



Sister Dorothy Marie Schantz and Mrs. Helen Klee.

Photo by John Dash

## A Long Association

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Oberlies designed the distinctive bell tower. The tower had survived, the House lay in ruin.

"It is the most awful tragedy," Sister said, "that we

have lost this church." But, she said, it is the Redemptorists, "who have done so much for the faith in this community," who must feel the real loss.

Smoke still swelled at his feet as he stood gazing into the fire-ravaged nave. Frank Griffin, senior vice president at Marine Midland Bank on his way to work, 50 years a communicant at the church, couldn't believe his eyes. He had been serving at the altar and as lector for Masses at St. Joseph's for the past two years, and now there was nothing left but "a terrific sense of loss."

He had trouble putting his feelings into words. He felt "shock" as if something inside me is gone.

And Terry O'Donnell, a Post Office worker, had heard the news of the fire during his early morning work shift. He had attended Mass at the Church on Sundays. Now, "I can't believe it," he said, and drawing up his shoulders against the impending winter sky, walked dispiritedly through the smoke heavy air to his home.

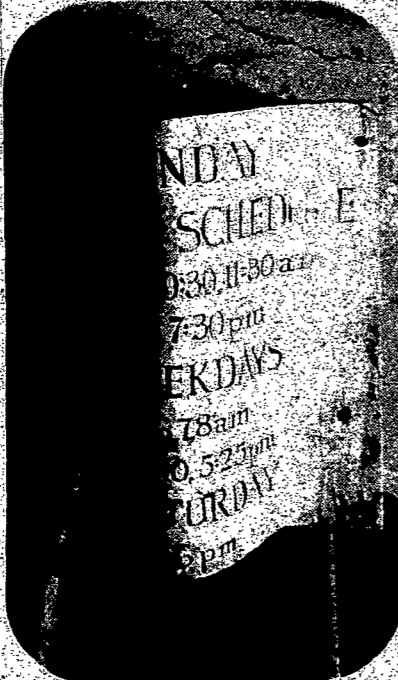


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## Msgr. G. Gefell Named Pastor

Msgr. Gerard Gefell, an Army chaplain for the past 26 years, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario.

The Pastoral Office announced this week that he would take over Oct. 30 at the Wayne County parish from which Father Charles Langworthy retired early this month.

Msgr. Gefell leaves the service as a colonel, after two tours of duty in Vietnam and service in Germany, Korea, Alaska and at Army posts throughout the United States. This year, he has been at Ft. Meade, Md. As U.S. Army staff chaplain in Vietnam, he directed the activities of 400 chaplains, and for this work received the Army Legion of Merit award in 1969. He holds the Master Parachutist badge and is a charter member of the National Association of Priest Pilots.

Msgr. Gefell is the twin brother of Msgr. Joseph Gefell, who had a similar career in the military chaplaincy and now is pastor of St. Alphonsus, Auburn.

The Gefells are native Rochesterians, from St. Michael's parish. They were graduated from



MSGR. G. GEFELL

St. Bernard's and ordained to the priesthood in 1941. Both were made domestic prelates in 1967.

Msgr. Gerard's seven years in diocesan service, before he entered the chaplain corps in 1948, were spent at his brother's present church and at St. Michael, Newark.



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## Abortion

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Democrat-Liberal candidate, presented a different viewpoint. She replied no and stated that the U.S. Supreme Court has spoken and there is nothing more to be said in that particular area.

Lefkowitz, Republican endorsed by the Liberal party, stated his position:

"As attorney general it is my duty as imposed by statute to defend all statutes enacted by the State Legislature without regard to my personal views. While the proposed human rights amendment is at this time an issue solely within the jurisdiction of Congress and not state officials, legislation which may result therefrom as well as any state legislation which may relate to

abortions would have to be defended by my office. Therefore any expression of my personal views on these matters would be inappropriate."

His Conservative party opponent, Edward F. Campbell, checked the affirmative box, declaring his support for state ratification of such an amendment.

Robert Abrams, the Democratic candidate, did not reply.

## Marijuana

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Lefkowitz answered, no and commented:

"Until convincing medical evidence is produced that marijuana does not affect a person physically as well as mentally, to remove existing criminal penalties would be premature. Today's medical evidence is conflicting."

Edward F. Campbell, the Conservative candidate for attorney general, simply indicated that he did not favor any such removal of criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana.

The Democrat candidate, Robert Abrams, did not reply.

## Rome at Work On Holy Year

Rome (RNS) — Rome's city government plans a vast "pedestrian mall" that will cover the area in front of St. Peter's Basilica and stretch eastward to an area in front of Vatican City's main entrance (St. Anne's Gate).

The mall, or "island," the fourth such large section to be set aside for pedestrian traffic in Rome, will be established in November as part of Rome's preparations for the Roman Catholic Church's 1975 Holy Year.

The mall will encompass some 27 square blocks in the area called the Borgo, which lies between the Vatican and Castel Sant' Angelo. Several roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic; some will be open only to buses and taxis. The rest will be open only to residents of the area or to persons who work there or at the Vatican.

Most buildings in the Borgo are owned by the Vatican or by religious groups and serve as offices for these organizations.

The broad avenue, Via della Conciliazione, which Benito Mussolini cleared as a sweeping approach to St. Peter's square, will become a walkway, except for narrow bus lines on either side.

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