

Religious Life

'Mercy Days' Will Honor Jubilarians

The Sisters of Mercy will celebrate the congregational Mercy Days Sept. 24 and 25 with a special nod to their jubilarians, and a commissioning to current ministries.

This year, four Sisters of Mercy celebrate their golden jubilees, and nine their silver.

Noting 50 years in the congregation are Sister Mary Edwina Butler, Sister Rose Mary Fitzgerald, Sister Mary Maureen Flood and Sister Mary Antoinette Riccardo.

Silver jubilarians are Sisters Barbara Guarino, Judith Hamm, Judith Ann Kenrick, Grace Miller, Mary Alice O'Brien, Mary Nathanael Seitz, Dolores Ann Stein, Barbara Joan Wintish and Carol Wulforst.

Father John Mulligan will celebrate the eucharistic liturgy on Sept. 25, during which a commissioning ceremony will formally send each Sister to her annual area of ministry. Sunday will also include a festive dinner and a welcoming service for an incoming

postulant.

The Saturday program features a Health Fair, replete with an address by Sister Marguerite Dynski, SSJ, MD, on holistic medicine and the woman religious. In addition, Dr. Douglas Bufano will conduct sessions on relaxation techniques and stress management. The fair will also provide various screening procedures, CPR demonstrations, exercises for "busy people," and films and information on various health topics.

The fair is sponsored by the congregation's advisory health committee, and stewardship task force.

In addition, the advisory health committee has asked the congregation to make this week the Mercy Gift of Life Week at regional blood banks.

The golden jubilarians entered the congregation in September 1932 and were received as novices in April 1933.

Sister Mary Edwina teaches French and is chairperson of the Foreign Language Department at Notre Dame High School

in Elmira, where she has been on the faculty for 22 years as a French and music teacher. Her 46 years as an educator began at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She has also served at St. Salome, St. Andrew, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. John the Evangelist, all in Rochester. From 1962, she was assistant principal at Cardinal Mooney High School, and in 1968, she returned to her hometown Elmira and to Notre Dame.

She remarked recently that her "desire to be a faithful steward of God's gifts," was a motivating factor in her response to her religious vocation.

Sister Rose Mary has been a teacher for more than 40 years in diocesan elementary schools, and now chairs the visitation committee of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Rochester. She has been doing visitation work since the early 70s and also works with the parish pro-life group and its human development committee. A native Rochesterian she taught at



Clockwise, from upper left, are Sisters Carol, Judith Hamm, Judith Kendrick, Dolores Anne, Mary ALice, Barbara Joan, Mary Nathaniel, Barbara Guarino. In the inset is Sister Grace.

St. Andrew, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Holy Cross, St. Thomas, and St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester; St. Anne's, Hornell; St. Louis, Pittsford; St. John's, Clyde; and St. Michael's, Newark.

Sister Rose Mary last week mentioned her gratitude for the many blessings God has given her. She looked back with happiness on her days of teaching children, she said, "They gave me so much inspiration and joy. So many blessings came to me, too, from the beautiful Sisters of Mercy I had the privilege to teach with in our early, difficult, days."

Sister Mary Antoinette

also spoke of her "admiration for the dedication and love for teaching which the senior Sisters had," and the encouragement these Sisters gave her during her 50 years as a Sister of Mercy.

Sister Mary Antoinette has moved from classroom ministry to family ministry, and is now caring for her 94-year-old father in Hornell. She has been a teacher in diocesan schools, variously at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. John the Evangelist, St. Salome and St. James, Rochester; St. Rita, West Webster; St. Mary, Corning; St. Ann, Hornell; and St. Cecilia, Elmira. Most recently, her work in education was as assistant in the Science Department at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Sister Mary Maureen has been on the staff of the Mercy Prayer Center in Holy Cross Parish since 1978, giving spiritual di-

rection and working with adult spirituality formation. Prior to this she taught for 43 years, 30 of them at Our Lady of Mercy High School, where she taught French, Latin and religion, chaired the Foreign Language Department, and was moderator of the Sodality. In addition, at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, she chaired the Theology Department and taught theology and French. From 1968-1978, she was assistant principal at Cardinal Mooney.

A native of Corning, Sister Mary Maureen remarked on her career that she "always loved my days in the classroom, and felt privileged to be a part of Catholic secondary education." She said recently that an energizing force in her life is "the thirst of the adult lay community, both men and women, to grow in deepening their relationship with God."



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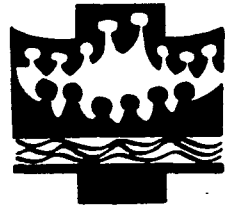
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Insights In Liturgy

By Father Thomas P. Mull



Holy Year Update

On a recent Sunday afternoon, while walking in a warm Sacred Heart Cathedral, I was informed that "Rose" would like to see me. Rose was a lovely lady with whom I had the privilege of sharing Communion. For six years, I dutifully visited her home on each First Friday and we shared Eucharist and insights into one another's life.

As I approached the side entrance, there was Rose sitting upright in her wheelchair praying the rosary. It was a delight to see her. "But," I greeted her, "why are you here on

such a hot afternoon?" Her faith-filled response was: "It's my pilgrimage!" Being aware of her children's schedules, she asked for transportation when they were available. Her eyes gleamed with devotion as she spoke. I was touched by her loyalty, faithfulness, and devotion.

This is the Holy Year update - people finding their hearts and minds renewed because of the special call of a Holy Year. Taking time to reflect on the power of Jesus' act of love: his death and resurrection as it touches our lives, is an opportunity to grow in the spiritual awareness of ourselves and God. The

purpose of this Holy Year is to allow our Church to be renewed. This renewal comes through prayer, the sacraments, the commitment of each Christian to be concerned about another, and the movement and joining of people in a common enterprise. The Beatitudes are the foundation of Rochester's Holy Year meditation. Perhaps a review would begin by praying over them as we continue our journey of faith.

In our prayer for one another, we join ourselves with the Holy Father and share his intentions: (1) that the redemption may be proclaimed to all human beings, and (2) that all who believe in Christ may be able to freely profess that faith. Such motivation must begin on a personal level. The call of the Holy Year moves the personal to the communal.

Some pilgrimages have already taken place, others are planned. The

next diocesan celebration is a Scripture Prayer Service to be celebrated on Oct. 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will preside at this service in honor of Mary, Queen of the Rosary and Queen of Peace. Because of the unique role Mary plays in the course of redemption, it is important that we honor her and seek her intercession - especially during this Holy Year. Diocesans are invited to journey to St. Mary's as their Holy Year pilgrimage. Refreshments are going to be provided by the Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region.

All are invited to attend, however, I would encourage you to keep the Holy Year theme in mind: "making the ordinary extraordinary". Rose did that on a recent, warm Sunday afternoon. She and the Church are richer because of it.

Rosarians Organize To Form Rallies, Aid Waterloo Unit

Stella Masuzzo, known in the area for her championship of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Fatima, has been named coordinator of a new rosary organization "to help support and formulate rosary rallies and any other projects for the good of the people," she announced last week.

"Our first big project is to help formulate the 15th International Rosary March being held Oct. 2."

On that day, she said, "we will be uniting ourselves spiritually with hundreds of people throughout the world, praying for peace at the same time."

"The march this year is more urgent than ever in view of recent happenings. The public is invited to participate," she said. She made special note that

a bus will leave Rochester Sept. 25, to take interested persons to join Father Albert Shamon's Rosary Rally at LaFayette Park in Waterloo.

She asked those interested to contact her at 334-5516.

Mercy Boasts A Poet

Mrs Linda Brown, English instructor at Our Lady of Mercy High School, will have her poem "NYC" published in November in the American Poetry Association's "American Poetry Anthology".

Another of her poems, "Recalling Gifts", received a ninth place award in the association's annual judging.

Ss. Pete

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Fr. Louis J Hohman

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