

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Obituaries

### Sr. Josephine Stowell, at 90

Sister Josephine Stowell, SSJ, who entered the Sisters of St. Joseph after being married for 47 years, died April 28, 1997, at the St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary, Pittsford. She was 90.

Sister Josephine, a Syracuse native, joined the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1974 out of St. Patrick's Parish in Savannah, Wayne County. Her husband, Charles, had died one year earlier. Together they had raised a family of nine children.

Upon entering the congregation, Sister Josephine served as a staff member at the convent infirmary from 1974 to 1977. She then spent 13 years at St. Michael's Parish in Penn Yan, where she assisted with several school-related activities including faculty coffee breaks, general clerical work and lunch times. She was also active with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas while stationed in Penn Yan.

After St. Michael's School closed in 1990, Sister Josephine returned to the SSJ convent infirmary, where she assisted with the infirmed sisters.

Sister Josephine is survived by all nine of her children: Teresa (Bruce) Giles; Bernice (Robert) Prosser; Arlene Wallace; Rita (Jay) Bronson; John (Joyce) Stowell; Fred (Vonnie) Stowell; Joseph (Eileen) Stowell; Leonard Stowell; and Ronald (Marti) Stowell.

Sister Josephine is also survived by two sisters, Sophie Trybulski and Helen Popek; and two brothers, Edmund Strobinski along with Frank Strobinski and his wife Genevieve. Other survivors include 27 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and Sister Josephine's sisters in the Congregation of St. Joseph.

A funeral Mass for Sister Josephine was celebrated April 30 in the congregation's motherhouse chapel. Msgr. William Shannon celebrated the Mass, with Msgr. Emmett Murphy and Fathers Donald Curtiss and Joseph Donovan assisting.



Matthew Scott/Staff photographer

## Dancers celebrate deacon ordination

In a ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral June 7, Bishop Matthew H. Clark ordained four permanent deacons and two transitional deacons. The service featured liturgical dancers and singers from the Vietnamese community. Hoc Thai Nguyen, the first Vietnamese permanent deacon in the diocese, kneels before Bishop Clark (left) during the service.



### Sister Mary Tardiff; ran bookstore

Sister Mary Tardiff, OP, formerly known as Sister Mary Corona, died in her home in Somerville, Mass., on May 17, 1997. A one-time lecturer at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, she was 54.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Sister Mary spent 38 years as a member of the Adrian Dominican Congregation, including several as an elementary school teacher in Florida, Maryland and Puerto Rico. An expert in religious studies, she lectured at Colgate in Rochester from 1988 to 1989. After a stint as a part-time lecturer at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, she opened a bookstore in

Cambridge, which she ran until her death.

Sister Mary is survived by her mother, Dorothy Tardiff of Hollywood, Fla.; her father Gerald of St. Thomas, Va.; a sister, Geraldine Chase of Greensboro, N.C.; and two brothers, Robert of Hollywood, Fla., and Ronald of Lebanon, Ohio.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary Chapel in Adrian, Mich., on May 20. Interment took place in the congregation's cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to: Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Mich. 49221.

### Sister Mary Baptist Nolan, RSM; 80

Sister Mary Baptist Nolan, RSM, who served in a variety of capacities during her 56 years as a Sister of Mercy, died April 19, 1997. She was 80.

Sister M. Baptist was born in Rochester and graduated from St. Joseph's Commercial School. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1940 out of Holy Apostles Parish.

Sister M. Baptist served as a cook and laundress for many years, primarily at St. Mary's Convent, Corning; the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse and Our Lady of Mercy High School in Brighton; and the St. Salome's Parish convent in Irondequoit. She was also a library and clerical assistant at Cardinal Mooney and Our Lady of Mercy high schools.

From 1978 to 1984, Sister M. Baptist was a parish visitor at St. Andrew's Church in Rochester. She served in a similar capacity

at St. John of Rochester Church in Perinton from 1984 until her retirement in 1992.

Sister M. Baptist is survived by her brother, Father Norbert Nolan, a retired diocesan priest; another brother, Gerard; sisters, Anita and Eileen; sister-in-law, Mary; nieces, nephews; and her fellow Mercy sisters.

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