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daughter dance and that's a tradition that still continues today," she said proudly.

"My mom and dad had a hard time affording Mercy," Sister Regina said. "There were two of us and it was hard for my parents to pay for it but we promised our parents we'd work really hard if they let us stay."

Her sister Nancy graduated from Mercy High School in 1954. Sister Regina also had two nieces attend Mercy — making it a strong family tradition.

To Sister Regina, heading Mercy High School is far more than a

career. It's a mission.

"I see this as being a way to develop leadership in women, because they get a chance to do everything and to stand out," she said. "I feel that we're creating compassionate leaders for the future, encouraging women to develop a sensitive heart to people and being able to work for systematic change."

The Mercy High School philosophy is "women who make a difference," and Sister Regina feels that Mercy graduates have gone on to do just that.

One of the upcoming speakers

at a Mercy High School graduation ceremony is Mary Kennedy, a Mercy High School graduate who started the Paint the Town program that encourages volunteers to paint and renovate homes for the poor and the elderly.

"What a beautiful program she's started," Sister Regina said. "To me that's what the spirit of Mercy is all about."

Sister Regina decided to join the Sisters of Mercy upon graduating from Mercy High School. From there she attended Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. After graduating, Sister Regina returned to Michigan to begin her teaching career.

She began teaching at Mercy High School in 1964. She taught all levels of mathematics from basic math to calculus. She chaired the mathematics department from 1965-74. She selected and evaluated teachers and initiated computer courses into the curriculum. Sister Regina also started a program where students were able to receive college credit for a calculus course they took through Mercy College.

During her years as a teacher, Sister Regina also served as a class moderator, bookstore manager, member of the curriculum committee and also as a member of the leadership team for a prayer community of 100 high school and college students.

As Sister Regina looks to the future, she hopes to build more cooperative links between Mercy High School and other Catholic schools in the region. She would also like to see cooperation and combined efforts between Mercy High School and public schools.

"There's no doubt Sister Regina works very hard at what she does. But there's a reason behind all of it."

"I wouldn't do all this for any other school," she said. "I believe in what we do."

Page's first chili cook-off raises funds for 2 charities

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Hold on to your taste buds.

Cooks all over Farmington and Farmington Hills will be rising to the challenge of the first chili cook-off. The event is being sponsored by the Miss Farmington pageant and all of the money raised will be split 50-50 between the Miss Farmington scholarship pageant fund and the Community Foundation for Children Youth and Families.

Audrie Chernukas, the reigning Miss Farmington, and Pam Nelson, her official chaperone, came up with the idea of hosting a chili cook off to raise money for the pageant. They approached Dennis Page, owner of Page's Restaurant, who agreed to host the event at his location.

"We thought it would be a fun

thing for the entire community to participate in," said Ginny Morris, executive director of the Miss Farmington pageant and the person coordinating the event.

The cook off takes place Sunday, March 10, from 1-4 p.m. at Page's on Farmington Road. Cost to enter is \$5 per person. Children under age 8 are admitted free.

The entry cost entitles you to taste chili from all of the contestants, to a chance to vote in the Peoples' Choice awards and also a chance at a raffle drawing.

Many Farmington businesses have donated prizes and gift certificates, Morris said. Some of the prizes include an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn, a \$25 gift certificate for Magic Planet, a certificate for a free oil change and Tubby's gift certificates.

There will be a panel of judges

who will select an official winner. There is also a Peoples' Choice award which will be selected by the popular vote of the attendees.

The rules for entering the chili cook-off are:

- Entrants must own an establishment in Farmington or Farmington Hills or be residents
- The chili must be made from your own recipe, not pre-made from a can
- The chili may be meatless or beanless — that is up to the cook
- The chili cannot contain alcohol of any kind
- Each entrant is responsible for setting up and cleaning up their area
- There must be at least two people on hand to serve the chili. Entrants must supply their own chili containers and a large spoon. No crock pots are allowed.

Lions' Jason Hanson kicks off Faith Covenant prayer breakfast

Detroit Lions place kicker Jason Hanson will speak at the Second Annual Community Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 23.

The breakfast takes place at 8:30 a.m. in the Athletic Activities Room of Faith Covenant Church, located at 14 Mile and Drake roads in Farmington Hills.

The breakfast is co-sponsored by Faith Covenant Church and the Kiwanis Club.

Hanson will be speaking about his faith and his professional football career.

Drafted by the Lions in 1992, Hanson immediately became one of the outstanding place kickers in the NFL and holds the Lions' single season scoring record.

Considered one of the finest kicking specialists in the history of college football, Hanson graduated in pre-med with honors from Washington State University and holds that school's all time record for field goals and conversions.

Hanson has been a frequent speaker before youth and Chris-

tian groups in Washington and Michigan.

Breakfast tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10 and under. They can be purchased at the church office or by mail with check payable to Faith Covenant Church. The mailing address is: Faith Covenant Church, Attention Prayer Breakfast, 35415 West 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills Mich. 48331.

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