



SSJs Note Silver Jubilees

Eighteen Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester are celebrating silver jubilees this year. They are Sisters Yvonne Blind, Julie Bonacci, Anne Marie Burns, Patricia Flass, Marian Dimino, Deanna Gears, Sarah Grundman, Mary Louise Heffernan, Catherine Judge, Kathleen Lurz, Dorothy Meisenzahl, Myra Monaghan, Janice Morgan, Francella Quinn, Stephanie Riley, Boniface Roeger, Pius Streb, and Anne Urquhart.



Silver jubilarians (left to right, top to bottom) are: Sisters Stephanie, Yvonne, Mary Louise, Myra, Catherine, Kathleen, Dorothy, Janice, Deanna, Anne, Patricia, Sarah, Francella, Pius and Marian.

Sister Yvonne Blind is a native of Rochester. She has taught at St. John's, Greece; St. Michael's, Penn Yan; St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; and Sacred Heart, Auburn. She has also served as principal at Christ the King, Rochester, and is presently principal at St. Casimir's, Elmira. Her home parish is St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester.

Sister Julie Bonacci was born in Rochester. She has taught in Rochester at St. Augustine's, Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Stanislaus, St. Anne's, Sacred Heart, and St. Theodore's, and also at St. Aloysius and St. Mary's, Auburn; St. Mary's Elmira; St. Francis DeSales, Geneva; and St. Jerome's, East Rochester. Sister Julie is currently at St. John the Evangelist, Greece. Her home parish is Corpus Christi, Rochester.

Sister Anne Marie Burns is a native of Rochester whose home parish is St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester. She has taught in Rochester at Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Corpus Christi, Guardian Angels, and St. Francis Xavier. Outside of Rochester she has taught at St. Rose, Lima; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; and Holy Trinity, Webster, and has served as principal at St. Patrick's, Corning. In 1973 she entered the School of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, where she received her R.N. and continues her ministry there as a nurse.

Sister Patricia Flass is also a native of Rochester. She has taught in Rochester at St. Theodore's, Mother of Sorrows, and Corpus Christi. She has taught in Oswego at St. Paul's and at DeSales High School, Geneva. She is currently principal at Blessed Sacrament in Rochester. Her home parish is St. Rita's in West Webster.

Sister Marian Dimino, a Rochester native, taught in elementary school at St. Ambrose, Rochester. From 1959 she has served as an instructor of instrumental music at St. Anne's and Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, and St. John the Evangelist, Greece. She presently teaches music at Cardinal Mooney High School. Her home parish is Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

Sister Deanna Gears, whose home parish is St. Margaret-Mary, is a Rochesterian. She has taught in Rochester at St. Monica's, Holy Apostles, Holy Rosary, and Blessed Sacrament at St. Rose in Lima. She has served as principal at Corpus Christi, Rochester, and is serving now in that capacity at St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

Sister Sarah Grundman is a native of Webster. She has served, in a supervisory

position on the Motherhouse staff since 1957. Her home parish is Holy Trinity, Webster.

A Rochester native, Sister Mary Louise Heffernan has taught in Rochester at Blessed Sacrament, St. Lawrence, and St. Theodore's, where she also served as principal. Currently, she is pastoral assistant at St. Ambrose, her home parish.

Sister Catherine Judge has taught in her native city, Rochester, at St. Thomas More and Nazareth Hall, and in Oswego at St. Paul's. She is presently principal at St. Mary's, Waterloo, and has served previously as principal at St. Stephen's, Geneva. Her home parish is Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester.

Sister Kathleen Lurz is a native of Rochester. She taught in Rochester at St. Anne's; St. Ambrose; Holy Rosary, her home parish; and St. Anthony's; at St. Stephen's, Geneva; St. Jerome's, East Rochester; and Holy Trinity, Webster. She is presently school secretary at Mother of Sorrows.

Sacred Heart Cathedral is the home parish of Sister Dorothy Meisenzahl, a native of Rochester. She taught in Rochester at St. Monica's, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Precious Blood, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Corpus Christi, and Mother of Sorrows. She is currently principal at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

Sister Myra Monaghan, also from Rochester, has taught in her home city at St. Anne's and St. Pius X, and at St. Agnes, Avon. In 1979 she ministered as nurse's aide at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, returning to teaching in 1980 at Sacred Heart, Rochester.

Sister Janice Morgan, whose home parish is Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira, has taught at St. Thomas More, Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; and St. Agnes, Avon. She has also been principal at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester, and presently holds that position at St. Theodore's, Rochester.

Sister Francella Quinn, a native of Camillus, has taught in Rochester at St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Corpus Christi, and in Rochester at St. Anthony's. Sister Francella has also served as principal at St. Bridget's, St. Lawrence, and St. Pius X, and is presently in

that position at St. Augustine's School. Her home parish is St. Joseph, Camillus.

Sister Stephanie Riley's home parish is St. Monica, Rochester. She has taught at Nativity School, Brockport, and St. Casimir's, Elmira. She was principal and teacher at St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris. She is presently principal of St. Stanislaus School.

Sister Boniface Roeger, a native of Rochester, has taught at Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, and Nativity School, Brockport. She also served as principal in both parishes. She worked at the Education Office as assistant superintendent of instruction from 1974 to 1979, and is presently ministering in Brazil. Her home parish is St. Michael, Rochester.

A native of Rochester, Sister Pius Streb has taught in her home city at Blessed Sacrament and Nazareth Hall, and at St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads. Since 1962 she has been teaching at the School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is her home parish.

Sister Anne Urquhart's home parish is St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls. She has taught elementary school in Rochester at St. Monica's. She has also taught in Rochester at Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes High School, and in Geneva at DeSales High. From 1977 she has been engaged by the Diocesan Office of Human Development to work in rural ministry. Sister Anne resides at St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

Banquet Planned

The Bishop Kearney Mothers' Club has scheduled Tuesday, May 19, for the annual Installation Banquet at which time all new officers will take their positions. Planning the banquet to be held at the school are, from left, Lorraine Curtis, co-chairman, Elaine Lawlor and Kathy Krowl. Mary Kukuvka, not pictured, is also co-chairman for the event. Reservations for the 6:30 p.m. affair must be made by May 17 by calling 544-2062 or 467-8932.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Easter Twice Told

When I was growing up, an Easter Sunday crowd at St. Mary's Mission Church in Roulette, Pa., might number 50 people. The Franciscan priest who would arrive from St. Bonaventure with little time to spare would take 35 minutes to celebrate Mass in that tiny frame structure, allowing five for the sermon.

I thought about that mission church this past Easter as we joined a crowd of some 300,000 people in Piazza San Pietro at the Vatican and heard Pope John Paul II greet us in 42 languages.

Behind us was a Belgian priest, a former student of the Holy Father. To our left German school girls, directly ahead a family of three from Portugal, and to our right, two New England students studying in France.

It was a magnificent day in many ways, not the least of which was the weather. Good Friday had been cold and rainy with little improvement the following day. Easter Sunday dawned bright and beautiful and we walked from our hotel to St. Peter's, the trees along the river in lacy green and the Ponte San Angelo's winged statues guiding us on our way. As we drew near, charter buses from all over Europe jammed the arteries.

Flashing green passes, we proceeded to our benches, the altar set up on the terrace only half a football field away. Behind us, more than a quarter of a million people without tickets jammed the piazza and the

main street leading to it, Via Conciliazione, as far as the eye could see.

All about us the color of pageantry overwhelmed as we waited. A number of uniformed contingents resplendent in plumes and brass-buttons stood at attention. A band played. A choir lifted its collective voice. Spontaneous singing broke out among the crowd, solemnity of the day dwarfed by an all-consuming joy. On our far left TV cameras recorded it all.

The arrival of the Holy Father and the beginning of Mass started the cheering, the waving of handkerchiefs, the flashing of banners. By now, the senses were inundated, the emotions singing wildly within at the spectacle, the sense of unity we share, the sanctity of the time and the place.

The first reading was given in English, the second in French and so on. At Communion we crowded to the end of the aisles as priests circulated through the throng.

At noon the Mass was over and we waited for the Holy Father to ascend from the terrace to the balcony high above to give his traditional Urbi et Orbi speech.

He spoke in Italian, as he was to do later in an informal greeting from his own apartment window, and most of us got only an occasional word. In spite of the barrier, we understood.

His message, condensed, was the same given by that Franciscan priest in the tiny mission church so long ago.

Christ has risen. And, so shall we. Hallelujah!

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