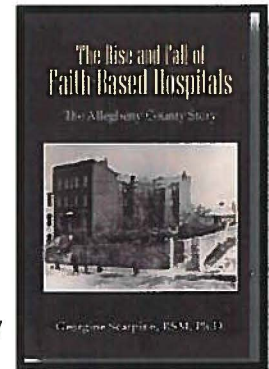


CHS Lecture Scheduled for October 6:

Georgine Scarpino, RSM Ph.D. to Discuss “The Rise and Fall of Faith-Based Hospitals: The Allegheny County Story”

Georgine Scarpino, a Sister of Mercy, will speak to the Catholic Historical Society on Sunday, October 6th, at 2PM in O'Connor Hall at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. Sister Georgine will explore the relationship of mission and margin as these hospitals passed through various stages of their history and service to the local community.



About Sister Georgine Scarpino, RSM

Sister Georgine entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1955. She majored in Mathematics at Carlow University (formerly Mt. Mercy College), graduated from Notre Dame University with a Masters degree in mathematics and eventually received her Ph.D. in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh's school of

Public and International Affairs. During this period, Sister Georgine taught at St. Cyril of Alexandra Grade School, Bishop Canevin, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, and St. Elizabeth High Schools and was principal at St. Elizabeth HS and St. Paul Cathedral HS.



This training and experience led Sister to the planner position of the former Social and Community Service (now Catholic Charities) of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Next she served as the Assistant Director of the Department of Personnel and Civil Service of the City of Pittsburgh responsible for CETA and JTPA, the federal jobs programs in the city. Since then Sister Georgine provides planning, facilitation and research services to non-profit and religious organizations. Currently, Sister is the local coordinator of support groups in McKeesport and Bridgeville for the Sisters of Mercy Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program.

Georgine was born and raised in Pittsburgh, an only child, of Italian and Lithuanian heritages, who followed her mother in attending grade and high schools staffed by the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister served on the boards of several hospitals including Mercy Hospital of Johnstown, Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale and Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. During this period Georgine was also president of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh.

It was this long period of service in hospital governance that included the sale of the Johnstown and Pittsburgh Mercy Hospitals and the struggle for ownership of Holy Cross that piqued Sister's interest in the life and struggle of Catholic and Faith-Based Hospitals. Georgine was on the board of Mercy Hospital when the decision was made to sell the hospital to UPMC in 2008. This traumatic experience prompted her to explore what contributed to the "rise and fall" of our local faith-based hospitals and leave a record of these factors. It took Sister 5 years to research and synthesize her findings.