

## SSJs

Continued from page 9

in Webster from 1951-1960.

Her teaching career continued throughout the 1960s with stints at St. Joseph's Villa and Holy Apostles in Rochester, St. Patrick's in Mount Morris, and St. Anthony's in Rochester. She eventually took up a 12-year residence on the faculty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 1968-80.

Sister Mitrano's last teaching assignment was at St. Joseph's in Wayland. Since 1987, she has worked in the altar bread department of the motherhouse.

### Celebrating 25 years

The following sisters are marking their 25th anniversaries as Sisters of St. Joseph:

During her years as a teacher in and around Elmira and Rochester, Sister **Kathleen Thomas Ann Fletcher** also dedicated herself to various other ministries, including working with the St. Joseph's sisters in Alabama and with the staff at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in Rochester.

Sister Fletcher has also spent summers at the Sisters of St. Joseph camp, and in the order's infirmary. In addition, she has been a foster parent since 1988.

Junior and senior high education were the focus of Sister **Susan M. Schantz's** early years as a religious. She began teaching junior high at St. Alphonsus in Auburn in 1968, before moving to St. Ambrose's junior high in 1970. She taught English and religion at St. Agnes High School in Rochester from 1971-74, and attended St. Bernard's Seminary from 1974-78.

Sister Schantz has served as chaplain at Highland Hospital since 1978.

Sister **Cheryl Lee**, currently a youth minister at Sacred Heart Cathedral, began her years of service in 1968 as a teacher at various Catholic schools in Spencerport and Auburn. She has also been a youth minister at St. Christopher's in North Chili. Since 1981, Sister Lee has served as chaplain to Dignity/Integrity, a group of gay and lesbian Catholics and Episcopalians.

A variety of jobs have marked the career of Sister **Constance Bickford**, who currently works as a bookkeeper at Nazareth

Academy. She began her service to the order by teaching fifth grade at St. Agnes in Lake Placid, N.Y., in 1967. She also served at St. Mary's in Massena from 1968-69. In addition, Sister Bickford taught at various Catholic schools in Watertown and Gouverneur in the 1970s. She also worked as a principal and as a junior high math and science teacher.

Sister Bickford came to the Rochester diocese in 1978, taking up junior high teaching duties at St. Pius the Tenth in Rochester, before teaching at St. Mary's in Canandaigua from 1979-83. She was a special-education teacher at Holy Family in Elmira in the 1980s, and was hired as a mastery learning teacher at Nazareth Academy in 1987 before taking on her current duties.

Jubilarian Sister **Elizabeth Anne LeValley**, who is currently the superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, taught students at St. Agnes High School and Nazareth Academy in Rochester in the 1960s, and worked in personal growth in

the central administration offices of the order from 1971-76. She became director of ministry in 1983. Sister LeValley has been superior general of the SSJs since 1988.

St. Patrick's in Mount Morris was the first home of Sister **Anne Marvin**, who began teaching there in 1968. She later taught at St. Francis DeSales in Geneva from 1970-72, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rochester until 1979, and is now teaching at St. Mary's in Waterloo.

Sister **Mary A. Scollan** is continuing her service to the sisters by working as outpatient treatment director at Park Ridge Chemical Dependency's offices in Brighton. She served as assistant director with Park Ridge from 1985-87, beginning her work there as a chemical dependency counselor in 1984.

Sister Scollan has also been employed as a formation/novice director with the order. She began her work with the sisters in 1968 as a science teacher at Nazareth Academy, Rochester.

## Mercy

Continued from page 8

Sister **Mary Conception Walsh** serves in pastoral, rural and prayer ministries in and around Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Benedict the Moor Parish, both in Indianola, Miss., and All Saints Parish in nearby Belzoni.

She taught in Rochester diocesan elementary schools for 27 years: St. Vincent's, Corning (1957-63); Mount Carmel, Rochester (1951-57, 1963-65); and St. Salome's, Rochester (1942-51, 1973-77). From 1965 to 1973, Sister Walsh performed social work and outreach ministry at the Joseph Avenue Center in inner-city Rochester.

In her prayer ministry, she worked at the Cenacle Center from 1977-78; directed prayer development for children at St. Salome's School, 1978-81; and spent a year of renewal and prayer ministry in

Elmira from 1981-82.

Prior to going to Mississippi in 1983, Sister Walsh attended Washington Theological Union for a year from 1982-83. She is a 1939 graduate of Mercy High School. She earned a degree from Nazareth Normal School in 1942.

### Celebrating 25 years

Born in Elmira, Sister **Theresa Rutty** was received into the Mercy novitiate in June, 1965. Currently a teacher at Holy Rosary School, Rochester, she

has been involved in education since 1969. Sister Rutty was the principal of St. James School, Rochester, from 1984 to 1989. Before that she taught at St. Patrick's, Owego, for 10 years (1974-84) and also for one year at both St. Michael's, Newark, and St. Andrew's, Rochester.

Sister Rutty received a bachelor of arts degree from the State University College at Brockport in 1972, and a master's of science in education from the University of Dayton in 1978.

## Sister

Continued from page 9

Since she started teaching in 1923 — three years after becoming a Sister of St. Joseph — Sister Reichert has in one form or another taught instrumental and vocal music to children, novitiates and college students. She has written two Masses, one in English and one in Latin. She has also composed liturgical music alone and in conjunction with lyricists.

Retired since 1968, Sister Reichert has nonetheless continued to publish her poetry, a pursuit she began in the 1940s. A member of various writing groups in Rochester and Syracuse, the jubilarian has given six readings so far of her poetry in the 1980s to senior citizens' groups — an audience that she says can relate to her poetry best.

"The senior citizen groups (understand) the kind of poetry I write ... not the kind young poets write," she observed. "So much of the modern poetry, I can't understand, so I can't write it." She added that she has attempted to read various contemporary poets, but finds herself going back to such writers as Dylan Thomas or Robert Frost.

With Frost, she shares a delight in the

natural world, as evidenced in the title poem of *Crocus*.

"You startled me!" she writes. "Dead-white encrusted, death-blue-stiff/I thought you were dead/and I wanted to cry or laugh/until something cracked like brittle bone/snapped like ice-floes on the river/and branches breaking loose."

Sister Reichert confessed that religious themes do not dominate her poetry, but the God whose name she exclaims in "Undercover" does crop up in her poetry as He did in her New Testament poem, "Emmaus" also from *Crocus*.

"Long, long I waited/but I could not form/the words I would have flung/windward for the world to hear/until this morning something/in my heart awoke/and then I knew — the Word that spoke/and bade me lift my head/to sing again as/Love."

"And I knew him" knew him/in the breaking of the bre"

EDITOR'S NOTE — Sister Reichert has several readings scheduled in the Rochester area over the next few months. For information, call Maryellen Potts, public relations director of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 716/586-1000, ext. 72.

# AUTOCARE GARAGE

**HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

**Auto Images**

**15% Discount for first time customers**

**Quality Detailing**  
wash • wax • polish • interior shampoo  
vinyl & leather cleaning

**FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY FULLY INSURED**

Empire Blvd. **Pen-Web Building (near Eastway Plaza)**  
Creek St. **1270 Creek St. • 671-2290**

COUPON

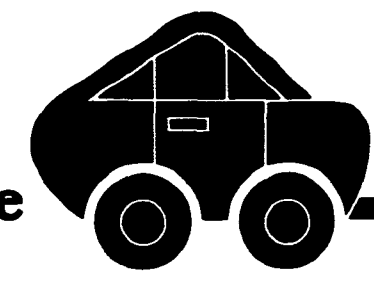
Oil, Lube & Filter Change

**\$14.95**

includes up to 5 quarts of Mobil Super Oil  
Exp. 10/31/90

**Perna's Automotive**  
3785 Chili Ave, W. Chili • Exit 4 off 490W

**889-9306**



**GORDEE'S REPAIR** Gordon DeVelder

N.Y.S. INSPECTIONS

*Registered*

**AUTO REPAIR SHOP**

Gordon DeVelder

**293-2075**

7240 Buffalo Road, Churchville, NY  
M-T-TH-F 5pm-9pm  
SAT 8am-6pm SUN 1pm-6pm

**FREE**

Side Moulding, Pin Stripes  
& Splash Guards  
(Valued at \$129.99)

OR

**FREE**

Pine Stripes & Doll-Up

(Includes: Vacuum Interior,  
Shampoo Carpets and Seats, Clean  
Windows, Seal Vinyl Top, Polish  
Chrome and More)

**With Complete Paint Job**

With This Coupon Only  
Offer Expires 12-31-90

**BROTHERS**

"Don't take it to one of the others ...  
Take it to Brothers!"

- STEAM CLEANING-SANDBLASTING
- LASER BEAM ALIGNMENT
- AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE
- EXPERT FIBERGLASS REPAIR
- GLASS REPLACEMENT

- INSURANCE CLAIMS
- RUSTPROOFING
- UNIBODY REPAIRS
- BOAT REPAIRS
- MINI VAN SPECIALISTS

**400 Western Dr.**  
Off Brighton Henrietta Town Line Rd.

**424-4733**

**NEW LOCATION**  
**4401 Lake Ave.**  
Near Latta

**865-5260**

**FREE Pick-Up or Delivery**  
Visual Damage Quotes • Written Warranty

**HAND WASH & WAX SPECIAL**

**\$49.00** Reg. \$75.00

• Custom Handwash • Professionally Applied Sealer Wax • Tires & Wheels Cleaned • Windows In & Out

With Coupon Expires 12-31-90

---

**PAINT SEALANT**  
With Teflon

**\$39.95** Reg. \$85.00

New & Used Cars • With Coupon  
Expires 12-31-90

Please patronize our Advertisers