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Mercy Notes 50 Years



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There has been a celebration in the works at Our Lady of Mercy High School for some months now, a celebration which will culminate in a massive field Mass on Sept. 10, when Bishop Joseph L. Hogan officially notes the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Blossom Road school.

But the festivities take cognizance of much more than the passage of time and the measurements of growth in the physical plant of the institution. Rather, in the words of Sister Mary Florence, the Sisters of Mercy historian, they salute the involvement, togetherness and spirit of the thousands who have called the school their own.

That spirit can be measured in a number of ways, from the dedication of the administration beginning with the founding principal Sister Mary Francesca, through Sister Mary Florence, Sister Mary Bryan and now to Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall; from the enthusiasm of the school's official

and unofficial chaplains: Father Patrick Smyth, Father Lawrence B. Casey, Father John Callahan, Father Richard Tormey, Father P. David Finks, Father Anthony Valente, Father Terence Fleming, and now Father Vincent Panepinto.

That spirit also can be determined in the extraordinary projects the school has engaged in to benefit the community, from bonds and war-stamp sales during the Second World War, through the volunteer work that Mercians engage in throughout the area today.

Perhaps the most paradoxically public and yet private signpost of Mercy spirit are the spiritual activities which mark the passage of each young woman through the school. These activities range from celebrations of Christ the King, May Day, the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, Mission Day, the Golden Mass to the Graduates' Rose Mass.

Happy Birthday Mercy! Flourish!

