

FEATURE

Mercy jubilarians compile 690 years of ministry

The Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community of Rochester, have 13 women marking jubilees this year. The jubilarians will be honored at Mercy Day celebrations at the Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, Sept. 25.

70 years

Sister Mary Patrice Hussey, RSM, and **Sister Mary Justin Morris, RSM**, entered on Aug. 14, 1928, and professed perpetual vows on Sept. 3, 1934.

A Corning native, Sister M. Patrice entered the convent from St. Vincent dePaul Parish.

For 50 years Sister M. Patrice taught music. Her longest assignments were at St. Mary's, Rochester, for 10 years and St. Mary's, Corning for 13. She spent almost 20 years in Hornell, first as a teacher at St. Ann School, then in the ministry of spiritual apostolate and visitations at St. Ann's Parish. In 1995 she returned to the Mercy Motherhouse where she continues her prayer ministry. She is a member of the Shalom Community.

Sister M. Justin also entered the convent from St. Vincent Parish in Corning. In a 50-year education career, Sister Justin taught at St. Salome's, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. John the Evangelist (Clyde and Rochester), St. Andrews' and Holy Cross — where she was also administrator — and St. Rita's. She taught at Our Lady of Mercy School (1965-79). She has a bachelor's in English and master's in education.

In her retirement Sister Justin volunteered as office manager, 1981-96, for the Founders Club, which raises funds to benefit the Sisters of Mercy. She has also been deeply involved with the Animal Service League. She belongs to the Bethany Community at the motherhouse and serves in the spiritual apostolate.

60 years

Five Sisters of Mercy entered on Sept. 8, 1938, and made permanent professions on Aug. 24, 1944.

Sister M. dePaul Dugan, RSM, served in education for 39 years, including two years at St. Charles, 15 years at St. Andrews, six years at Good Shepherd and two years at St. John's. She also served St. Salome's Parish for seven years, first as a teacher, then in parish ministry. In the mid-1980s and early 1990s, Sister dePaul worked with young chil-

dren and computers at both St. Thomas and Holy Cross School. Since her retirement in 1993 she has served in prayer ministry. She lives in the Omega Community in the motherhouse. Sister dePaul attended Our Lady of Mercy High School. Her home parish is St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt.

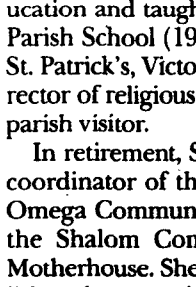
Sister Carolyn Lattinville, RSM (Mary William), a Rochester native, attended St. Andrew's School and Our Lady of Mercy. She holds a bachelor's in secretarial science, and a master's in education.



She taught at St. Mary's, Corning, and then at St. Mary Commercial School, Rochester, from 1942 until the school closed in 1950. She worked in the business office at St. James Mercy Hospital, later becoming business manager and a hospital board trustee. From 1966-71 she served at Elmira Notre Dame High School, and for the next nine years taught business at Rochester Business Institute.

In 1980 she went to Atlanta, Ga., and served in administrative capacities for several nonprofit organizations, including Ignatius House, a Jesuit retreat house. Sister Carolyn worked part-time for four years at The Sullivan Center for the poor. She retired in 1996 and is a volunteer and in prayer ministry. Sister Carolyn is a member of the Atlanta Community.

Sister Mary Perpetua McHale, RSM, a native of Rochester, entered the Sisters of Mercy from Corpus Christi Church. She taught at St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt (1941-55 and 1961-67). She was named mistress of novices (1955-61). During her tenure 148 young women entered the Sisters of Mercy. She returned to education and taught at Our Lady of Mercy Parish School (1967-72). She then served St. Patrick's, Victor, for 20 years, first as director of religious education and later as a parish visitor.



In retirement, Sister Perpetua serves as coordinator of the Retired Sisters of the Omega Community. She is a member of the Shalom Community at the Mercy Motherhouse. She has a bachelor's in English and a master's in education.

Sister Margaret Mungovan, RSM, (Helen Marie), a native of Rochester, entered the Sisters of Mercy from her home parish, St. Augustine. She taught for 30 years, including at St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt (1952-

58), and Holy Cross (1958-64). In 1972 she left for missionary work in Santiago, Chile, where she remained for more than 25 years. During a sabbatical in the late 70s she was a missionary to Mexican-Americans in Texas and California, and a pastoral assistant to Hispanics in Newark, N.Y. In the late 1980s she received a certificate in reflexology. She taught poor women the art, enabling them to earn wages. She returned to Rochester in 1997 and in her retirement serves in the prayer ministry. Sister Margaret Mary resides in the Shalom Community at the motherhouse.

Sister Mary Teresita Williams, RSM, is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Nazareth College.

In a 30 year education career, she taught at Holy Family, Auburn (1942-49), Holy Cross (1949-50 and 1957-62), St. Patrick, Owego (1950-51, St. Cecilia, Rochester, (1951-57 and 1973-76). She served as a teacher and principal at St. John the Evangelist, Clyde (1962-68), and also served at St. Helen School. From 1976 to 1988, Sister



Teresita cared for her mother in Florida. When she returned to Rochester she served as a resident's assistant in the motherhouse infirmary until 1997. In her retirement she is in prayer ministry and is a member of the St. Cecilia Community.

50 years

Four sisters entered the convent on Aug. 29, 1948, and made their permanent profession Aug. 22, 1954.

Sister Mollie Brown (Marie Raymond), RSM, is founder and past director of Spirit House, a therapeutic and personal growth center for women religious. A private-practice psychologist since 1978, she serves as a consultant and lecturer. Sister Mollie is the author and editor of several publications. Her newest book is *Victim No More; Ministry to Survivors of Sexual Abuse*.



She was on the faculty of Nazareth College (1979-81). She also served on the faculty of the University of Rochester Department of Nursing (1970-72) and was an instructor at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing (1967-68). Sister Mollie was also a staff psychotherapist at the Steuben County Mental Health Clinic in Bath. She taught (1955-64) at St. Rita's and Elmira Notre Dame High School.

Sister Mollie has a bachelor's of science in nursing education, a master's in adult psychiatric nursing and a doctorate in human development. The Rochester native and graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School belongs to the Kalyna Community.

Sister Mary Bryan Ford, RSM, a native of Rochester and a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, spent 27 years at her alma mater — she taught history, worked as a guidance counselor and served as principal (1968-76). She was administrative coordinator at Our Lady of Lourdes (Rochester), 1976-81. In 1981 she earned a master's in theology from St. Bernard's Institute and returned to education at Cardinal Mooney High School serving as dean of women until 1983 and director of guidance until 1987. While at Mooney she was named coordinator of the motherhouse, a position she held until 1992. She returned to parish work at St. Charles Borromeo, retiring in 1998.

Sister Mary Bryan has lived in residence at the motherhouse on Blossom Road all of her religious life. Since 1975 she has



been a member of the Bethany Community. In addition to her master's in theology she holds a bachelor of arts in psychology and a master's in psychology.

Sister Marie Marshall, RSM, spent 20 years as a teacher and another 20 years working with retired seniors, including 14 years with the Monroe County Recreation Department. For the past decade she has been "spreading joy," as "Wonderment the Clown."



She has been visiting seniors as a part of the Catholic Family Center's STAR program since 1996. Sister Marie has also been in many singing groups including the Mercy choirs that have performed at Founders Club concerts. The "healing clown" is a native of Rochester and a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School. She has a bachelor's in English. Sister Marie is a member of the McAuley Community at the motherhouse. Her home parish is St. Salome.

Sister Mary Lisette O'Brien, RSM, has ministered in education, parish and social services. Since 1994 she has worked at Tioga County Rural Ministry in Owego, N.Y., and has served as the organization's director since 1996.



Sister Lisette taught at St. Andrew's for two years (1951, 1954). She was an art instructor for 22 years at her alma mater — Our Lady of Mercy High School (1955-68, 77-79, 87-94). She also taught art at Cardinal Mooney High School (1968-77). The congregation has featured her work at ministry sites, on invitations and as event logos. Sister Lisette has a bachelor's and a master's in art. She served as a pastoral assistant at St. Jerome's (1980-85) and at Cayuga East (1985-86). A member of the St. Patrick Community in Owego, her home parish is Corpus Christi.

25 years

Two sisters entered the congregation in 1973. **Sister Wanda Hess, RSM**, professed final vows on Dec. 2, 1978. **Sister Jody Kearney, RSM**, made her final profession on May 3, 1980.

Sister Wanda is a licensed speech pathologist and works at Sanatoga Manor in Pottstown, Penn. She founded Northwest Hearing and Speech Center in 1983, which assisted infants and elderly persons, migrants and students.

She served as CEO until it closed in 1994. Sister Wanda was an assistant professor of clinical audiology at SUNY Brockport from 1978-83. She has a bachelor's in speech pathology, and master's in audiology and speech pathology.



Sister Jody is the director since 1996 of Mercy Prayer Center. She joined the staff in 1990. She also is part of the Sisters of Mercy Music Group.

Sister Jody initiated plans for Kate's Tea and Gift Shop, which opened at the motherhouse in 1990. She taught kindergarten and primary grades in Rochester area Catholic schools for 17 years. She served at St. Joseph (1982-90), Annunciation School (1978-82), St. Louis (1975-78) and St. Thomas (1973-74). She is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School. Sister Jody has a bachelor's in education, a master's in early childhood education and a master's in pastoral ministry.



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