

# Life through Love and Friendship

*Celebrations in 1979 and 2002 commemorated the 150th anniversaries of the Sisters' arrival in Cincinnati and their establishment as a diocesan community. They were occasions to recognize the past, share with friends and family members, and revitalize efforts for the future.*



In the years since the Second Vatican Council, the Congregation has changed significantly in lifestyle, dress, and governance. New constitutions, approved in 1986, formalized years of adaptation and renewal. Beginning in 1972, periodic Congregation-wide gatherings have provided an opportunity for Sisters to join with their co-workers and friends in learning, socializing, and planning for the future. The Associate program, established in 1973, provides an avenue for collaboration of Sisters with women and



*Associates in Mission and Associates in Volunteer Ministry pray, share, and work with Sisters in a number of venues.*



men who share in the mission and spirit of the Congregation. The 1975 canonization of Elizabeth Seton was a highlight in community history. After a lengthy discernment process 49 Vincentian

Sisters of Charity (Bedford, Ohio) were assimilated into the Congregation in 2004 as Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

*The reception in June 2004 of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity into the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati was a joyous occasion for all.*



*Many Sisters attended the canonization of Elizabeth Seton September 14, 1975, in Rome.*

