public — and that's the truth."