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## Mt. Carmel Maps 'Comeback' Appeal For Funds To Rebuild Fire-Hit School

Mount Carmel parishioners, hard hit when fire swept their parish school, Ontario Street, early Monday morning, are mapping comeback plans for restoring the 44-year-old structure by the first of the year.

A two-week campaign for funds for the restoration work will be launched immediately, according to the Rev. Charles J. Azzi, Mount Carmel pastor.

Heartbreaking side of the disastrous fire was the fact that Father Azzi had only recently concluded a complete modernization of the school at the approximate cost of \$180,000.

ALTHOUGH FIRE and water damage to the school is estimated at \$300,000, exact extent of the damage cannot be determined until the water-soaked building is dried out so architects can examine it, Father Azzi explained.

Problem of housing the 490 Mt. Carmel pupils was solved by the City's offer of the vacant public school 18 on Draper and North Streets and only a few blocks north of Mt. Carmel School.

The City of Rochester offered to lease School 18 to the parish on a month-to-month basis at a "nominal" rent until the parochial school can be restored.

Extensive clean-up and repairs will be necessary before the vacant public school can be reopened to its first classes in nine years. Only eight rooms in one wing will be occupied by the Mt. Carmel pupils and teachers.

Monsignor Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan school superintendent, who accepted the city's offer, estimated that the Mt. Carmel pupils would be able to resume classes at School 18 late next week.

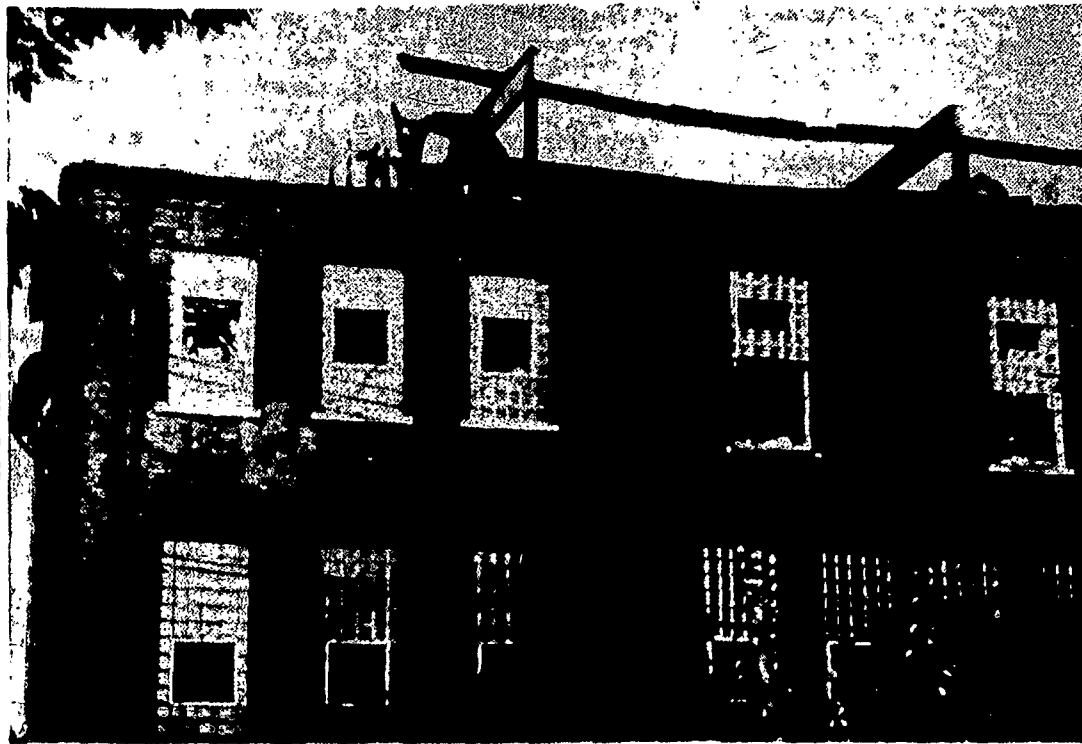
Expressing appreciation for the city's action, Monsignor Mahoney said:

"This move by the city administration will enable us to keep the 490 children under instruction in a single building with their own teachers until their own school building is repaired."

"Our contractor informs me that the Mt. Carmel School building should be renovated and ready for occupancy by the first of the year."

FOLLOWING THE fire, a score of neighboring pastors offered spare classrooms in their schools to the Mt. Carmel pupils, Father Azzi reported. Among the early morning visitors to the fire scene was His Excellency Bishop Kearney who inspected the damaged building and extended his sympathy to the pastor.

Expressive of the pupils' own reaction to the loss of their school was the fact, as reported by Father Azzi, that groups of



**SCHOOL GUTTED BY FIRE:** This view of the east side of Mt. Carmel School, Ontario St., indicates extensive damage caused when fire, which broke out early Monday morning, destroyed the roof and gutted the interior. Loss from fire and water is estimated at \$300,000.

them stood crying as they watched firemen fight the flames ravaging their school.

Another group of Mt. Carmel youngsters, Father Azzi told, "started collecting funds for their school on their own and collected \$100 before we found out and could stop them."

The plight caused by the fire has brought offers of cooperation from various sources. Stein's Inc., manufacturers of men's clothing, 120 Ontario St. in the school neighborhood is offering 5 percent of the week's sales to help rebuild Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School.

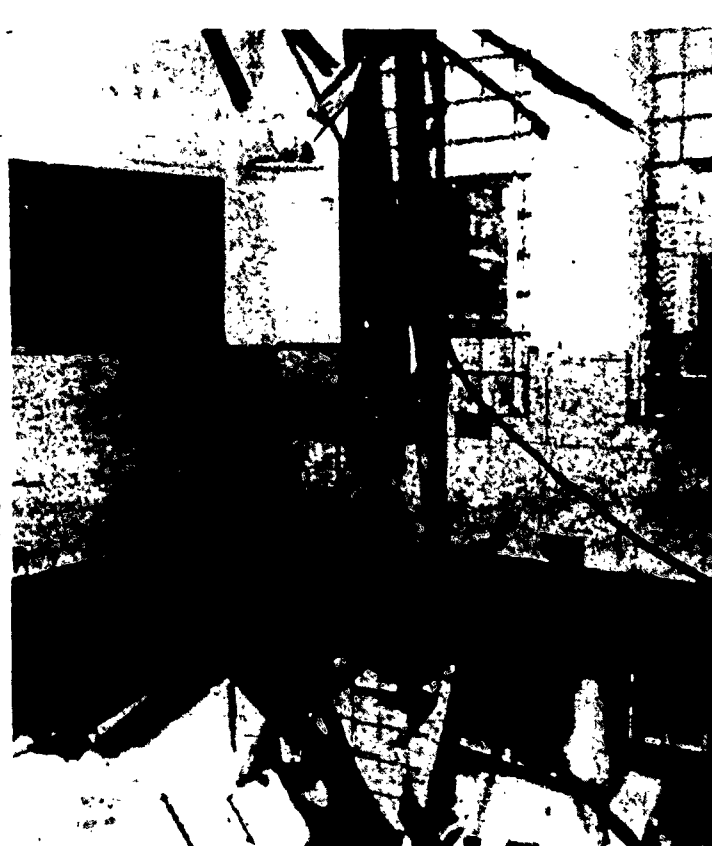
The fire which sounded a four-alarm for Rochester Fire Bureau apparatus broke out about 3:30 on Monday morning and spread quickly through the roof and top floor of the school.

TEN SISTERS of Mercy who teach in the school were forced to leave their convent next door because of water and smoke damage. The pastor and his three assistants, the Reverend Fathers Frank Valuk, Gennaro Ventura and Frederick Eiselein, whose rectory is on the west side of the parochial school building were also forced to leave for that reason.

The blaze apparently broke out in the rear of the third floor attic, which is used for storage purposes. Fire Chief John A. Slattery said the cause so far is undetermined.

Many of the school records and about 5,000 books were destroyed.

THE FIRST ALARM was telephoned in from a nearby bakery at 3:45 a.m., followed by a call from a passing cab driver. A three-two alarm was sounded at 3:51 a.m., three "4s" at 4:07, and additional companies were called



**NO CEILING, NO FLOOR** in this classroom following fire at Mt. Carmel School where \$180,000 modernization work was only recently completed.

in at 4:52, 5:10 and 5:15 a.m. The flames shot up through the roof, causing most of it to collapse onto the second floor. A second-floor classroom tumbled into the ground-floor auditorium, leaving a gaping hole from ground to roof.

Debris quickly littered the area. Water and smoke damage was heavy. Many records in the offices of the principal, Sister Mary Ambrose were damaged as was school library equipment.

## WSAY To Air Rites For Abbot

Rochester Radio Station WSAY will broadcast the complete ceremony of the Pontifical Mass of Blessing for Abbot McGinley from the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday morning (Nov. 9) starting at 10 o'clock.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Cragh and the Rev. Richard Terney will give the commentary and description of the ceremonies for the radio audience.

General seating at the Cathedral for the ceremony will be by ticket but a limited number of seats will be available for the public.

## New Jersey Voters OK Bingo Games

Newark, N. J. — (RNS)—New Jersey voters approved by 2 1/2 to 1 a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo and raffles sponsored by religious, charitable, veterans, civic and similar organizations.

The overwhelming pro-bingo vote climaxed a hard-fought battle in which opposing sides were spearheaded by Roman Catholic and Protestant church forces.

Catholics, backed by veterans' and fraternal organizations, civic clubs, volunteer fire companies and rescue squads, strongly favored bingo legalization.

Protestant churchmen, led by an Anti-Bingo-Raffles Committee of the New Jersey Council of Churches, battled just as hard for a "no" vote.

MOST CLERGYMEN in the state discussed the subject in their last sermons before election day. Many made strong appeals, pro or con, to their parishioners.

On the basis of 3,787 of the state's 1,964 districts, the vote on bingo was:

Yes—49,127.  
No—26,464.

Under the amendment, only "bonafide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire companies and first-aid or rescue squads" will become eligible to conduct bingo games and raffles.

And the wording of the referendum provides that the "entire net proceeds" must be devoted to "educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses."

Laws regulating the games will have to be adopted by the legislature before the bingo legalization will take effect. It is expected that a local-option provision will be included in these laws.

If so, the legality of bingo probably will be settled finally in individual communities at next year's municipal elections.

A BINGO controversy has raged in New Jersey since 1948. Democratic lawmakers tried unsuccessfully at every session of the legislature to pass bingo bills.

Most Republican leaders, backed by Protestant churchmen, have opposed bingo. Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll vetoed one bingo bill.

Protestant church officials took their stand on the ground that gambling was immoral and should not be legalized. They also contended that voters should not be asked to legalize bingo until they knew what specific regulations would control it.

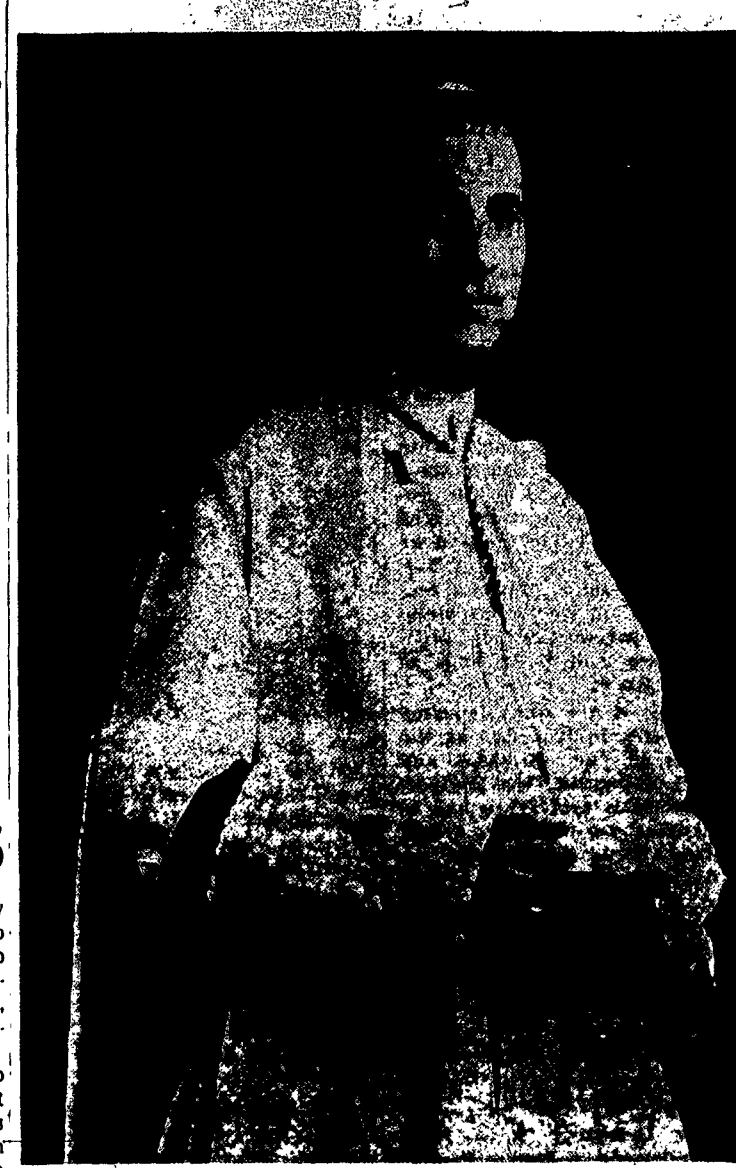
THE CATHOLIC stand was summed up in a front-page editorial in The Advocate, official publication of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The editorial said "not gambling but the abuse of gambling involves an immoral act."

"Harmless games like bingo and raffles," it said, "do not easily lead to abuses. If abuse does creep in, let us do as we do with those who abuse their driving rights. We punish the reckless driver but do not deprive others of their rights to drive."

The Advocate, widely distributed among the 1,094,000 Catholics in the Newark archdiocese, strongly urged a "Yes" vote as a "vote cast for individual liberty in matters which do not harm the community and in support of works of religion, education and charity."

# Bishop Kearney To Confer Blessing On Abbot McGinley At Ceremonies In Cathedral



THE RIGHT REV. M. GERARD MCGINLEY, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey

## Abbot's Coat-Of-Arms, Motto Pledge 'Sacrifice'

The Latin motto, "Confidentia Et Tota Oblatio" (Trust and Total Sacrifice), highlights the coat of arms of the Right Rev. Dom M. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., newly elected abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey, Trappist Monastery located at Piffard, N. Y.

This motto is particularly appropriate to the strict discipline, self-sacrifice and complete abandonment to the Will of God, synonymous with the Trappist way of life.

THE BLACK pontifical hat and the staff in gold, traditional symbols of an abbot's office, appear above and behind the shield, or main portion of the coat of arms.

The shield is dominated by a silver Cross of Calvary which separates it into four distinct parts. In the upper left corner of the shield can be seen a red rose centered against a gold background. The rose is the emblem of New York State. The monastery of Our Lady of the Genesee is the first Trappist foundation in this State.

The rose is also symbolic of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Carmelite nun popularly known as the "Little Flower."

The upper right portion of the shield shows an anchor, the symbol of Trust, which is repeated in the motto, and is the Sacred Host raised in the hands of the priest, which is likewise interpretive of "Total Sacrifice" found in the motto. Both of these symbols are in silver against a red background.

A STAR, in honor of the Blessed Virgin who is called "Morning Star" in the litany, is seen in the lower left section of the shield. It shines in a blue sky over the Genesee valley, depicted in natural color. Through the valley flows the Genesee river in silver. It is from the Genesee valley that the Trappist Monastery at Piffard received its name.

Design for Abbot McGinley's coat of arms was executed by Eloise Wilkin, Canandaigua, N. Y. artist.

## 'Lady Of Genesee' Started By New Trappist Abbot

The first band of Trappists from the Gethsemani mother house in Kentucky arrived at Piffard in May, 1951. It included Prior Gerard McGinley, abbot of the community next Monday; Father Ambrose as guest master; and four lay brothers. The monks lived for three weeks at Westley, the country home of Porter R. Chandler, who had offered 600 acres of his estate as the monastery site.

They held their first services in St. Raphael's Mission Church, at the invitation of the Rev. Charles Reynolds, one of the many priests of the Diocese who welcomed and assisted the pioneer group. Late in the first April the band was increased to eight and they took up residence in Bethlehem House on the Chandler property on which also was a garage, four farm build-

ings and a silo. After remodeling the farmhouse to include a chapel and dormitory, which were completed in August, the monks' number gradually increasing started work on the present steel frame temporary buildings they will occupy until the erection of the permanent abbey on the wooded knoll west of the monastery.

DEATH STRUCK twice in the little band of pioneers. Frater M. Dennis Mayer, 27, who was due to be sub-prior and within a few months of ordination, to the priesthood, died September 25, 1951 and Frater M. Simon Smith

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The Right Rev. M. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., Abbot-Elect of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey at Piffard, N. Y., and only Abbot of the Trappist Order in New York State, will be blessed at solemn ceremonies next Monday morning (Nov. 9) at 10 o'clock in Rochester's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney.

The blessing of the new Abbot on Monday will take place at a Pontifical Mass which Bishop Kearney also will celebrate.

THE RARE and impressive rites will confer on Abbot McGinley the right to use the privileges of his rank. These include the right to use the "pontifical" the pectoral cross, the ring, the miter, the pastoral staff or crozier, and other vestments and insignia used normally only by bishops.

In his own Abbey, he may also use a throne and celebrate Mass and other liturgical functions "pontificaly," that is, the way bishops celebrate such functions.

Abbot-Elect McGinley cannot use these privileges until he is solemnly blessed. The blessing must be performed by a bishop.

TWO TRAPPIST Abbots will act as assistants to the Abbot-Elect at next Monday's ceremonies. They are: The Right Rev. Vincent Daly, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of New Malverly Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa; and the Right Rev. Edmund Patterson, O.C.S.O., Abbot of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts.

The Right Rev. M. James Ford, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky will preach the sermon.

Assisting Bishop Kearney as officers of the Mass will be the following: auxiliary, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McGinley, dean of honor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Stauder, dean of the Mass. Rev. Joseph A. Chiriacino, subdeacon of the Mass; the Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, and "Master of ceremonies," the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Higgins.

The Trappist Monastery at Piffard, the Apostolic Mission in which the Holy See authorizes that the Abbot's Blessing may be given to Father McGinley.

Minor officers of the Mass will be students of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The St. Bernard Seminary Choir under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy will sing the Mass.

The 63 monks of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey will attend next Monday's rites and at the conclusion pay "filial homage" to their new Abbot.

Besides Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey, a number of church dignitaries are expected to attend the ceremonies. These include abbots and priors from nine other Trappist foundations in the United States.

ABBOT MCGINLEY is a native of Baldwin, Wisconsin where he was born on April 21, 1906 and also attended grade school. He began his high school course at St. Mary's in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and completed it at Genesee High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. He began his studies for the priesthood at the St. Paul Seminary and after two years he entered the novitiate of the Paulist Fathers in 1925.

Desiring a more complete religious life, he joined the Cistercians, as the Trappists are formally known, at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in 1928. After two years of novitiate, he made his temporary vows for three years, followed by his solemn vows for life. Following the reception of Minor and Major Orders, he was ordained to the priesthood December 21, 1935.

Father McGinley was appointed guest-master at the Gethsemani Abbey in 1940 and for ten years he also served as infirmarian. From 1940 to 1945 he served as retreat-master of the laymen and priests retreatants.

HE WAS APPOINTED master of the lay brothers in 1946 and master of choir novices in 1947. In 1949 he became the Prior of Gethsemani. He was appointed first superior of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Genesee on August 22, 1949. After two years of preparation he headed a small group of six monks who left Kentucky Abbey and arrived in the Genesee Valley in May, 1951 to start the new foundation.

At a General Chapter of the Cistercian Order held last September in Cîteaux, France, the New York State monastery was raised to the rank of an abbey. Father McGinley was appointed abbot of the community on October 13 and was installed in his office at Piffard, N. Y., during the ceremonies of the blessing by the Abbot General, Rome.



**OUR SCHOOL ON FIRE!**—Police Officer Stanley Kowalczyk explains how firemen are fighting fire in their school to Mt. Carmel pupils (left to right): Geraldine Chido, Dolores Martelli, Patty Lamson, and Marlene Martelli.

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