

Sisters of Mercy honor 14 for years of service

EDITORS' NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on women religious celebrating their jubilees this year.

ROCHESTER — The Sisters of Mercy of Rochester honored 14 jubilarians during their annual Mercy Day celebration Sept. 18-19 at the Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road.



Celebrating 65 years



Sister Mary Regina Feltz taught in diocesan schools for 43 years. She began her teaching career at St. Salome's in Rochester (1927-28) and returned there from 1945-48 and 1951-54. Her other teaching assignments in the Rochester area included stints at St. Andrew's, St. Charles Borromeo, and St. Louis, Pittsford. She also taught at St. Mary's, Corning, for nine years (1931-37 and 1942-45), and at schools in Auburn, Clyde and Elmira.

Upon retiring from teaching in 1977, she cared for the sick and elderly — pri-

marily in the Greece area — until 1991. A native of Penfield, she now lives at the Mercy Motherhouse and ministers in the spiritual apostolate.



In addition to her 65 years as a Sister of Mercy, Sister M. Colette Frank this year is also celebrating 50 years of service at Hornell's St. James Mercy Hospital. She worked as a technologist and instructor in the hospital's X-ray department for more than 30 years (1943-75). After helping establish the Hornell hospital's School of Radiography in 1948, she served as its director from 1948-71.

Since retiring in 1975, the Rochester native has served in the St. James Pastoral Care Department — both at the hospital and as an outreach visitor.

Prior to her hospital ministry, Sister Frank taught for 15 years. More than a decade of that service was at St. Mary's School in Corning (1930-41). She now lives with the Mercy community in Canisteo.

Celebrating 60 Years

A teacher at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, Sister Mary Edwina Butler has taught primarily French and music for 32 years (1955-62, 1968-present). Her 56 years as an educator began at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, in the 1930s (1937-40).

From 1940-55 the Elmira native was an itinerant teacher of instrumental music at several elementary schools — St. Salome's, St. Andrew's, Mount Carmel and St. John the Evangelist (all in Rochester) — and at Mercy High School. She served as vice principal and teacher at the former Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece, from 1962-68.

She lives at the Notre Dame Convent in Elmira.



A native of Rochester, Sister Rose Mary Fitzgerald is an assistant in the order's Development Office. She served 18 of her 42 years as a diocesan school teacher at St. Andrew's (1935-44, 1948-54, 1956-59) and nine more at St. Charles Borromeo (1946-48, 1969-76). She also taught at three other Catholic schools in Rochester — Mount Carmel, Holy Cross and St. Thomas the Apostle — and at St. Ann's, Hornell; St. Louis, Pittsford; St. John's, Clyde; Holy Family, Auburn; and St. Michael's, Newark.

Sister Fitzgerald performed parish visitations at St. Charles Borromeo Parish from the early 1970s until 1985, working with several parish committees. She has lived at the order's motherhouse since 1985.



Sister Mary Maureen Flood, a Corning native, has served in spirituality ministry at the Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, since its beginning in 1978.

Prior to that she had served in education for 43 years, including 30 years as a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School (1935-65), Elmira Notre Dame



High School (1965-68), and Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece, where she was also assistant principal (1968-78). She now lives with the Mercy community on Highland Avenue in Rochester.

Sister Mary Antoinette Riccardo served as a teacher before becoming a caregiver. She taught in diocesan schools for 31 years, including a decade at Mount Carmel, Rochester (1937-45 and 1961-63), and six more at St. John the Evangelist, Rochester (1952-58).

Sister Riccardo also taught at St. Rita's, Webster; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Ann's, Hornell; St. Cecilia's, Elmira; and St. Salome's and St. James, both in Rochester. After serving as a lab assistant in Mercy High's science department from 1971-74, she moved to Hornell to become a family caregiver (1974-89). Born in Jamaica, Long Island, Sister Riccardo has lived at the Mercy Motherhouse since 1989. She ministers in the spiritual apostolate.



Celebrating 50 years

Sister Mary Eymard Hyland has been the office manager for the order's Administration Office since 1989. Prior to that she taught and served as a guidance counselor at Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece (1967-89). She also taught at Mercy High School (1945-61) and at the Sisters of Mercy Catherine McAuley College in the late 1950s.

Within the Mercy community she has served as director of postulants (1957-61) and director of novices (1961-67). A Rochester native, she lives at the Mercy Motherhouse.



Sister Dorothy Loeb (formerly Mary Claude) has served as an assistant in the Mercy community's archives since 1987. In addition to working in nursing and hospital settings for nearly 30 years, the Rochester native spent 15 years in social, rural and parish ministries.



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