

Annual diocesan celebration honors religious jubilarians

Fifty-three religious sisters from six local congregations were honored at the diocesan Jubilee Celebration Saturday, Sept. 12, at High Acres Retreat Center in Geneva.

The jubilarians — 34 Sisters of St. Joseph, 15 Sisters of Mercy, two School Sisters of Notre Dame, one Daughter of Charity, one Dominican and one Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate — participated in a service entitled "Mary, the Music of Her Life and Mine," a liturgy with Bishop Matthew H. Clark and a buffet luncheon. The day's events were sponsored through the office of the diocesan vicar for religious.

The 70-year jubilarians are: **Sister Mary Inez Livingston, RSM**, who taught for 60 years in the primary grades; **Sister Rita Maria McGrath, SSJ**, who taught in the elementary grades for 60 years; **Sister Anna de Sales Smead, SSJ**, an elementary and high school teacher for 55 years; and **Sister Mary Florence Sullivan, RSM**, who was a member of the founding faculty of Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1928 and who served as the school's second principal (1957-1968).

Three Sisters of St. Joseph were honored for 65 years of service to their congregation and the diocesan community. They are: **Sister Blanche Bossert**, who served as an elementary school teacher for 45 years; **Sister Coletta Sroczyk**, an elementary school teacher for 44 years; and **Sister Immaculata Connelly**, who taught at DeSales, Nazareth and St. Agnes high schools for a combined 25 years, as well as many years in diocesan elementary schools.

Honored for 60 years of service were two Sisters of Mercy and seven Sisters of St. Joseph: **Sister Mary Constance Casey, RSM**, who taught for 52 years; **Sister Mary Carmella Coene, RSM**, who has taught for 58 years and currently serves as a science teacher at Notre Dame High School, Elmira; **Sister Hilda Murphy, SSJ**, who is on the staff of the Religious Life Resource Center of the SSJ motherhouse; **Sister Margaret Teresa Kelly, SSJ**, professor emerita at Nazareth College; **Sister Mary Martha Reeder, SSJ**, an auxiliary staff member at St. Stanislaus School; **Sister Marie Patricia Costello, SSJ**, a member of the spiritual apostolate team at St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary; **Sister Lawrence Marie Nailor, SSJ**, who is involved in the spiritual apostolate at the congregational infirmary; **Sister Angela Sutula, SSJ**, a parish visitor at St. Joseph's Parish, Wayland; and **Sister Madeleine Louise Healy, SSJ**, a seamstress at the SSJ motherhouse.

Sixteen sisters were recognized for having contributed 50 years of service. They are: **Sister M. Anatole Andrews, SSML**, who returned three years ago as principal of St. Josephat's School, of which she was founding principal in 1942; **Sister Teresa Auberger, SSJ**, member of the treasurer general's staff in the SSJ community; **Sister Helen Anne Barry, SSJ**, a music teacher in the Suzuki method at St. Pius X, St. Jerome and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary schools; **Sister Mary Elizabeth Brewer, SSJ**, who works in the library at Nazareth Academy; **Sister Rita Marie Colbert, SSND**, a teacher at Bishop Kearney High School; **Sister Mary Beatrice Curran, RSM**, a history teacher at Notre Dame High School, Elmira; **Sister Mary Leon Davis, SSJ**, learning center coordinator at St. Theodore's School; **Sister Bernardine Frieda, SSJ**, who works with the American Red Cross in Dansville; **Sister Mary (Aquin) Jaeckle, RSM**, former math teacher who now serves as sacristan for the Mercy infirmary chapel; **Sister Virginia**



Participants in Saturday's diocesan jubilee celebration gathered at the steps of the High Acres Retreat Center in Geneva, where 53 religious sisters were honored.



Sister Mary Inez Livingston, seated, and Sister Mary Florence Sullivan are celebrating their 70th year as Sisters of Mercy.

Metz, DC, who has served 14 years as director of medical records at St. Mary's Hospital; **Sister Mary Cornelia O'Brien, RSM**, parish minister at St. Patrick's, Owego; **Sister Mary Paschal Rouss, SSJ**, faculty member at Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca; **Sister Dorothy (Peter) Schlueter, RSM**, psychologist for the Diocese of Rochester's Tribunal, the New York State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the New York State Bureau of Disability Determination; **Sister Mary Joseph Sheheen, SSND**, who is involved in community service at Holy Ghost Parish; **Sister Francis Gerard Small, SSJ**, assistant manager of Cornerstone Crafts at the SSJ motherhouse; and **Sister Margaret Mary Walsh, RSM**, a teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School.

A quarter century of service was the milestone for which 22 sisters were honored. The silver jubilarians are: **Sister Sharon**

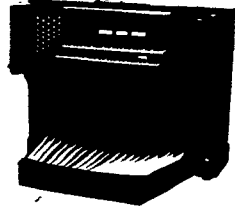


Seated left to right, Sisters Anna de Sales Smead, Rita Marie McGrath, Immaculata Connelly, Coletta Sroczyk were honored for 70 and 65 years of service as Sisters of St. Joseph.

Bailey, SSJ, a staff member at the Corpus Christi Health Center; **Sister Ann Patrice Carrigan, SSJ**, literary director of GeVa Theatre; **Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ**, associate director of the Catholic School Administrators' Association of New York State; **Sister Margaret Mary (Clare Marie) Deegan, RSM**, occupational therapy secretary at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell; **Sister Diane Dennie, SSJ**, principal of St. Lawrence School; **Sister Patricia Frisk, SSJ**, missionary at the SSJ mission in Cacú, Goiás, Brazil; **Sister Margaret Mary Ganley, SSJ**, who is involved in spirituality ministry; **Sister Arlene Helget, SSJ**, administrative assistant at Corpus Christi Health Center; **Sister Jeane Marie Kearse, RSM**, superior general of the Sister of Mercy of Rochester since 1981; **Sister Kathleen Klier, SSJ**, principal of St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva; **Sister Mary Anne Laurer, SSJ**, principal of Nazareth

Hall; **Sister Maria Elena Mariani, SSJ**, who is currently involved in full-time study; **Sister Anne Marie Mathis, RSM**, missionary in Santiago, Chile; **Sister Mary Jane Mitchell, SSJ**, a prison chaplain in Lexington, Ky.; **Sister Nancy Montville, SSJ**, faculty member at Nazareth Hall; **Sister Margaret Mary Ryan, SSJ**, director of food service at the SSJ motherhouse; **Sister Miriam Scheel, OP**, prioress of the Dominican Monastery in Elmira; **Sister Kay (Marcellinus) Schwenger, RSM**, missionary in Santiago, Chile; **Sister Jacqueline Stephens, SSJ**, foster parent at the Morningstar house; **Sister Rita (Alacoque) Sullivan, RSM**, former pastoral assistant at St. Augustine Church; **Sister Elizabeth Theresa Sutter, SSJ**, who is currently involved in full-time study; and **Sister Mary Lucy Walawender, RSM**, parish visitor at St. Salome's and pastoral assistant at St. Francis, Phelps.

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