

## **Welcoming Provincial Leadership to the Diocese of Green Bay**

**September 16, 2007**

**Bishop Robert J. Banks presided at the liturgy at SSM Franciscan Courts along with Fr. Bill Kuhr, Chaplain, and Fr. Casimir Kutiuk, Assistant Chaplain.**

**Bishop Banks welcomed the leadership and commented on the sisters' presence in the diocese for over 100 years.**



**Sister M. Sylvia Egan, Provincial, Sister Jeanine Retzer, Assistant Provincial, and Sister Maria Vinton, Councilor, were present among their fellow sisters, associates, employees, and invited guests during the liturgical celebration.**



**Sister Raphael Narcisi, Councilor, was unable to be present. She was on her way back from Grenada after the rededication of St. Rose Modern Secondary School.**

**The Newport Singers from St. Raphael Parish led us in song. Some traditional songs were sung including: Ave Mater Dolorosa. Sr. Cecile Paulik was the organist for the Stabat Mater.**



**We pray in thanksgiving for the role Mary has played in our lives as Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, a strong woman of influence and mother to us all.**



***Bishop gives the final blessing after Sr. Sylvia thanked all who were present and graciously welcomed a new beginning for the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother as leadership serves the province and the local church of the Green Bay Diocese from the new Provincial Office located at 2935 Universal Court in Oshkosh.***

***Thanks to all who gathered to officially welcome the Provincial Leadership and celebrate the Feast of the Sorrowful Mother.***

***All were invited to the Agape Dining Room following the liturgy. Sister Sylvia directed the way for Sister Louise Hembrecht and her council, Sisters of Christian Charity, known as the Manitowoc Franciscans.***



***Sister Mary Joseph Palma waited for others to be served.***

***Sister Lillian Martel and Sister Charleen Weiler converse before they join the others.***



***Peg Groth (left) and Karen Kuderski (right) from SSM International Finance, Inc. were among those who enjoyed the lunch prepared by staff of SSM Franciscan Courts.***



***The sisters of SSM Franciscan Courts welcomed the many guests. Sister Nancy Henley poses with Bishop as everyone sat down for lunch.***



***Sister Mary Jo Kirt, OSF, Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Green Bay greeted Sister Sylvia and Sister Jeanine.***

***Sister Sylvia talks with Sister JoAnn Sams CSA (left), general superior of the Sisters of St. Agnes, from Fond du Lac and Sister Marion Etzel, SDS, Provincial Leader (right), from Milwaukee.***

**We thank all those involved in the preparation of this day of welcoming, especially the planning committee: Fr. Bill Kuhr, Sr. Helen Marie Brand, Sr. Ruth Linnebur, Sr. Marcella Marie Winkels, Sr. Johnette Marek and the staff of SSM Franciscan Courts.**

