

FEATURE

Mercy

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mothers in a pleasant setting off the visiting area.

Sister Esther is a member of the Bethany Community at the motherhouse. She has an M.S. in library science (SUNY Geneseo), a B.A. in English (Nazareth) and is a graduate of Elmira Catholic High School.

For 48 years **Sister Ann Cullen, RSM,**



(Sister Mary Lambert) has ministered in education. For the past five years she has served as a home/hospital teacher for the Rochester City School District. Previously Sister Ann had taught at many diocesan schools in Rochester as well as Owego, Elmira, Corning and Auburn.

Sister Ann is also well known for her involvement with Sister's Sales for the past 25 years. She is famous for her Annie's Mustard as well as her organizational ability—lending it not only to annual Christmas sales but to former roast beef suppers and spring sales. She is also one of the coordinators of an annual tradition and fundraiser: the Mercy Garage Sale.

Sister Ann lives in the Hazlewood Community. She has an M.S. in education (Canisius College) and a B.S. in education (Medaille). She is a graduate of Holy Family High School, Auburn.

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Sister Margaret Mary Mattle, RSM, (Sister Mary Majella) has been serving in ministries faithful to the cause of justice. Since 1995 she has been serving the rural poor in northern Steuben County. She has organized and im-

plemented this ministry of transportation, food and clothing with the assistance of local churches. From 1991-1994 Sister Margaret served in the Mercy missions in Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile, South America. Prior to her ministry in social services she worked in the spirituality ministry. Twenty years ago she helped to found the Mercy Prayer Center, and served there, providing spiritual direction from 1978-1990. She also did retreat work at the Cenacle Prayer Center and St. Bernard's Seminary.

From 1971-1976 she served the Mercy congregation as prayer coordinator. Additionally, she served the Rochester Diocese from 1973-1976 as liturgy coordinator. From 1960-1971 she served the congregation as music coordinator and director of candidates.

Like many women religious, her first "assignment" was in education. She was a music teacher at St. Salome School (1952-57), St. James School (1955-1960) and St. Louis School (1955-57).

Sister Margaret is a member of the St. Mary (Bath) Community. She has an M.A. in theology/Scripture (St. Bernard's Institute) and a B.S. in music (Nazareth College). She is also a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Sister Melchiora Miceli, RSM, returned to Rochester in 1998 after ministering in pastoral services for eight years at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, a Sisters of Mercy facility, and Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. While in Phoenix, she also helped care for her moth-



er.

Sister Melchiora now serves in the volunteer ministry. She helps at the motherhouse and in the Regional Community Administration Offices. She has also volunteered for many of the fundraisers sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, especially the annual Christmas sale.

Sister Melchiora's early ministry was centered on children. After teaching between 1952 and 1982 in diocesan elementary schools in Rochester and the Southern Tier, she taught in several Rochester area child-care centers. Sister Melchiora also worked with hearing-impaired children at Public School 17.

She lives with the Trocaire Community at the motherhouse. She has her M.S. in early childhood education (Nazareth), a B.S. in education (Nazareth College), and completed courses at SUNY Geneseo. Sister Melchiora is also a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Sister Julia Norton, RSM, (Sister Mary Consilia) has enjoyed a variety of ministries over the years including teaching, religious education, parish work and retreat and spiritual direction. She served Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and School since 1967, first as teacher and then as administrator.

In 1974 she began serving as pastoral assistant. She served at St. Patrick's Church (Rochester) from 1975-78 as pastoral assistant, then associate. From 1978-1985 she served the Mercy congregations as a member of the Formation Team. In 1983 she returned to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

as a pastoral assistant and religious educator and since 1991 has served as pastoral associate. She feels the greatest impact in ministry came from directing the Spiritual Exercises in Spanish in the city.

During summers Sister Julia enjoys directing retreats at Mercy Center in Madison, Conn., and the Jesuit Spirituality Center at Wernersville, Pa.

Sister Julia lives with the Mt. Carmel Community. She has an M.A. in pastoral ministry (University of Dayton, Ohio) and a B.S. in education (Nazareth). She is also a graduate of Elmira Catholic High School.

Sister Jeanne Reichart, RSM, (Sister



Mary Dominic) has served as archivist to the regional community since her return from Guam in 1996. In addition to her archives duties she teaches Latin and theology at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Sister

Jeanne's primary ministry has been in education. She was a teacher and administrator in several diocesan schools (1951-1992) in Rochester as well as Elmira, Corning and Auburn. She had the distinction of serving as an exchange teacher at St. Joseph School in Hertford, England, in 1974-75. That was not her only assignment outside the continental United States. From 1992-1996 she was teacher and administrator in the Archdiocese of Agana, Guam. In addition to teaching, she served as curriculum coordinator and as assistant superintendent of schools.

She is a member of the Hazlewood Community. She has her M.S. in education (Elmira College) and a B.S. in education (Nazareth College). Sister Jeanne is also a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

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