

DIOCESAN NEWS

Obituaries

Msgr. Joseph Gefell, 85; colonel in Army

Msgr. Joseph G. Gefell, a diocesan priest for 60 years, died of pneumonia-related causes in Watertown on Oct. 13, 2001. He was 85.

Msgr. Gefell lived with his twin brother, Msgr. Gerard J. Gefell, in Cape Vincent in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., where they served on weekends at various parishes.

Msgr. Gefell grew up attending St. Michael's Church and School in Rochester, and graduated with his brother from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

His brother said the two were encouraged by the nuns at St. Michael's to explore the priesthood, and both decided to become priests when they were in fifth or sixth grade.

"From that time on, there was no question that we were going to try it," Msgr. Ger-



ard said.

Ordained in 1941, Msgr. Joseph first served at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson, N.J., and then at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Rochester. In 1943,

he joined the Army and served as a chaplain in the Pacific theater of World War II until 1945.

After the war, he came back to serve at St. Theodore Parish, Gates, and St. Ann, Hornell. He reenlisted in 1947, and served as a chaplain in the Philippines, Japan, Germany, Vietnam and the United States.

He retired as a colonel in 1973 when he became pastor of St. Alphonsus, Auburn. After leaving his pastorate in 1976, Msgr. Joseph subsequently served at the parishes of Holy Cross, Rochester; St. Margaret

Mary, Irondequoit; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hamlin. He retired in 1990.

Msgr. Gerard said that he and his brother joined the army to answer both the call of duty and of adventure.

"We both had a kind of yen for being where the action was," he said.

During his time of military service, Msgr. Joseph completed 96 parachute jumps, his brother said. He added that his brother will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.

"He did everything he could for other people."

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 at Christ the King Church, Irondequoit. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

- Rob Cullivan

Father Albert P. Bartlett, SJ; McQuaid rector '66-72

Father Albert P. Bartlett, former rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School and a Jesuit for 59 years, died Sept. 30, 2001, at St. Helena's rectory in the Bronx.

Born in 1917 in Dublin, Ireland, Father Bartlett came to the United States at age 13 and grew up on Staten Island. He graduated from Fordham University and entered the Jesuits in 1942.

He was ordained a priest at Fordham in 1954 and made his final profession of vows in 1957. Father Bartlett received his master's degree in English from Fordham in 1958, and moved to Buffalo, where he taught English and religion at Canisius High School and Canisius College.

He was rector of the Jesuit community

and taught at McQuaid Jesuit High School from 1966-72. There he instituted a weekly television program, "DARE," for discussion of current topics. He also inaugurated a yearly lecture series by top theologians, and a weekly holy hour for priests, which Bishop Fulton J. Sheen conducted at times.

"Father Bartlett was a man of vision, with a broad range of learning," said Jesuit Father John Carriero, a guidance counselor at McQuaid.

Jesuit Father Leon J. Hogenkamp, McQuaid's vice president and former principal, said, "Father Bartlett was a man who was ahead of his time, particularly so in starting a group that eventually became McQuaid's board of trustees. This was a time

when very few schools, if any, had boards of directors."

He also called for a greater involvement by the laity during the 1960s.

Father Bartlett returned to teach at Canisius College for four years before being named vice-provincial for formation. In 1982 he became associate director of the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau.

His funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 4 at the Loyola Hall Chapel, at the Jesuits' residence at Fordham. Burial was in the Jesuit Cemetery at Auriesville.

Contributions may be made to the Rev. Albert P. Bartlett, SJ, Scholarship Fund, c/o McQuaid Jesuit High School, 1800 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14618.

William Kash; Becket Hall student

William R. Kash, a student in the Becket Hall pre-theology program, died Oct. 13, 2001, from injuries suffered in an accidental fall at Letchworth State Park the previous day. He was 26 years old.

A native of Rockville Centre, N.Y., Mr. Kash graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse High School. He formerly belonged to St. Rose of Lima Parish in North Syracuse and later moved to Elmira before coming to Rochester.

Mr. Kash had just begun his senior year

at St. John Fisher College and was in his second year at Becket Hall. He lived at the Becket Hall residence on Gregory Street in Rochester.

According to Father John DeSocio, assistant to the bishop for vocations and priestly formation, Mr. Kash was planning to go on to major seminary and to become a priest in the Diocese of Rochester in 2007. Father DeSocio recalled a reflection that Mr. Kash had given during Stations of the Cross this past Lent at St. Boniface Church, which is located next to Becket Hall.

"He revealed that since he was 5 years old, he'd always wanted to become a priest. That was his dream, but he had never told anyone," Father DeSocio said.

"He was just a very outstanding man. He was friendly, and just loved life. He was a very giving person, a very helping person. A number of friends and family were very important to him."

Mr. Kash is survived by his mother, Maureen; father, Richard; sisters, Erin, Megan and Kellyann; nephew, Ryan; and maternal grandmother, Katherine Kenna.

His funeral Mass was to be held Oct. 17 at St. Rose of Lima Church, with burial in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 422 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

-Mike Latona

Enrollment

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said, which also are being affected.

This year the cost per pupil in Monroe County is estimated at nearly \$3,500. Families who belong to Catholic parishes receive parish subsidies, and all families receive further discounts when they enroll additional children. So for one child, whose family is in good standing at a parish, tuition is \$2,500. However, families may contribute tax-deductible amounts to help close the gap between the tuition charged and the actual cost of the education.

In the Finger Lakes, per pupil costs range from \$2,810 to \$4,450. For one child who is eligible for a parish discount, the tuition charge is \$1,150 to \$2,500. In the Southern Tier, costs run from \$2,400 to \$4,100 per pupil. Tuition for the child of a parishioner is \$1,425 to \$1,700.

"What we are going to look at is, if (families) can afford it, should they be paying closer to real cost even if they are Catholic," Hayles said. "Then we'd have the financial aid dollars to spread to families who need it."

The board's priority initiatives boil down to increasing or stabilizing enrollment and serving "the community that wants to be served"; as well as increasing teacher salaries to a just wage.

Cathedral conference

The Diocese of Rochester is one of several dioceses that will make presentations at "Cathedrals for a New Century," Oct. 21-23 at the University of Notre Dame.

The symposium will focus on the design of modern Catholic cathedrals and the renovation of existing ones.


Priests, bishops, architects, artists, liturgists and parishioners will share their perspectives "on a subject that has become increasingly controversial within the Catholic Church," a media release from Notre Dame stated. "Plans to build or refurbish cathedrals from Baltimore to Milwaukee to Los Angeles have provoked resistance from some who believe proposed changes like repositioning the altar and tabernacle will have a negative impact on the experience of the liturgy. Others believe the Second Vatican Council encourages a more open, inclusive design to better represent the Church's rites and sacraments."

Father John Mulligan, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, and David Miller, an architect and member of the cathedral's architect select committee, will represent the Rochester Diocese at the symposium.

Miller pointed out that the symposium will feature three categories: new cathedrals, existing cathedrals that were remodeled, and cathedral projects in process. He and Father Mulligan will be in the third category, Oct. 22, and discuss how the diocese formed its committees, selected its architect, and other aspects of the preparatory work.

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