

Hoying celebrates 50 years of being a nun

Sister Barbara Ann Hoying celebrated 50 years as a member of the Sisters of the Precious Blood with her six classmates on Sunday, July 1, at the Motherhouse in Dayton.

A local celebration is planned for Sunday, July 22. Invited guests will join her at the 10:30 a.m. parish Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, followed by dinner at the American Legion hall, both in Maria Stein. The public is invited to an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the hall.

Hoying currently serves as director at the Maria Stein Center, the Shrine of Holy Relics. Previously, from 1975 to 1982, she was on assignment at the retreat house in Maria Stein. Other assignments included ministry as a teacher and religious educator in Ohio, Missouri and Virginia.

Prior to returning to the local area, she served at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in formation for priestly and



lay ministry.

A native of Mercer County, Hoying is the daughter of the late Herman and Henrietta (Schmitmeyer) Hoying.

She received the first eight years of formal education from the Sisters of the Precious

Blood in the Coldwater Public Schools.

The 204 members of the Precious Blood Congregation now serve in a variety of ministries in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guatemala and Chile.