

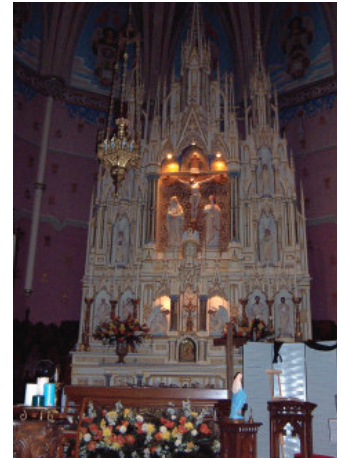
## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF BEING BLESSED

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On Saturday, June 9, 2007, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and those who work at their sponsored schools and ministries gathered to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Anne Marie Rivier's beatification. In 1982, Pope John Paul II declared Marie Rivier "blessed," an act that recognized her virtues and proclaimed them heroic.

A mass was celebrated at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester, N.H., with Rev. Marc Montminy, parish pastor and Presentation of Mary Academy graduate, serving as main



celebrant. In his homily he stated that those present were called to look to the future and "transmit our heritage of prayer, zeal, and compassion." The St. Matthew Ecumenical Sacred Dance Choir performed in the entrance and recessional.

After the mass, there was a luncheon and a presentation of "Apostle of Hope," a one-woman play about the life of Anne-Marie Rivier. Storyteller Midge Miles gave an energetic performance celebrating the woman who founded the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and established more than 140 schools and convents during her lifetime. ■

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