

# Deaths

## Sister Mary de Pazzi Connor, RSM, Civic Leader, College Foundress

Funeral rites were conducted April 1, 2, and 3, for Sister Mary de Pazzi Connor at the Sisters of Mercy-Motherhouse chapel. Sister de Pazzi died, at age 84, Wednesday, March 31, 1982.

Sister de Pazzi was a college foundress, a dean and educator, the director of a reading laboratory and testing center, an elementary school principal and supervisor, and a director of the Mental Health Chapter of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.

A native Rochesterian and a parishioner of Old St. Mary's, she entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1916 at the age of 18.

She earned a music degree from Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., and attended Canisius College in Buffalo, the St. Pius X School of Music, and Marquette University Extension School through Manhattanville College in New York, among other schools.

In her early days with the congregation, she taught in the elementary schools of Holy Cross Parish, St. Mary's, Corning; St. Cecilia's, Elmira, and St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street.

In 1932 she was named principal at St. John's and

## Father Peter Heier, SVD

Conesus — The funeral Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated Monday, March 29, at the Divine Word Seminary for Father Peter Heier, SVD, who died at age 86, March 24, 1982.

Father Heier, a member of the Society of the Divine Word, was a missionary to China following his ordination in 1928, until an assignment to Trenton, N.J., 25 years later.

He also served at Girard, Pa., until an assignment, five years ago, at the seminary here.

He is survived by three brothers, Father Francis G. Heier, SVD, Michael and Joseph; and three sisters, Sister Laurella, Sister Gilberta and Sister Delphine. Their congregation was not known here.

## New Regional Designations For Parishes

Two new parishes have been placed in regions and another has been given a new regional designation, it has been announced by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be in the Northeast Region and St. Mary's Parish of the Deaf in the Southeast.

St. Columba's of Caledonia and its mission parish, St. Patrick's of Mumford, formerly in the Southwest Region, have been transferred to the Livingston Region.

retained that post for the next 18 years.

In 1951 she founded Catherine McAuley College of the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy Reading Laboratory and Testing Center. She served as dean of the college and directed the reading lab for 12 years, from 1954 to 1966. In addition, from 1951 to 1956, she acted as supervisor of the Mercy elementary schools in the diocese.

During the 1960s, Sister de Pazzi was engaged in the religious education of members of her congregation and also served as an administrator of the local organization.

In 1973, she was cited by the Mental Health Chapter for 22 years of service to that group. She served on the chapter's executive committee for 10 years and

on its board of directors for 12.

With this affiliation, she became one of the first members of her congregation to assume a role outside regular religious ministry.

She was also on the first board of directors of the DePaul Clinic, serving that body for nearly 10 years.

On her retirement in 1973, she assumed the role of prayer coordinator for the senior Sisters at the motherhouse, conducted Scripture classes with them and served on the telephone switchboard. Throughout, she maintained an avid interest in reading, music, theology, scripture, world affairs — and baseball.

Her colleague and friend, Sister Mary Sullivan, said of her last week, "She stood for



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all that is vibrant and alive in the human mind and spirit and will always be remembered for that legacy."

She is survived by a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Helen Nordhausen; several nieces and nephews, among whom are Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, RSM, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School; and Father Gerald T. Connor, pastor of St. Pius Tenth Parish.

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