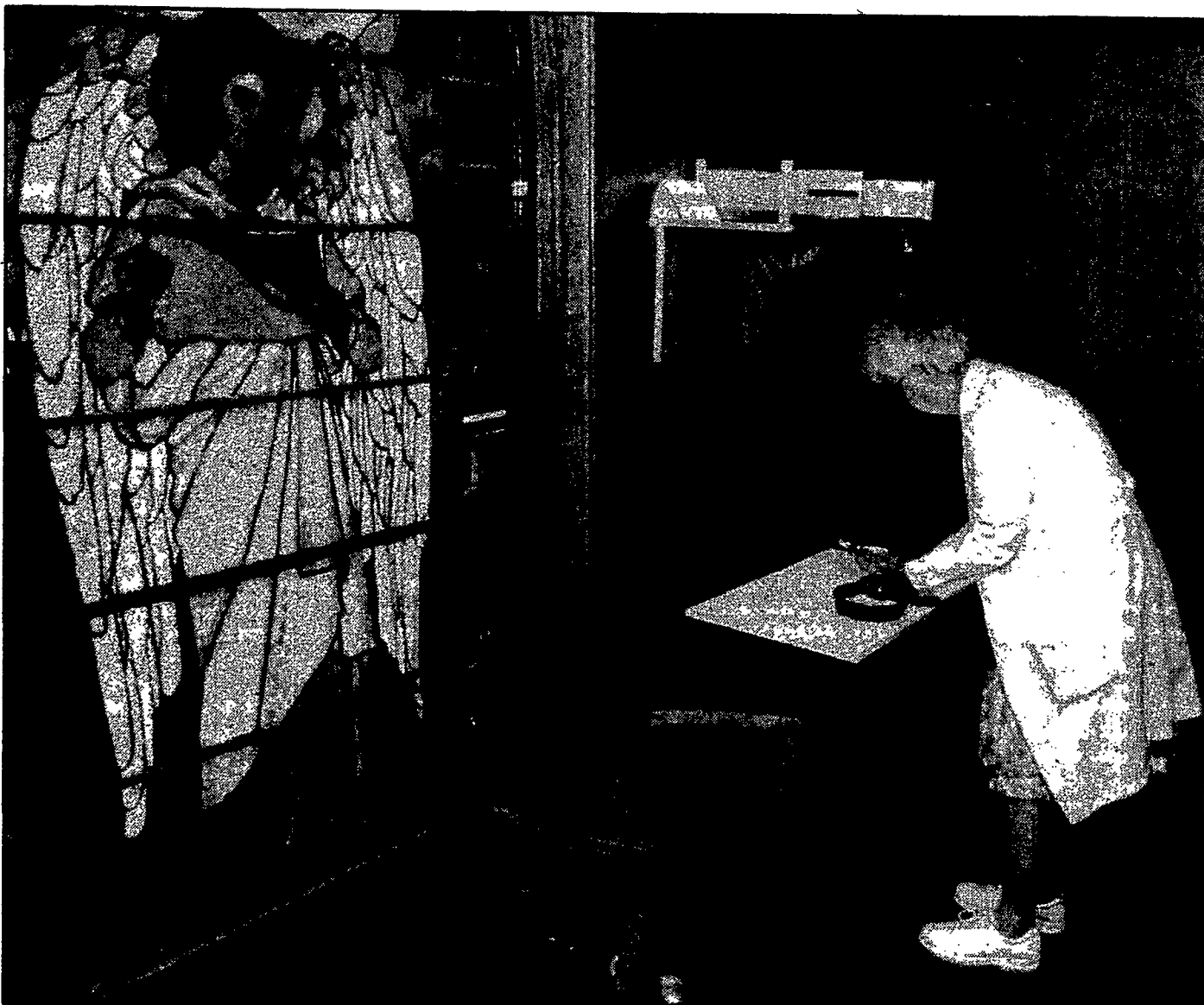


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'When I was sick ...'


Trained volunteers regularly make their rounds in area hospitals, tending to the spiritual comfort of patients. At Rochester General Hospital, 22 pastoral visitors and 26 eucharistic ministers serve patients. Mary Empy (top photos), a parishioner at Holy Cross Church of Rochester, has volunteered one day a week for 15 years as a eucharistic minister at the hospital. Her primary duty is to deliver daily Communion to patients at the hospital. Empy offered to volunteer after she herself had a hospital stay and daily Communion was not available. Georgia Crissy (lower right), a parishioner at St. Louis Church of Pittsford, also volunteers one day a week, as a pastoral visitor. She is assigned to the fifth floor, and provides a non-denominational spiritual presence for patients — offering to listen, pray with, and offer support. Volunteers, who must present a recommendation from their parish, commit to one year of service.



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