

**National Executive Director Inducted Into the Society
During 2003 Midyear Meeting in St. Louis**



SVDP National President Gene Smith inducts Roger Playwin in ceremonies held at the Old Cathedral (Church of St. Louis of France). This is where the St. Vincent de Paul Society began in the United States. The first conference was organized at the Old Cathedral on November 20, 1845, just 12 years after Frederic Ozanam and friends began the Society in France.



Roger Playwin and Nancy Panther sing in celebration.



After the ceremony Roger is congratulated by National President Gene Smith and friends.



Raise the Arch!
Roger is ready to take on the challenges of the Society!