

Sisters of Mercy have reasons to celebrate

The Sisters of Mercy have much to celebrate this Year of Jubilee as Rome has approved the establishment of a new institute to be known as The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. This includes North America, Central America, South America and the Philippines.

Founded in Dublin in 1831 by Catherine McAuley, the sisters have gone through many reorganizations. McAuley went from poverty to riches and then again to poverty as she used her inherited fortune to start schools for the poor and homes for Dublin's working women.

She began the House of Mercy, not as a convent, but as a place for works of mercy. Forced by church hierarchy to become a religious or disband, she founded the Sisters of Mercy which she guided for the 10 years before her death.

By the time of her death, the Sisters of Mercy were on several continents. The phenomenal growth of the order has been one of the signs put forth in the efforts toward her canonization. On April 9, 1990, Rome as they commemorate the 80 years of union, the various provinces have been celebrating with many works of

mercy throughout the country. The Sisters of Mercy — Province of Detroit was the last province to be formed — in 1940. This year, they celebrate 50 years as a province.

As collaboration between provinces developed more fully, a desire for collaboration among other groups of Sisters of Mercy grew until a Federation of the Sisters of Mercy was formed.

This federation was non-governmental but became such a cherished way of relating that the desire for an inclusive institute was recognized. A new Constitution was written for the Sisters of Mercy in the Americas which was sent to Rome for approval. At the same time, sisters were engaged in designing a new institute.

After 10 years of design and Roman consultation, individuals voted on the proposed institute. The results of the voting, as well as all the documentation, were sent to Rome. In January 1990, Rome approved the founding of The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. A great cause for celebration.

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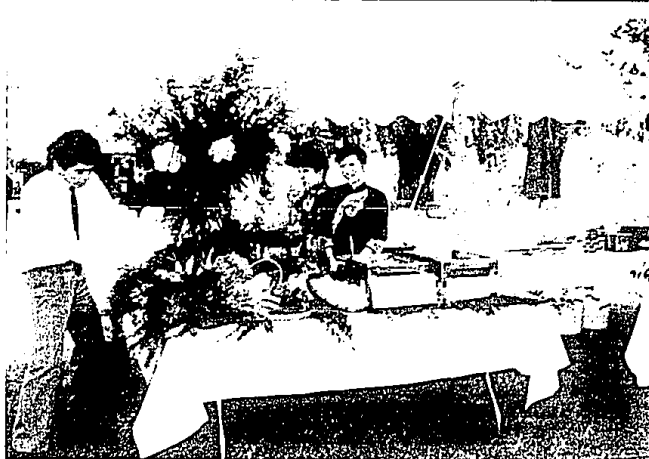
Americas, comprised of approximately 8,000 Sisters, the only can only make their positions on issues of social justice stronger. It will inject new energy in the members and their ministries.

With fewer members in each congregation, the collaboration will help carry on the works of mercy with less duplication and more enthusiasm. Now when they take a stand on an issue as The Sisters of Mercy, they will speak with a more compelling voice.

The Sisters of Mercy, headquartered in Farmington Hills, will complete their year-long celebration at a gathering in August when they will plant a Peace Pole on the property, and commit themselves to environmental changes that can be a model for the area.

They have begun by commissioning an ecological audit and are waiting for recommendations from these environmental experts.

It is their hope that all partners in ministry, friends, people who have been served individually or through their schools, hospitals and social work will find great cause to celebrate the founding and growth of the Sisters of Mercy.



La Fete au Jardin

Mon Jin Lau prepares an attractive table arrangement to tempt guests to sample a house specialty, Pinenut Spicy Chicken. The Troy restaurant is one of 60 that will be participating in this spring's La Fete au Jardin.

the annual garden party set this year to run 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, to benefit St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. Tickets are \$75 and can be ordered by calling Sister Mary Francis, 626-7527.

Freshman will lead children's society

Susan Hartwig of Farmington Hills was elected state president of the Michigan State Children of the American Revolution. She was also elected as a voting delegate to the 94th Anniversary National Convention in the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. April 12-15.

The national president, Elizabeth Anne Jones of California, presided at the convention. The senior national president is Mrs. Howard E. Byrne, Jr., from Royal Oak. Six members from Michigan and their parents attended the convention.

Susan is a freshman at Harrison High School where she is an honor student and member of the marching band. Figure skating is one of her

other interests and she recently skated in Southfield's Ice Company.

During the convention, national officers for the 1990-1991 C.A.R. year were elected, reports of the state presidents and national officers and chairmen were given. Awards were given to outstanding societies. Michigan society received an award from the Sons of the Revolution for the Outstanding State Society. Susan's local society, Lexington Alarm, received one national award.

Convention activities also included a candidates' party, an awards banquet and dance, a party for the outgoing national president, and a memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American

Soldier in Alexandria, Va. Susan and other newly elected national officers and state presidents were installed at ceremonies at Mt. Vernon.

The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. Membership is open to anyone who is under age 21 and who is a descendant of a person who rendered aid to the cause of American Independence. Lexington Alarm Society is in Farmington Hills and sponsored by Ezra Parker, Quakertown, and Three Flags DAR Chapters.

For information write C.A.R. Headquarters, 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 or call Susan Hartwig 478-1690.



Correspondence course offered to food canners

With today's interest in "back to nature" foods and healthier eating styles, the old-time methods of food preservation are making a comeback.

If you've been yearning to learn how to preserve foods at home safely, but just never had the time, the Oakland County Cooperative Extension is offering a complete seven-

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Sylvia Treitman, Oakland County Home Economist, is on hand to answer any questions on food preservation/food safety and the correspondence course.

For a free brochure describing the

correspondence course and application form, send a self-addressed envelope to Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac 48053.

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