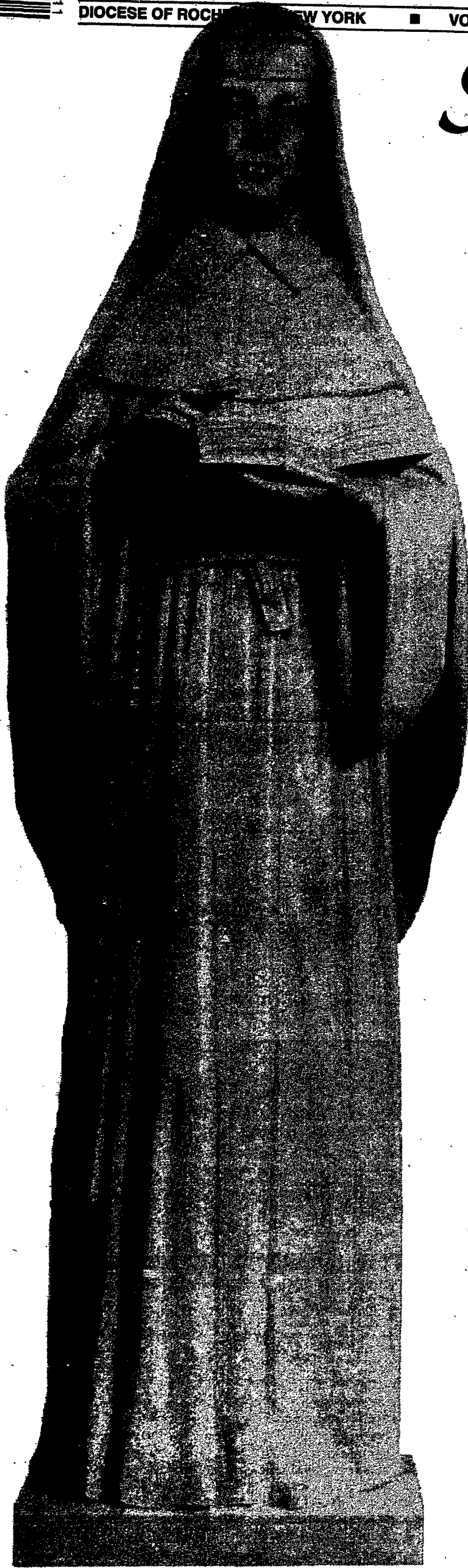




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## Sister McAuley



A five-pound banknote bearing Sister McAuley's likeness was put into circulation by the Central Bank of Ireland in 1994. Courtesy of Sisters of Mercy

Where ever a religious woman presides, peace and good order are generally to be found.

Sister Catherine McAuley

### Founder's vitality endures in today's Sisters of Mercy

More than 150 years have passed since Sister Catherine McAuley, RSM, last ministered in the streets of Dublin.

Still, modern-day descendants in the Sisters of Mercy speak of their founder as a dear friend: someone who just might happen to pop through the door any second, sit down, and share a cup of tea and a few laughs.

"She's certainly a woman in our hearts who's alive and well today," said Sister Nancy Whitley, RSM, development director for the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester.

"I think the Sisters of Mercy do experience Catherine McAuley as being alive among us. She was a very affectionate person," remarked Sister Mary C. Sulli-

van, RSM. "I think we have always felt blessed to have a foundress who was so lovable. We talk about her all the time."

And when Catherine McAuley is discussed among the Mercy sisters, terms of respect such as "Mother" or "Reverend Mother" are noticeably absent.

"The last thing in the world she wanted was any recognition that would put her above anyone else," Sister Whitley said.

"It seems natural to call her Catherine," said Sister Sullivan, explaining that the first-name reference is a reflection of the down-to-earth style that characterized Sister McAuley.

A good example of the congregation's perceptions of Sister McAuley's

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