

## Silver Jubilee of Sister Theresa Marie Chen, SSS

**Sister Theresa Marie Chen, SSS**, celebrates her Silver Jubilee – 25 years as a Sister of Social Service engaged in intensive social work with Angelinos on the margins. She first



earned a degree in social work in her native Taiwan and it was there that she learned of the Sisters of Social Service and entered the Community on September 13, 1981. Once in Los Angeles, Sr. Theresa Marie earned a Masters in Social Work from USC. Her early ministries included parish work and counseling with children, and Kedren, an agency providing acute and

chronic assistance for those with mental health problems. Currently, she is a psychiatric social worker with the Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers, which primarily serves the Asian and Pacific Islander populations of L.A. suffering from severe and persistent mental illnesses as well as the challenges of homelessness, incarceration, or hospitalization. Sr. Theresa Marie's intense, compassionate service has embodied her response to God's calling "to love tenderly, to act justly, and to walk humbly with God".



Sr. Theresa Marie sings during the Jubilee celebrations



Sr. Rochelle Mitchell (left) and Sr. Catherine Connell (right) receive a standing ovation from the full Chapel of friends and families gathered to recognize their 50 years of social work within the Community helping those on the margins of our world.

## **Golden Jubilee of Sister Catherine Connell**

**Sister Catherine Connell, SSS**, was honored for her Golden Jubilee—50 years working with those struggling with issues of poverty in California. On February 1, 1959 she entered the Community, and after formation received her BA in Social Work from Mount St. Mary's College and her Masters in Social Work at the Catholic University of America. Throughout her religious life, Catherine has ministered in parishes and as a therapist in Sacramento, CA for Catholic Social Services, Eskaton Mental Health and Kaiser Permanente. She is co-foundress of Wellspring Women's Center in Sacramento and served as its Director. Sr. Catherine's passion has remained constant throughout all her ministries: to serve women, children and the marginalized with dignity and love.

## **Golden Jubilee of Sr. Rochelle Mitchell**

**Sister Rochelle Mitchell, SSS**, was recognized for her Golden Jubilee—50 years working with the marginalized as a social worker, a psychotherapist, and currently as the Director of Holy Spirit Retreat Center. She entered the Community on September 12, 1959 and, after completing formation, she ministered in parishes and Camp Oliver in San Diego where she received her BA in psychology at USD. Sr. Rochelle lived and worked in Sacramento at Stanford Home (a residential treatment center for teenagers) and during this time earned her MSW at Cal State Sacramento. Since then she has worked at Regis House, Holy Spirit Retreat Center and in private practice as a psychotherapist. The opportunity to extend and experience hospitality is at the core of her spirituality: "We are invited not only to welcome the stranger but to let the stranger deeply change us."