

'May I Introduce You to a Friend'

JoAnne Hartman's New Album Out

Her's is a "God-given gift; something I can't live without," she says.

JoAnne Hartman, wife to Robert, mother of Bob, Michael and Trichia, singer-composer, is returning to the Source.

JoAnne, who is well known throughout the diocese as a liturgical singer, is also known as a popular singer. She has two albums out which demonstrate her abilities in the latter musical field.

But last week, she released her third album, *May I Introduce You to a Friend*, devoted solely to her celebration of the Divine.

There have been some ups and downs in JoAnne's recent past, times she speaks freely about — times of dejection and frustration over her career. But, oddly, when she began pondering this new album, "There wasn't a week that went by that religion wasn't totally involved."



JoAnne just before recording a cut on her new album. With her are engineer Craig Fennessy (left) and Bernie Heveron.

The whole, involved process of preparing for an album has brought her to a "religious peak," she says. "The time is right. Everything is gelling."

She speaks of a prayer she recently made to the Almighty, asking Him to help her, to send recognition her way. "You know, God," she remembers saying, "You gave me a talent . . . now I'm giving it over to the Holy Spirit, You do the rest."

From that time on, she says, her life "really changed. It's a lot easier when you trust."

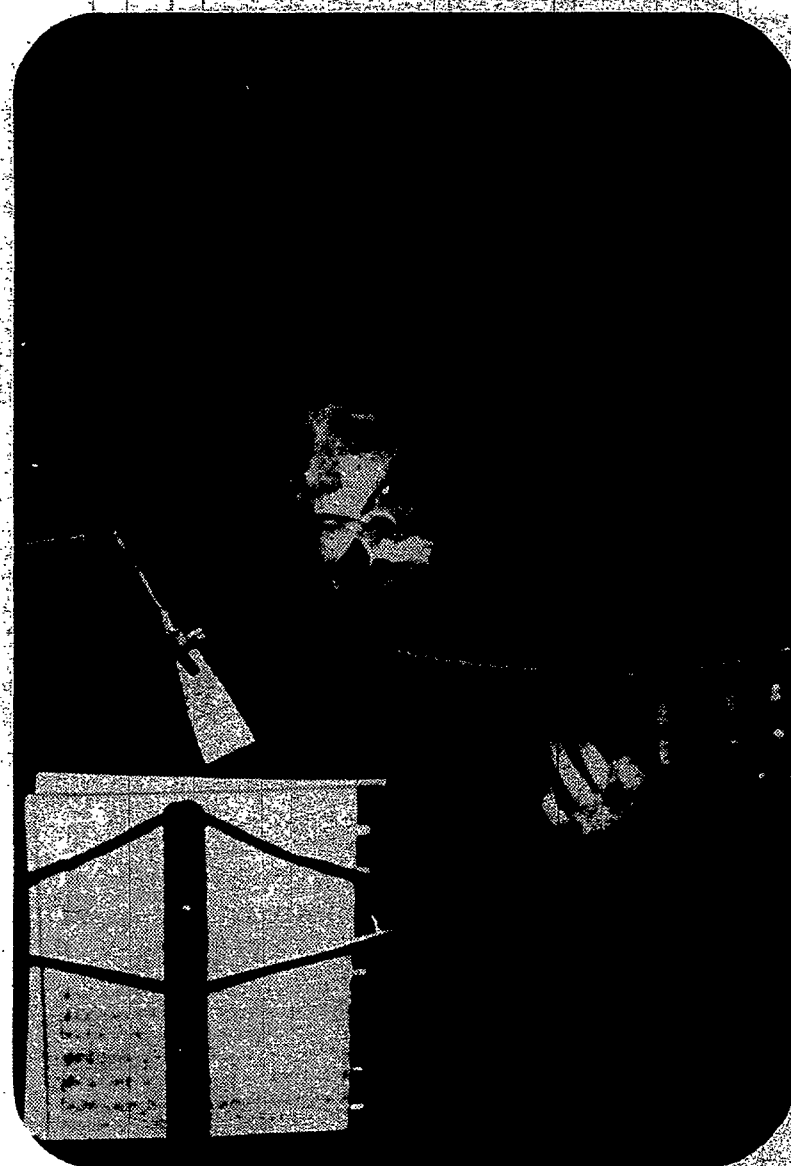
May I Introduce You to a Friend includes, besides the title song, Sebastian Temple's Prayer of St. Francis, Roger Lentz's Listen to the Children and the Bach-Gounod Ave Maria among other hymns and devotional songs.

Leading the credits on the back of the album cover is the statement "Produced by GOD . . ."

The album is on sale at all McCurdy's stores.



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