



Jubilarians are, front-row, from left, Sisters Mary Hilaire Gaelens, Mary de Chantel Fortune, Mary Georgiana Markel and Mary Poole; rear, Sisters Veronica Casey, Joyce McGinn, Mary Elise Quigley and Mary Lucetta Sercu. Inset: Sister Mary Leona Didas.

## Mercy Sisters Celebrate

One golden jubilarian and eight silver jubilarians will be feted this weekend when the Rochester Sisters of Mercy gather at their Blossom Road Motherhouse for the annual Mercy Day celebration.

Saturday's festivities will include a day-long program of reflection and discussion with the theme "Calling Forth Leadership for the '80s." Sister Virginia Farnan, Superior General of the Brooklyn Sisters of Mercy, will be the speaker. On Sunday, the traditional Mercy Day Eucharist will be celebrated by Monsignor George Cocuzzi, Motherhouse chaplain.

Sister Mary Georgiana Markel, celebrating her 50th anniversary this weekend, entered the order on Aug. 15, 1929, and has been a teacher in the Rochester Diocesan Catholic schools since 1931, with her longest spans at St. Salome's (15 years) and St. Charles (9 years). More recently, she has tutored at Our Lady

Queen of Peace and St. Andrew's schools.

Rochester-born silver jubilarians are Sister Mary Hilaire Gaelens, assistant director of the Permanent Diaconate program of the Rochester Diocese; Sister Joyce McGinn, congregational treasurer; and Sister Mary Lucetta Sercu, teacher at St. Cecilia School.

The other silver

jubilarians include: Sister Veronica Casey (of Hornell), pastoral assistant at St. Jude's; Sister Mary Leona Didas (Hornell), music teacher in the Chemung County Catholic School System; Sister Mary de Chantal Fortune (Watertown), pastoral assistant at St. Ann's; Sister Mary Poole (Auburn), music director for St. Margaret Mary's parish; and Sister Mary Elise Quigley (Auburn), a teacher at St. Joseph's, Penfield.

## Dr. Brusselmans Scheduled To Give Two Workshops

Christiane Brusselmans, world-known theologian, will present two workshops in Rochester in October.

On Oct. 5, she will present a workshop for parents and religion teachers, "First Eucharist and First Penance," from 2 to 5 p.m., at Mercy High Auditorium.

The next day, Dr. Brusselmans will have as her topic "Christian Initiation of Adults" in a workshop planned for professional staff, priests, pastoral assistants and religious educators. This workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Keuka College in Penn Yan.

Dr. Brusselmans is being sponsored by the Hogan Center for Continuing Education in cooperation with the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Liturgy.

A native of Belgium, Dr. Brusselmans received her PhD in religious education from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Fee for the Oct. 5 workshop is \$5 and for the professional workshop \$10.

## Dignity-Integrity Marks 5th

Dignity/Integrity, an ecumenical organization of gay and non-gay Catholics and Episcopalians, celebrated five years of "special outreach and ministry to the gay and lesbian community on Sunday, Sept. 7," according to a release. The anniversary was marked by a concelebrated Mass with Bishop Robert R. Spears, of the Episcopal diocese, as guest homilist.

Guests from each diocese included Father Walt Lee-Szymanski, clergy missionary to the Homophile Ministry of the Episcopal diocese; and from the Catholic diocese, Father Gerald Appelby, director of Special Ministries; Margery Nurnberg, director of the Office of Ecumenism; Msgr. George Cocuzzi, director of the Permanent Diaconate program; Sister Mary Wintish, director of Urban Ministries; Sister Shirley Pilot, director of Campus Ministry.

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