A Day to Remember

Sister Vivian Whitehead reads from a list of deceased members.

The afternoon of Saturday, August 1, found Sisters, Associates, former members and friends gathered at Our Lady of Angels Chapel to remember and celebrate the lives of the 900+ deceased Sisters and Associates. This event was part of the 150th anniversary celebration.

During the service, candles were lit by several Sisters and Associates. After every ten names of the deceased were read aloud, a chime was sounded throughout the Prayer Service to remember and reflect on their lives.

Names of the deceased were read aloud by current Congregation President Sr. Dolores Zemont and past Presidents, Srs. Mary Rose Lieb, Rosemary Fonck, Maria Pesavento, Mary Jean Morris, Vivian Whitehead and Elaine Murphy, as well as current Associate Director Mrs. Nancy Davis and former Associate Director Sr. Sharon Frederick.

The Prayer Service was very simple, yet very powerful. After the service was over, some Sisters shared that as names of the departed were read, they felt a true sense of community that added to the significance of the 150th Anniversary being celebrated the next day. A series of banners were designed for this occasions. On several banners, a list of the names of Sisters and Associates, both deceased and living, were on display.

Top Left: Associate Pam Leddy helps light the candles during the event.

Right: Beautiful banners were made to mark this special occasion. They listed the names of all of the living and deceased members of the Congregation

Bottom Left: Several Sisters and Associates were asked to light each of the candles. Sister Yvonne Weidner lit the candles that were placed on the altar.