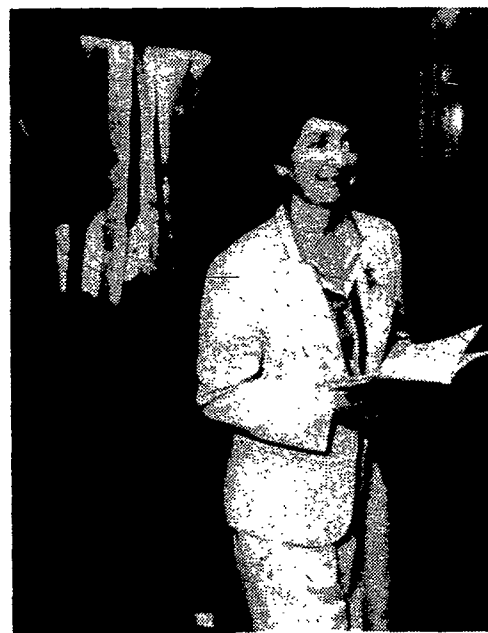


Mercy Sisters Install Superior General



Sister Jean Marie Kearse follows in the processional on her way to be installed as superior general of the order.



The entire congregation extends its blessing to Sisters Jean Marie Kearse, Janet Korn, Ann Miller, Kathleen Milliken, and Nancy Whitley.



Sister Mary Leona Raymond accompanies the folk group and the gathering in the opening song "Jesus is Life."



Members of the congregation receive the Eucharist at Our Lady of Mercy chapel, which was filled almost to capacity.

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The evening of August 6 was a special evening for the Sisters of Mercy. Not only was it the occasion of their superior general's installation in a Eucharistic celebration, but it was also the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Sister Jean Marie Kearse is not new to the responsibilities of superior general of the Sisters of Mercy. She is entering her second four-year term as leader of the congregation. "She is an unusually good leader with that special gift to lead with personalization and care," said Sister Elaine Kolesnik.

Joining Sister Jean Marie in the installation were general council members Sisters Janet Korn and Nancy Whitley, who are also serving their second term, and two new members of the council, Sisters Ann Miller and Kathleen Milliken.

In his homily, Bishop Matthew H. Clark told the congregation: "to look backward to the community of those that have gone before us and to the mystery of His love: to remember that His presence and radiance is always loving."

Referring to the day's gospel about the Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-10, Bishop Clark drew an analogy between the Sisters of Mercy — with their love and richness that brings those in darkness and bondage into the light and freedom of Christ's passion — and the light on top of the mountain during the Transfiguration. Bishop Clark pointed to the many beneficiaries of the goodness and warmth of the Sisters of Mercy.

New Phone Numbers

The diocesan Hispanic Apostolate and the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation have new outside phone lines at the

Pastoral Center. Bishop Sheen may be reached at (716)436-7260. The Hispanic Apostolate is available by calling (716)436-9090. The Apostolate's Clinton Avenue office number remains the same.

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Polish Picnic In Bradford

The Village of Bradford, N.Y., located near the border of Steuben and Schuyler counties, will hold its annual Polish Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 1. Organizers expect 3,000 people to enjoy the festivities.

An outdoor Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m. with music by the Black Madonna Choir of Wellsboro, Pa.

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