

*This must have been a great day
for you and your mother. You should
be proud, which no doubt you are.
Tell your mother "Hi". See you. Frieda*

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BVM Sodality Celebrates 90th Anniversary



MANY PAST PRESIDENTS of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality attended a 90th anniversary celebration at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, November 18. Pictured, left to right, front row, Ella Wingenter, Ida Lou Gaertner, Prefect Marsha Davitz, Ella Moll, Ethel Asbury Horton, and

Marie Hamm. Back row, Bertha Mae Blechle, Sharon Shields, Sarah Stumpe, Linda Smith, Gina Quillman, Josephine Piosik, Barbara Derickson, Lucille Wolff, Charlotte Barnhart, Aurelia Smith, Connie Holley and Janet Vasquez.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester celebrated its 90th anniversary on Sunday, November 18 with a 5 p.m. Mass at the church with Rev. Charles Kribs officiating.

During the Mass there was an honorary processional of Sodality officers, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and Knights of Columbus Officers, Boy Scouts, Holy Name Officers, Rev. Kribs and visiting clergy.

Following the Mass a large crowd attended a luncheon in the school gymnasium. Special guests were Rev. Dennis Schaeffer of Ruma and Rev. Allen Maes of Kings House, Belleville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Maes of Chester. A large anniversary cake was decorated with the sodality

colors of blue and white, bearing the number 90, in observance of the occasion.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality was organized on Dec. 1, 1894. At that time there were two organizations, one for married women, and one for unmarried young men and women. These organizations were known as Senior and Junior Sodality.

Throughout the years St. Mary's Parish has consistently had an active Sodality, serving the parish and community. Funds are raised through various projects, such as the catering of dinners at the Knights of Columbus Hall. In observance of this 90th anniversary the members of the Sodality plan to purchase ceiling fans for all classrooms at St. Mary's school.



MRS. ELLA MOLL, a resident of St. Ann's Healthcare Center, was the oldest member attending the 90th anniversary celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester on Sunday, November 18. She is pictured, center, behind an anniversary cake and is the mother of Mrs. Ethel Asbury Horton and Mrs. Virginia Blechle. In background, Prefect Mrs. Marsha Davitz and Vice President Gina Quillman. Officers not present for picture, Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Fulford and Secretary Stephanie Ward.