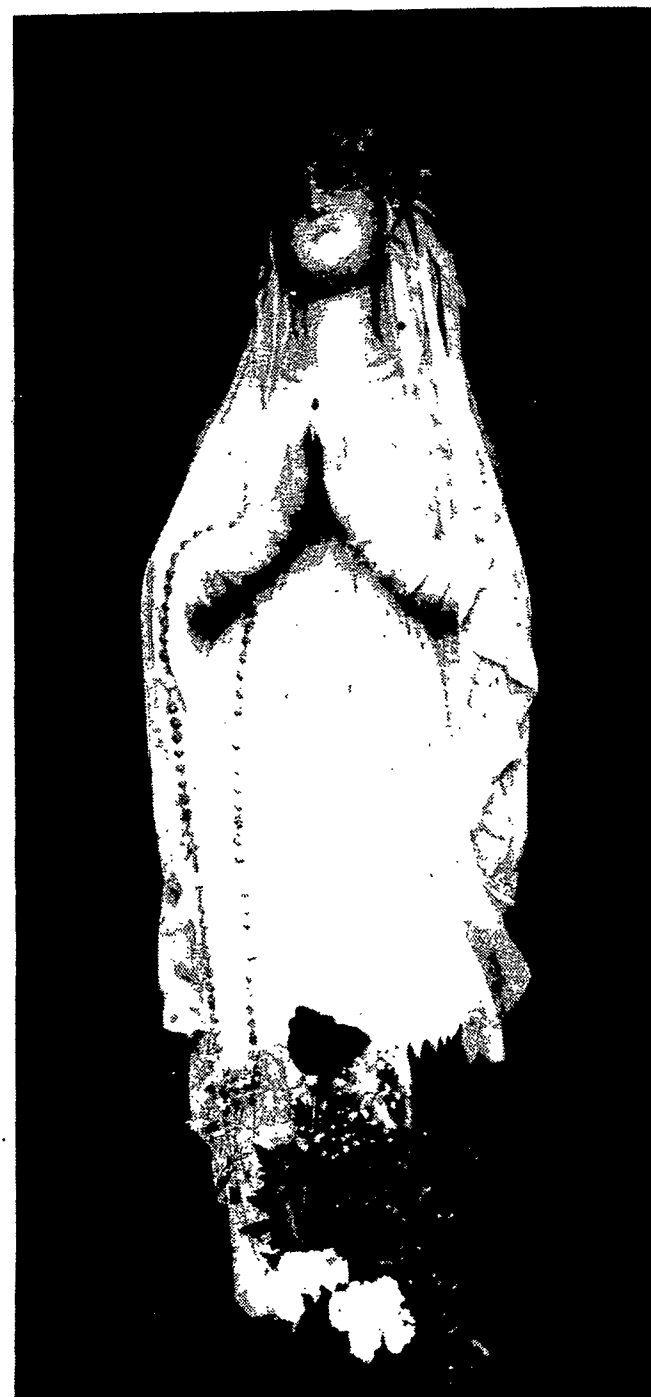


Tradition reigns during Mercy high's May Day festivities



Sister Barbara Hamm, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School, crowns May Queen Joanne Meleo.



The crowning of the Blessed Mother by the May Queen has been an annual tradition at Our Lady of Mercy since 1928.



Senior Joanne Meleo follows one of her honor attendants in the procession. The May Queen, who is always a senior, is elected by faculty, staff and students. Her attendants, who include juniors and seniors, are elected by their respective classmates.

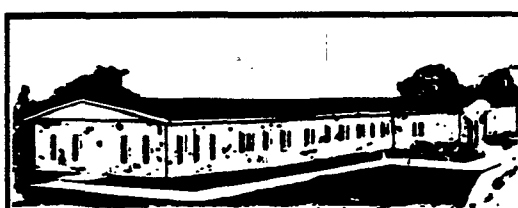


Meleo invited Father Melvin Walczak to celebrate the May Day Mass on Thursday, May 24. Following the Mass, the May Queen and her court process to the grotto for the crowning.



After the ceremony, Meleo lets out a jubilant laugh in the arms of her family. Those shown are, from left: her younger brother Thomas Meleo, grandmother Carmella DellaPietra, and her father, Ralph Meleo.

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