



From left, Kathy Grantz, Vicki Looker, Jennifer Kreft and Kimberly Winn.

# Sisters of Mercy welcome associates

Kathy Grantz, Jennifer Kreft, Vicki Looker and Kimberly Winn became Mercy Associates during a recent ceremony at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

Kathy Grantz and her husband Paul have been married for 35 years and operate a fruit farm in Shelby. A mother and grandmother, Kathy enjoys fly-fishing, kayaking and sewing. She serves in the church council, RCIA program, and Women's Shelter and on the board of Habitat for Humanity.

Jennifer Kreft received her B.A. at Michigan State University, her B.S. at Eastern Michigan University and a teaching certificate at University of Detroit Mercy. She lives in Redford and teaches third grade at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

Vicki Looker has been married for 32 years and is both a mother and grandmother. She lives in Gaylord and serves as the administrative assistant to Bishop Patrick R. Cooney. Vicki also works with the RCIA program and enjoys reading, walking and sewing.

Kimberly Winn served four years in the United States Navy and later worked for the U.S. Border Patrol where she met her husband. Kimberly also has a son and volunteers at Blue Water Hospice and in the Pastoral Care Department of Mercy Hospital, Port Huron.

Mercy Associates are women and men 25 years or older who enter into a covenant with the Sisters of Mercy to participate in the life of the Mercy Community.

They take the Mercy spirit

and mission to everyone they meet and extend the ministry of Mercy in their own way through prayer and works of Mercy. They remain financially independent from the Sisters of Mercy.

Also recently, five Mercy associates renewed their covenant: Rita Chadwick, Margaret Dutka, Sarah Halter, Julie Sartori and Teresa Travers.

The Regional Community of Detroit is part of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an international community of Roman Catholic sisters who address human needs through collaborative efforts in education, health care, housing, and pastoral and social services. The Detroit regional community includes 177 sisters and 48 associates serving in Michigan, Iowa and several other U.S. states.