

PRESENTATION SISTERS RETURN

On Thursday, September 5, during the school holidays Presentation Sisters who had taught in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, were invited back to Mullewa. Monsignor Bryan and parishioners took advantage of the Sisters' presence in Geraldton, to which they had just returned after assembling in Perth for their annual Retreat, to issue the invitation.

Father L. Curran, O. F. M. (Geraldton) and two visiting priests from New South Wales. A large number of parishioners attended the Mass and remained afterwards to welcome the Sisters.

SISTERS' WORK PRAISED

In his homily Monsignor Barden said that it was fitting that the Presentation Sisters should occupy a place of honor in any parish Jubilee celebrations. It was the spiritual life of the parish family that was being commemorated rather than any edifice of stone and mortar, he said, and the Sisters had contributed so much to this life.

Monsignor spoke of the Sisters' continued presence in Mullewa since their arrival in 1914 and the opening of the school in 1915. So for the Sisters 1974 was a sixtieth anniversary. But even before this date the Sisters had been indirectly involved with Mullewa people, through the movement of families to Mullewa from the Murchison goldfields and the Greenough districts where the Sisters had operated schools for some time.

Their ability and willingness to share the fortunes, both good and bad, with their people had always been a characteristic of the Sisters, Monsignor said, and in this they emulated the spirit of sacrifice and determination who pledged: "Wherever you go I will go, wherever you live I will live; your people shall be my people and your God my God."

Monsignor said that this Mass offered the opportunity to thank God for the fine spirit exhibited by the Sisters in Mullewa and elsewhere throughout the Geraldton Diocese. The degree of sacrifice, he said, could only be fully appreciated against the background of the difficulties operating in those early years. But it was also true, Monsignor said, that the Mullewa people had appreciated the presence and work of the Sisters, and as times improved, they were not slow to express this care and gratitude in many practical ways.

To look back and praise the efforts of those who went before was understandable and necessary, Monsignor said, on such occasions as Jubilees, and to do so took nothing away from the present generation of Sisters who were also challenged to make sacrifices applicable to their own times. Monsignor asked a remembrance also for those deceased Sisters who had served in Mullewa

and he named several who readily came to his mind, Sisters Gerard, Baptist, Teresa, Ignatius, Agnes, Catherine and Alphon-Paul, the latter being a Mullewa vocation to the Presentation Sisters. But there were others besides these, Monsignor said, whose names are recorded on the rows of crosses in the Geraldton Cemetery.

Monsignor also asked for special prayers for those Sisters who had been prevented by illness from attending, Sisters Laurence, Malachy and Aidan, all three being patients in St. John of God Hospital, Geraldton.

PARISHIONERS' WELCOME

Following Mass pre-Dinner refreshments were served on the lawns in front of the Old Convent. Mr. Phil Keefe said a few words of "welcome back" to the Sisters and thanked the parishioners who had gathered in such large numbers to renew acquaintances with the Sisters.

Mr. Glen Keefe, as one of the few remaining original "old boys" of the school since its inception in 1915, was asked to propose a vote of thanks to the Sisters. Of the original 1915 class he said that he was aware of only four who were still in the district. They were the Thomas brothers, Leo and Bill, his sister, Mary McCracken and himself. He paid a special tribute to Mother Brigid, who had designed the first convent, and he mentioned many others of the pioneer Sisters. His vote of thanks was supported by warm applause.

Mr. Bert Keefe gave interesting information on the early days of the Sisters in Mullewa.

The Sisters were then guests at a Dinner provided by the ladies of the parish in the School Centre, where they thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality offered them.

A special treat was a private viewing of the Television Documentary, "The Stones Cry Out," which was thoroughly appreciated. This brought to a conclusion a happy outing for the Sisters and which was a fitting beginning to the many other successful Jubilee functions which followed two weeks later.



Sr. M. Anthony

Sr. M. Dolores
Mother M. Albans.

Sr. M. Clare.

Sister M. Bonaventure
Sister M. Rose

Sr. M. Joseph (M^{ce})

Sr. M. Francis (W.)

Sr. M. Paschal (M^{ce} Gauran)

Sister M. Ursula

Sr. M. de Lourdes.

Sr. M. Agnes.

Sr. M. Alacoque

Sr. M. Consuela.

Sr. Margaret Mary.

Sr. M. Philomena.

Sr. M. Immaculate

Sr. M. Evangelist

Sr. M. Pius

Sr. M. Damien.

Sister M. Raphael (Quirk)

TABLE SETTING FOR SISTERS DINNER.

Sr. M. Kevin

Sr. M. Dominic



DONATIONS TO SISTERS DINNER 5TH SEPTEMBER 1974

MRS JEAN CREAM	2 TRIFLES
MRS GLADY KEEFFE	2 JELLED FRUITS
MRS PAT KEEFFE	1 APPLE SLICE
MRS MARG CARRUTHERS	2 JARS CREAM
MISS DORREN BRYAN	1 SLICED LOAF BREAD
MRS COLLEEN BONE	3PKTS KOLLIERS 3PKTS CHIPS
MRS PAT MCCAGH	1 COOKED CHICKEN
MRS. MARY MCCRAKEN	1 COOKED CHICKEN
MRS MAUREEN ROWE	1 COOKED CHICKEN
MRS. LOIS O'BRIEN	1 COOKED CHICKEN
MRS NOELINE STEENE	1LB HAM
MRS. MARY KEEFFE	1LB SILVERSIDE
MRS MAUREEN HARKEN	2 CUT SALADS
MRS. DOLORES BONE	1 CUT SALAD
MRS MEL WEIR	1 COLESLAW SALAD
MRS. ELVA O'BRIEN	1 POTATO SALAD.
MRS EILEEN FIENBERG	2 DOZ JELLY CAKES
MRS BARBARA THOMAS	2 DOZ CHOC ECLAIRS
MRS. FAY. D. KEEFFE	1 TIN PINEAPPLE 1 TIN SWEET CORN
MRS. MAUREEN ROWE	1 LB BUTTER
MRS FAY. H. KEEFFE	2 LB SUGAR
MRS. JANET CONIGLIO	1/2 LB TEA.
MRS LYN KEEFFE	1 POT VEGETABLE SOUP
MRS PAT MILLS	1 POT PEACHAM SOUP
MISS SUSIE VENTURA	1 PKT GLAD WRAP BAGS
MRS BETTY KEEFFE	1 PKT GLAD WRAP BAGS
MRS DOLORES BONE	D'oyeys
MRS. LYN KEEFFE	SERVETTES.



**Presentation Sisters who attended a
Golden Jubilee Celebration in Mullewa in 1974**

Back Row: L to R

Sr Consuela Worthington, **Sr Agnes** Griffin, **Sr Joseph** McGauran, **Sr Evangelist** Barrett, **Sr Clare** Ryan, **Sr de Lourdes** Mazzuchelli, **Sr Philomena** Ryan, **Sr Margaret Mary** Shaw (obstructed by **Sr Anthony** McGauran), **Sr Immaculate** O'Sullivan (obstructed by Sr Dominc), **Sr Frances** Williamson

Middle Row:

Sr **Alocoque** Harte (standing), **Sr Ursula** Walsh, **Sr Kevin** Costelloe, **Mother Albeus** Fahey, **Sr Rose** Crowe, **Sr Bonaventure** Leavy, **Sr Dominic** Lombard (standing)

Front Row:

Sr Pius Rafter (**Bridie**), **Sr Dolores** Desmond, **Sr Damien** O'Connell (**Maura**), **Sr Raphael** Quirke, **Sr Paschal** McGauran