

and from 1977-78 she was pastoral assistant at St. Paul of the Cross in Honeoye Falls. For the past 25 years she has ministered in the Diocese of Atlanta, Ga., as adult religious education coordinator and consultant.



Sister Mary Borromeo Povero, born in Rochester to Terese and Alfred Povero in 1920, taught high school for 52 years, specializing in teaching foreign languages. She taught at Our Lady of Mercy High School and Aquinas Institute, both in Rochester; St. Ann, Hornell; Holy Family, Auburn; and Notre Dame High School, Elmira. From 1974-75 she taught clerical studies in Rome, Italy. In 1975 she returned to Our Lady of Mercy High School. Since her retirement in 1994 she has volunteered as a tutor and visitor and has taught sewing and crafts. She resides at the motherhouse.



Born in Rochester to Margaret and John Switzer in 1925, **Sister Patricia Switzer (Sister Joseph Mary)** spent 39 years as a teacher and administrator in the Rochester Diocese. She taught at St. John the Evangelist and St. Thomas in Rochester and at St. Michael in Newark. She was teacher/principal of St. John the Evangelist, Rochester (1960-62). Sister Patricia then taught at Cardinal Mooney High School and Kings Prep, both in Rochester, and Notre Dame High School, Elmira. From 1977-1984 she was principal of Good Shepherd School, Rochester, and was a pastoral assistant at St. Joseph Parish, Rochester (1985-2001). For the past two years she has been a volunteer at the motherhouse in Rochester and has served in the spiritual apostolate.

50 YEARS

Mercy Sisters celebrating 50 years of service entered the Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 8, 1952, and were received on April 12, 1953.



Sister Veronica Casey (Sister Mary Chrysostom), born in Hornell to Helen and Patrick Casey in 1931, has had a variety of ministries in her 50 years as a Sister of Mercy. She was a teacher in several diocesan schools including Our Lady of Mercy and Cardinal Mooney High Schools. From 1978-79 she was religious education coordinator for St. Mary Parish,

Bath, and from 1979-82 was pastoral assistant at St. Jude, Rochester. She was an instructor at Bryant and Stratton Business School from 1983-85. Sister Veronica returned to the ministry of pastoral assistant at Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier (1985-89). She then worked as a temporary secretary for three years. She was employed as an instructor, secretary and in purchasing by Catholic Family Center and Medaille College in Buffalo from 1993-2000. Since 2000, she has been employed in the finance office of the Rochester Regional Community administration offices.



Born in Hornell to Margaret and Leo Didas in 1933, **Sister Mary Leona Didas** has spent the past 43 years as an elementary school teacher, specializing in music education. She taught at Holy Family, Auburn; St. John the Evangelist and St. Andrew in Rochester; St. Rita, Webster; St. Ann, Hornell; Elmira Regional School System; Notre Dame High School, Elmira; Chemung County Catholic School System; and is currently teaching at Holy Family School System in Elmira. Sister Leona continues to touch the lives of her students through her love of teaching and her love of music.



Sister Mary deChantal Fortune, born in Watertown, N.Y., to Mary and Robert Fortune in 1924, has been a teacher, guidance counselor, pastoral associate, co-chaplain and volunteer over the past 50 years. She taught and worked in the guidance office at Our Lady of Mercy High School for 27 years (1952-79). From 1979-86 she was pastoral assistant

at St. Ann, Rochester. Sister deChantal spent the next eight years at Genesee Hospital, first as chaplain's assistant, then as co-chaplain. Following one year in prayer ministry, she has volunteered at a variety of places including the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and as a hospice volunteer.



Born in Rochester to Margaret and James McGinn in 1933, **Sister Joyce McGinn (Sister Mary Thomasine)** spent 25 years as a teacher in the Rochester Diocese at St. Rita, Webster; St. Louis, Pittsford; St. Thomas, Rochester; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; and St. Michael, Newark. From 1980-92 she served as the Regional Community Treasurer and was a member of the congregation's leadership team from 1989-97. Since 1997, Sister Joyce has been administrator of the motherhouse.



Born to Elizabeth and John Poole in Auburn in 1932, **Sister Mary Poole (Sister Mary Duchesne)** has been involved with music in one capacity or another for most of her 50 years as a Sister of Mercy. Her various places of ministry have been Holy Cross, St. Charles, St. Andrew, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph, St. Cecelia, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Holy Ghost Parish, St. Margaret Mary Parish, St. Thomas, Holy Cross, St. Theodore, St. Monica, St. Anthony Parish, St. Salome Parish, St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, all in Rochester. She also has served at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lebanon, Ky. (1990-91), the Jewish Home of

Rochester (1988-90) and Hochstein Music School, Rochester (1999-2001). She presently continues her ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



Sister Mary Elise Quigley, born to Emily and Daniel Quigley in Auburn in 1923, has taught and ministered at St. Andrew and St. Charles in Rochester; St. Joseph in Penfield; St. Michael, Newark; St. Patrick, Owego; and St. Rita, Webster. From 1983 until 1998 Sister Mary Elise was pastoral assistant at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ithaca. Since 1998 she has been parish secretary and receptionist at Immaculate Conception.



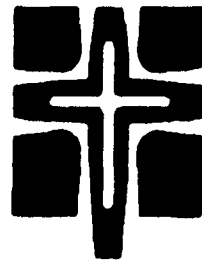
Born in Rochester to Mary and Engelbert Sercu in 1924, **Sister Mary Lucetta Sercu** taught in diocesan schools for 37 years. She taught at Holy Cross, Mt. Carmel and St. Cecilia in Rochester; St. Mary, Bath; St. John the Evangelist, Clyde; and St. Michael, Newark. Since 1992, Sister Lucetta has been a home/hospital worker for the Tender Loving Care Agency and a part-time teacher in the Rochester City School District.

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