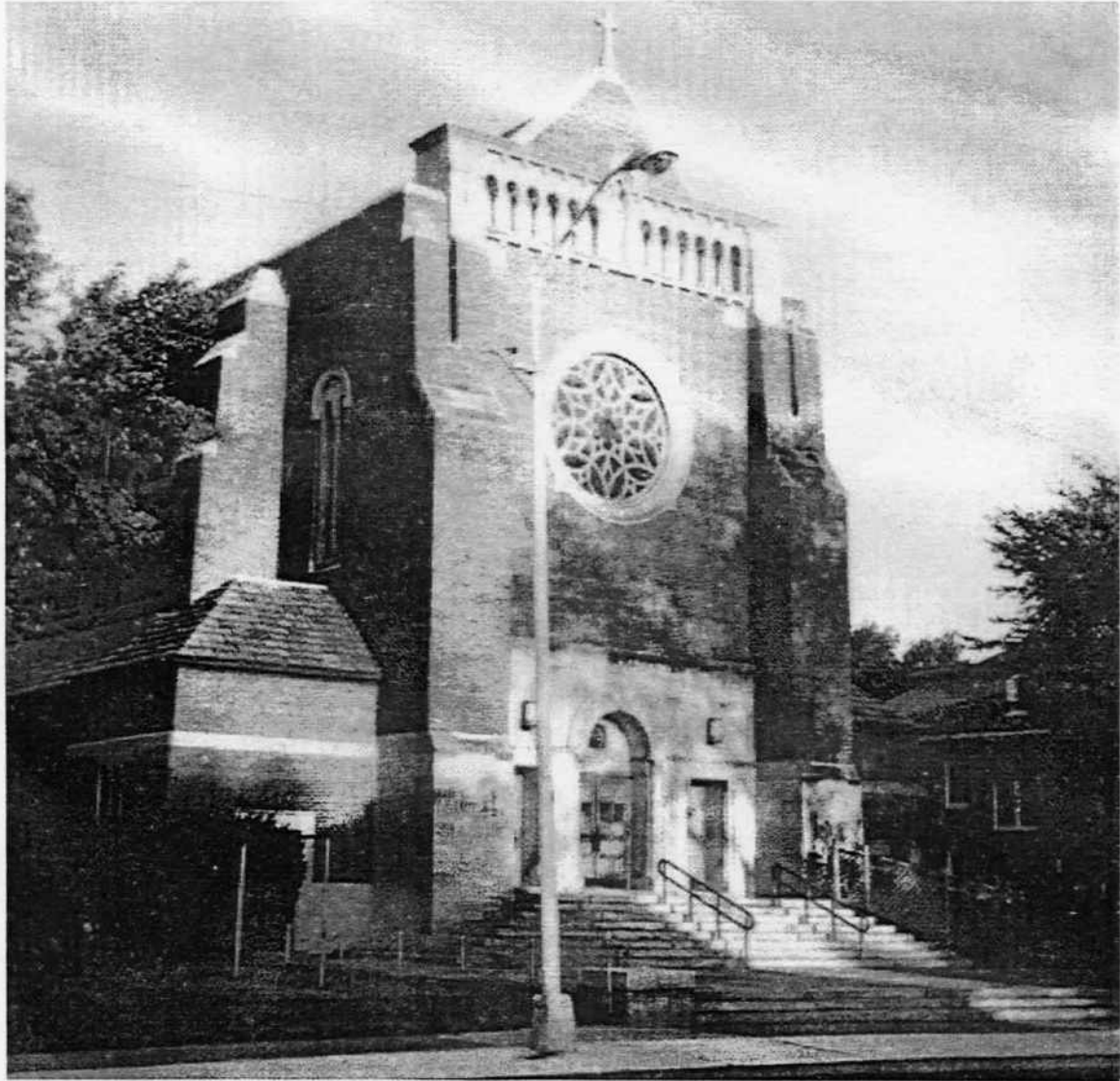


# **St. Gregory the Great Parish**

15031 Dexter Avenue, Detroit

**REV. RONALD J. DE HONDT, Pastor**



**Seventy-Fifth Anniversary**  
**1923-1998**



### ***St. Gregory the Great***

Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, was born in 540 and died in 604. On account of his illustrious deeds and his efforts to bring the English to believe in Christ, he is surnamed "the Great" and called the Apostle of England.

In the field of liturgy and writing, Gregory ranks as one of the greatest of all Popes. Among the more important of his many writings are: the *Regula Pastoralis*, a treatise on Pastoral duties that was widely used during the Middle Ages; *Moralia*, a textbook on Moral Theology arising from reflections on the Book of Job. The deep, spiritual tone pervading all of Gregory's writings and his personal character, point to the careful, early training in piety and holiness of his mother, Sylvia.

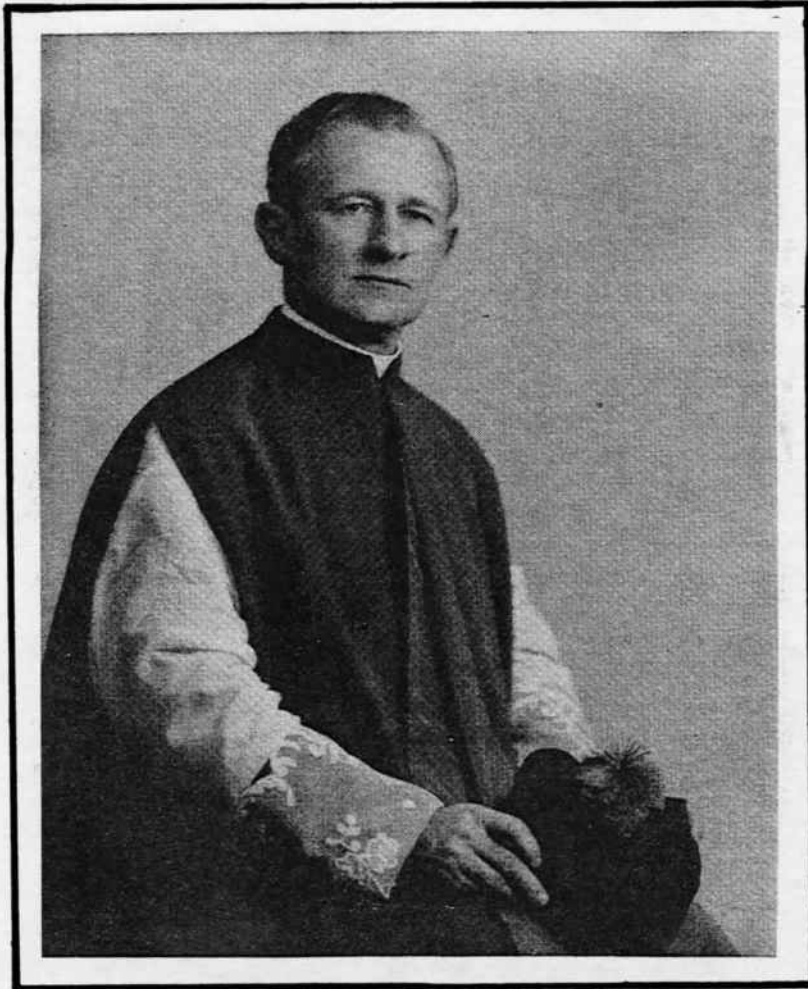
Seeing a great need for reform in the Church Music, Gregory gave birth to an ecclesiastical chant. He extended his vigilance to the minute details of the service of God.

Being a very Pastoral person, Gregory was interested in the people of his time and the spread of the faith in Jesus. Engaging in the everyday business of the people filled a great portion of his time. His works of mercy and charity endeared him to this people and they always welcomed his presence among them. Besides his involvement in public duties, Gregory did devote much time to private prayer and always worked to promote mutual love among people, bringing souls to God and correcting any wrongs in the Church.

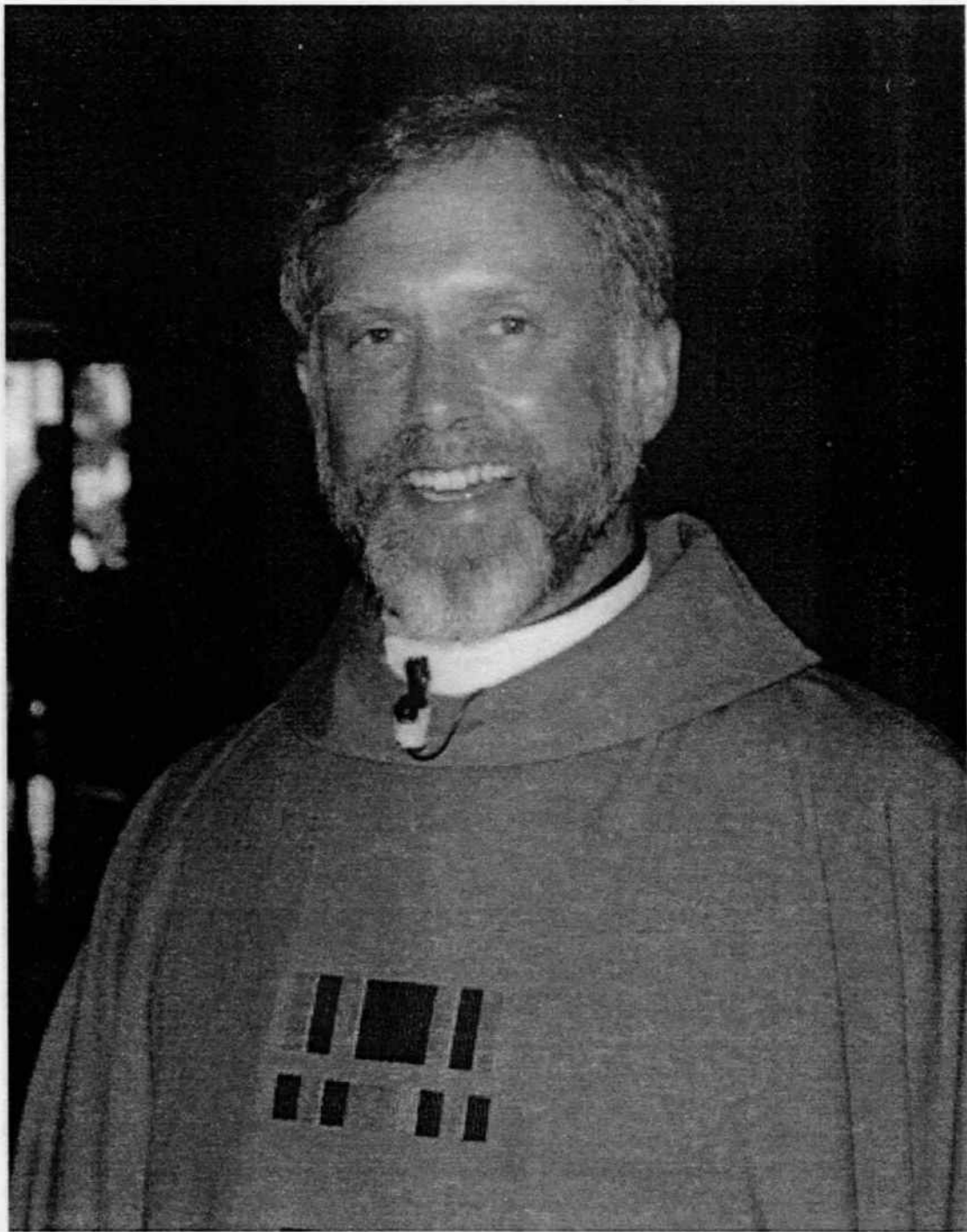
The name Gregory means "watchman", and in one of his homilies on the prophet Ezekiel St. Gregory wrote: *So who am I to be a watchman, for I do not stand in the mountain of action but lie down in the valley of weakness? Truly the all-powerful Creator and Redeemer of mankind can give me in spite of my weaknesses a higher life and effective speech; because I love him, I do not spare myself in speaking of him.*

These words of St. Gregory indicate both the humility and the faith of the patron of our parish and give direction to all of us for years to come. Truly, we are blessed to be guided by the spirit of one so dedicated to prayer and to action in bring the message of Jesus Christ to all people.

In Loving Memory And In Dedication  
To Our  
Founding Pastor



**Msgr. Frank A. Pokriefka**  
1887-1967



Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt  
Pastor

From Father Ronald J. DeHondt, Pastor

*"If only you recognized God's gift...."*

*(John 4:10; Jesus and the Woman at the Well)*

It is not unusual for someone to pause during their day and give thanks to God for blessings received and shared. Gratitude is an important part of our relationship with God and taking time to acknowledge God's goodness is itself the heart of prayer.

It is for this reason we have paused at various times throughout the past year to express our gratitude to God for 75 years of faith and service. It is God who has made such a year even possible. We also remember all the people both past and present who have made and found St. Gregory's to be the home that it is.

Our year of grace has been given direction by the fourth chapter of John's Gospel where Jesus meets the woman at the well. During their lively exchange Jesus reminds the woman that God is nearer than she imagines and her whole life would be different if she really knew to whom she was talking. Take a moment, Jesus seems to say, to really appreciate what is happening as we talk. God is very close to us as we speak to each other from our hearts.

One of the first entries from a parish journal kept by the founding pastor of St. Gregory's, Msgr. Frank Prokriefka, says very simply:

*1923--St. Gregory's Parish was started on Sunday, Oct. 21, 1923. Masses were said at 8 am and 10 in the Chapel of St. Francis Home, Fenkell and Linwood Aves. About 300 people attended. Handbills announcing the new parish were distributed among the children of the Custer and Edgewood Schools on Friday, Oct. 19, and from door to door throughout the neighborhood on Sat. Oct. 20. Previous to the starting of the parish 11 lots (440 ft.) were purchased on Dexter Boulevard and 8 lots (320 ft.) on Holmur Ave. The total cost was \$45,423.52. Announcement was made on the first Sunday that beginning the next Sunday Masses would be said at 8, 10, and 12.*

What hopes and dreams did Msgr. Prokriefka have at that time? Was there any way he could have seen what the next 75 years would bring? Could he or any of the new parishioners have been able to look ahead to what St. Gregory's would become at the end of the century as the new millennium was about to begin?

As we ourselves look back to the early beginnings and as we look ahead to a future that will soon enter the year 2000 we can pause to say our "Thanks" to our God and to thousands of people whose lives have been changed because 11 lots and 8 lots were purchased in this part of Detroit.

Education has always been a strong part of the Catholic tradition and St. Gregory's was no exception. Msgr. Prokriefka started a school soon after the founding of the parish and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, staffed both the grade and the high school. St. Gregory's became a place where scholars, athletes, religious sisters, brothers, priests, and countless married and single people went forth to better the world and involve themselves in building the Kingdom of God. Though the schools themselves were closed in the late 60's and early 70's the buildings have always been creatively used to respond to other community needs. For the past twenty years Diversified Youth Services, Inc., has occupied both the school and the convent building to serve the needs of both youth and families. The small, strong, and resilient building once known as the gym has found a renovation in recent years leading to its current identity as St. Gregory Community Center. Here people of all ages find a safe place throughout the day and night to carry on our athletic tradition as well as building community spirit through educational and mentoring programs.

Early years also saw the formation of many parish groups and though subsequent decades have brought many changes we still find strength in organizations like Boy Scout Troop 194, Altar Society, Men's Club, Benevolence Committee, Food and Friendship, Ushers Board, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Emergency Food Outreach Program, Summer Programs, and many others. Our Choirs sing powerful praise and our many ministries of worship and service give expression to our witness both within and beyond our Sunday Masses. The Parish Council and its Commissions (Worship, Stewardship, Evangelization, Christian Service, and Education) respond to the challenge of leading a community of faith in contemporary times.

Our Parish Mission Statement expresses the essence of who we are:

*St. Gregory the Great is a parish within the City of Detroit. As a Catholic Family we strive to be a warm community of believers, sensitive to our African-American heritage while recognizing our ethnic diversity. As we strengthen each other in faith we continue to reach out to all people.*

*Out of the joys and struggles of the past we have drawn together from different parishes to form a new community of faith "Alive in the Spirit." We commit ourselves to respond to the call of God, proclaiming the mission of Jesus by ongoing worship, service, education, evangelization, financial responsibility, and the sharing of resources.*

In this time of gratitude we can begin again to recognize the gift of God in the life of faith we all share. In saying thanks we are indeed standing on holy ground where prayer is the gift that binds us together.



ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT  
1234 WASHINGTON BLVD.  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

August 5, 1998

Dear Father DeHondt and parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Parish:

On the occasion of your 75th Anniversary celebration, I am pleased to join you in spirit, assuring you of my prayerful remembrance and best wishes.

A Diamond Jubilee celebration is a special moment in the history of any parish, a time to look back with gratitude to the wonderful ways God has inspired and sustained your community through his loving providence. It is also an occasion to recommit yourselves to the ongoing work of preaching and living the gospel and putting it into action through worship and service. These are certainly timely and appropriate thoughts as our Church commits itself to a new evangelization for a new Millennium.

I recall having visited your parish a number of times over the past few years; I have always been impressed by the very enthusiastic and heartfelt expression of faith in your liturgy. Your outreach to young people is also extremely inspiring and important. For 75 years you have been a beacon of hope in the very midst of Northwest Detroit; through your continued service of God and neighbor, you remain a source of hope for the future.

Assuring you of my communion with you in prayerful best wishes now and always, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

*+ Adam Cardinal Maida*

Adam Cardinal Maida  
Archbishop of Detroit

ACM/dm

# The Pastors of St. Gregory the Great Parish



Rev Msgr Frank A. Pokriefka  
1923-1963



Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt  
1981 to present



Rev. Carlton J. Kraus  
1963-1969



Rev. Ronald Cyprys  
1976-1981



Rev. Michael O'Leary  
1969-1970



Rev. Joseph Gagnon  
1970-1976



# Former Assistant Pastors of St. Gregory the Great Parish



Fr. O'Neill



Fr. Healy



Fr. Van Hoof



Fr. Rettig



Fr. Markowicz



Fr. Ford



Fr. Lisee



Fr. Erwin Bauer



Fr. Treppa



Fr. Maurer



Fr. Van der Linden



Fr. David Meier



Fr. Bullion

Fr. Doherty	1925-1938
Fr. O'Reilly	1930-1938
Fr. Montie	1938-1943
Fr. Shannon	1938-1943
Fr. Finnegan	1942-1944
Fr. Meier	1943-1947
Fr. Healy	1944-1949
Fr. Markowicz	1944-1945
Mr. McCabe	1945-1946
Fr. Seifen	1947-1951
Fr. McElgunn	1951-1955
Fr. Schlinkert	1951-1953
Fr. Bauer	1952-1956
Fr. Begue	1953-1958
Fr. Van der Linden	1955-1959
Fr. John La Joy	1956-1956
Fr. Joseph Lisee	1956-1961
Fr. Joseph Rettig	1958-1963
Fr. Walter Ford	1959-1964
Fr. Leo Van Hoof	1960-1962
Fr. James Bullion	1961-1966
Fr. Berkenbosch	1961-1963
Fr. Edward Pelkowski	1963-1965
Fr. Richard Maurer	1963-1965
Fr. Thomas Duffey	1966-1967
Fr. Terrence Treppa	1967-1968





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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JOHN CONYERS, JR.

August 11, 1998

The Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt  
Pastor  
St. Gregory the Great Parish  
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Detroit, Michigan 48238

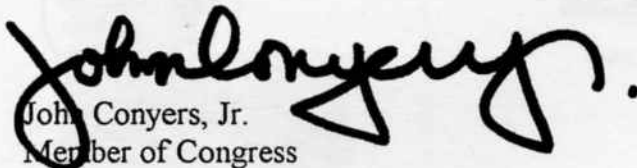
Dear Rev. DeHondt:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Gregory the Great Parish. Your parish community should take great pride in the positive impact it has made over the years. In coming together as a family of faith, you have demonstrated to the greater community the value of trust, dedication, hard work and co-operation.

Through large acts and small ones, your parish community has spread the message of faith and hope to untold thousands of people. What a fine tribute to the wondrous spirit of the Creator.

Again, congratulations and may St. Gregory the Great continue to prosper.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Conyers, Jr." with a flourish at the end.

John Conyers, Jr.  
Member of Congress

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LANSING

JOHN ENGLER  
GOVERNOR

October 18, 1998

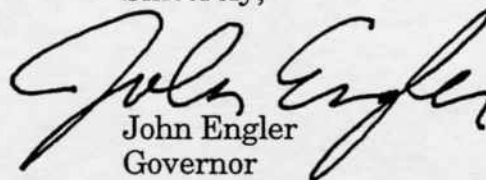
Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Reverend Ronald DeHondt and the members of St. Gregory the Great Parish as you celebrate your 75th anniversary of dedicated ministry.

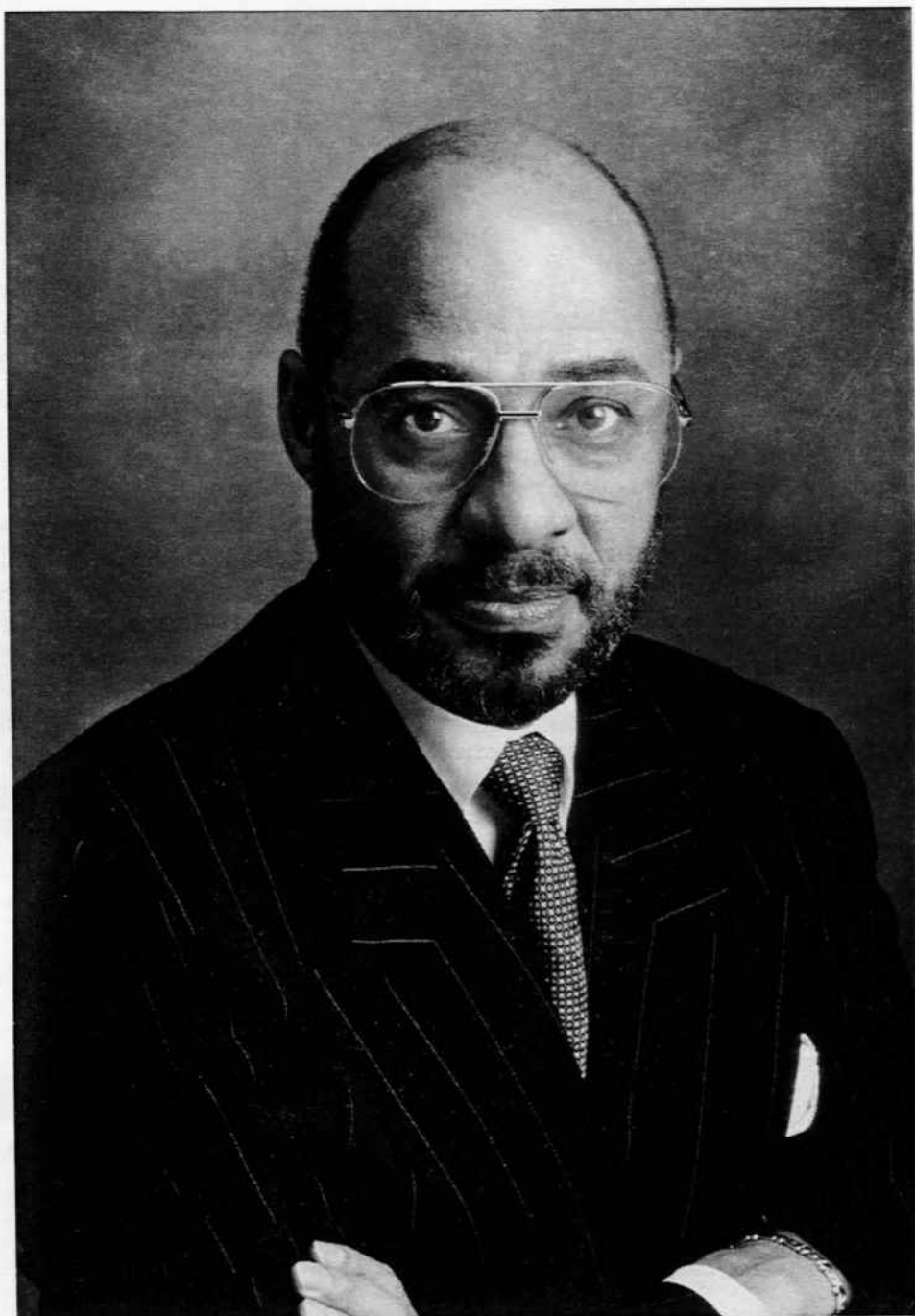
This is truly an exciting occasion for your congregation! For 75 years, your commitment to providing moral guidance, as well as spiritual and physical assistance, has made a significant impact on the members of your community and has played an integral role in the strengthening of our state's moral and religious values. I am certain your efforts have helped countless numbers of people lead happier, more fulfilling lives. On behalf of the citizens of our Great Lakes State, thank you. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to serve the Detroit area for many years to come.

Once again, congratulations on your 75th anniversary! May the excitement and enthusiasm surrounding your celebration also serve to renew and inspire the joy you find in your faith, and in your family, friends and community members.

Sincerely,



John Engler  
Governor





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October 18, 1998

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Detroit, I extend my congratulations to St. Gregory the Great Church on the occasion of its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Certainly, the churches of Detroit are one of its greatest assets, and St. Gregory the Great is an excellent example of the devoted and vibrant churches that strengthen our community. For 75 years, Detroit residents have looked to St. Gregory the Great for spiritual guidance, social support, and community fellowship. Your celebration events, including the Anniversary Mass with Adam Cardinal Maida and the dinner dance at the Roostertail, offer parish family and friends the opportunity to commemorate the anniversary while confirming the church's dynamic future.

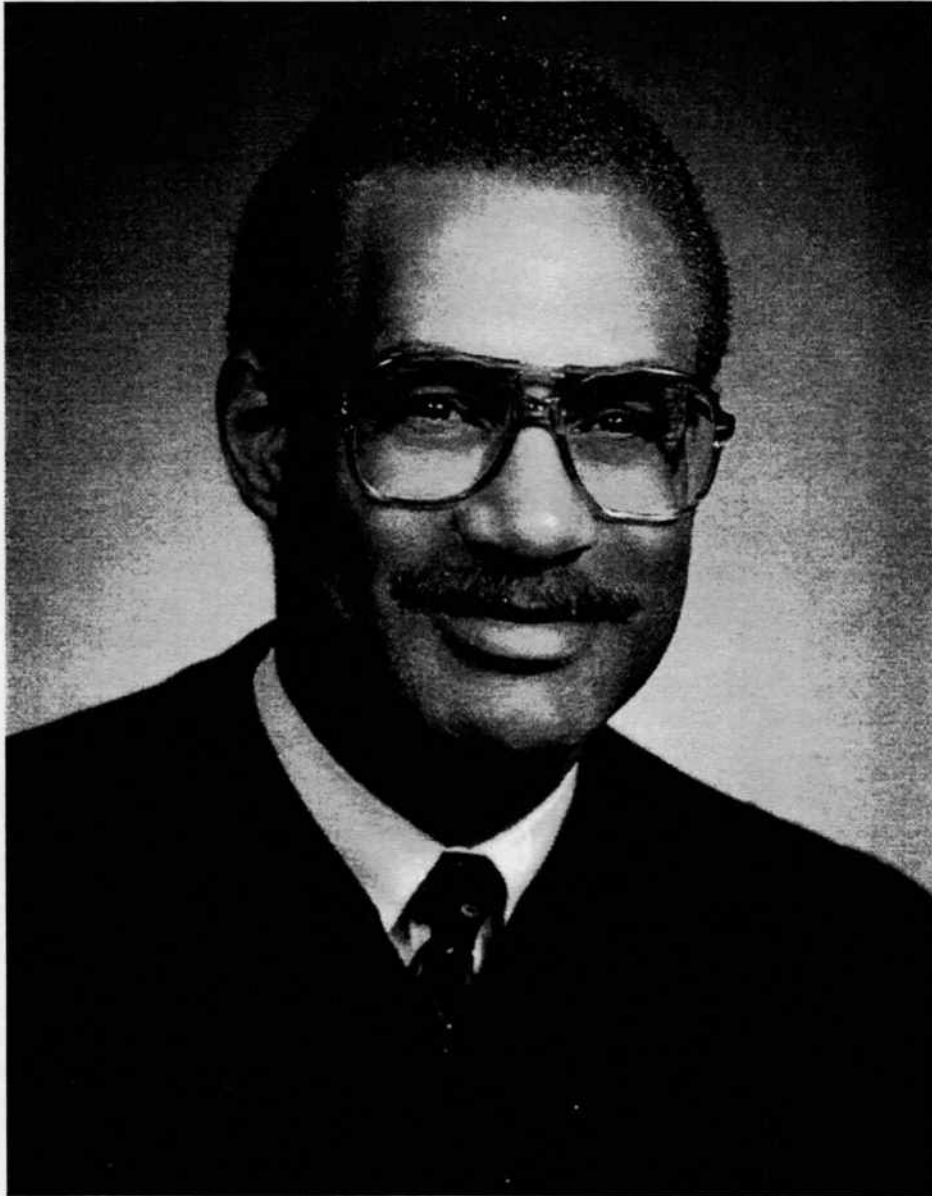
Again, congratulations to the St. Gregory Church family on the auspicious occasion of its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May St. Gregory the Great Church continue to receive and share the many blessings of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Archer  
Mayor

DWA/TD

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary.  
You are ready for the New Millennium!  
God Bless St. Gregory the Great Church Family.



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as you celebrate your 75th Anniversary**

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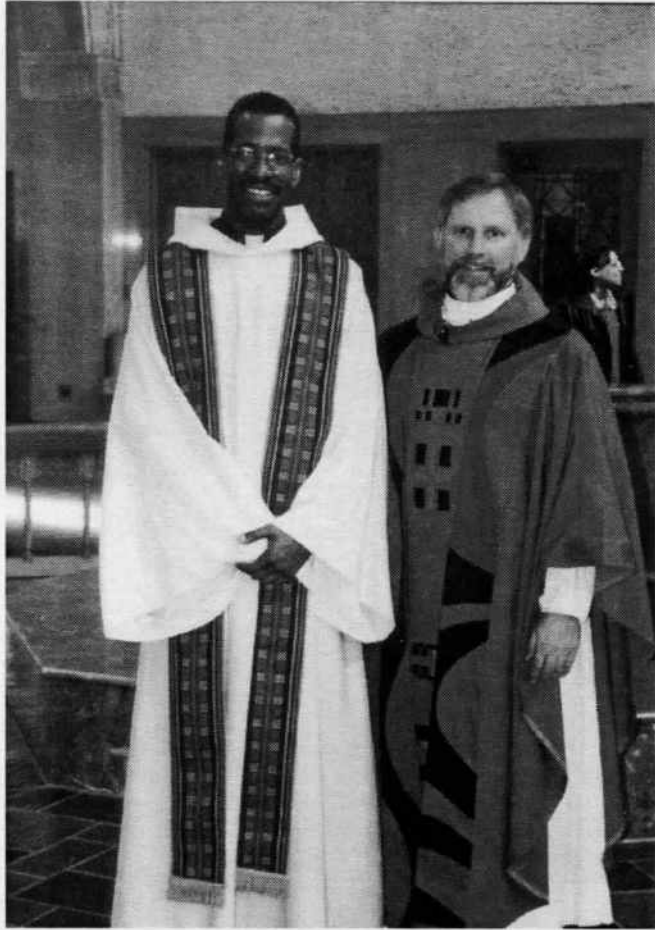
**Marilyn Morrow**

**Annie White**

**Mai-Lan Wright**

**“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)**

**Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt, Pastor**



Rev. Ronald J. De hondt, Pastor  
Father Gregory Chisholm, Visiting Priest





Mel Black, Father Chisholm and Sam Spade  
Enjoying a laugh at Father's farewell luncheon



Members of St. Gregory  
Annual Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross

Congratulations  
St. Gregory the Great for 75 years of Blessings  
"In Every Age, O Lord, You Have Been Our Refuge."



**St. Gregory's Adult Choir**  
Minister of Music, Mr. Eric Gardner  
Accompanists, Mrs. Mona Godbold,  
Ms. Norma Sanders  
Choir President, Gwen Lee



Alto

Patrica Brown  
Julia Drayton  
Linda Franklin  
Minika Pillot  
Madge Savage  
Clarise Turner  
Marge Van Hoy  
Annie White  
Angela Worthy  
Ruth Price

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Gwen Lee  
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Vicki Smith  
Cassandra Terry  
Thelma Williams

Tenor

Flossie Grimes  
Peter Clements  
Mary Scott Johnson  
Jay Tims  
Rudolph Churchwell  
Paul Foster

Bass

William Reed

## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT MUSIC MINISTERS



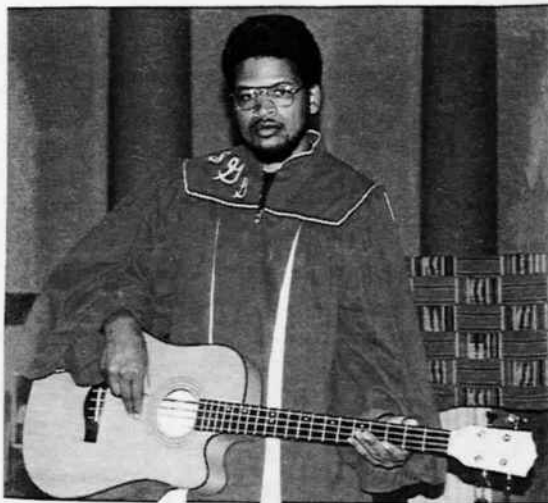
Minister of Music:  
Eric Garner



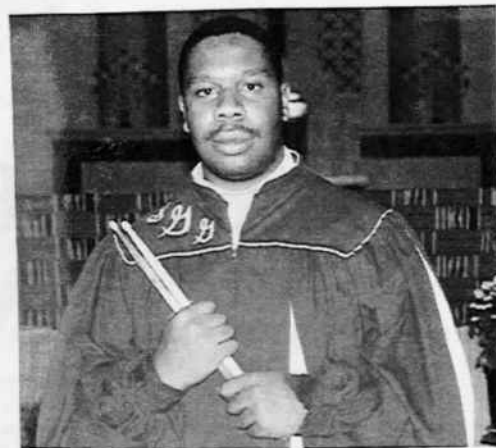
Organist and Singer:  
Norma Sanders



Organist and Singer:  
Mona Godbald



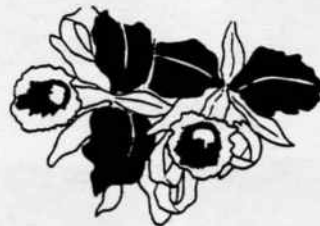
Guitarist: David Carroway



Drummer: Rudolph  
Churchwell

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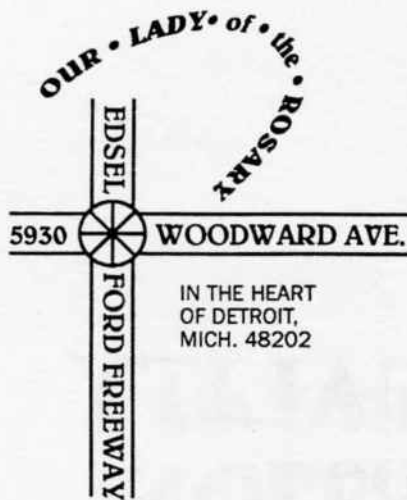


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IT'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION***



ST. GREGORY  
WAS GREAT  
AND SO ARE YOU!  
CONRATULATIONS!  
FROM  
OUR LADY OF THE  
ROSARY PARISH  
FR. BOB MORAND,  
PASTOR

**WE THE PEOPLE OF ST. THERESE  
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NOW CELEBRATING YOU  
75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**



**WE PRAY THAT, ONE DAY,  
OUR OWN HISTORY WILL BE  
AS GLORIOUS AND REMARKABLE  
AS YOURS HAS BEEN.**



**With Great Gratitude  
to those  
who have been  
so generous  
in supporting  
our 75th Anniversary Events**

**Fr. Ralph Kowalski**

**The Dinser Family**

**John and Beth Blaesser Family**

**with thanks and prayers  
from  
The 75th Anniversary Committee  
and  
The People of St. Gregory's**

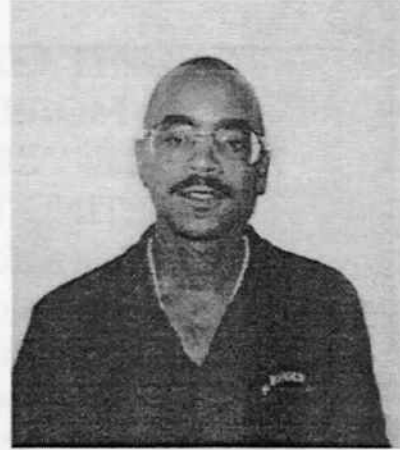




KEITH RICARDO PRYOR  
1955 - 1982

Our Beloved Son and Brother  
Forever In Our Hearts.

Murl, Gerri, and Felicia  
Angela and Gerard  
The Prior Family



A FATHER'S BLESSING GOES WITH  
RAPHAEL PETER WELBORNE  
AS HE ENTERS THE SERVICE OF GOD,  
AS A MONK, IN THE  
ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT.

HE HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART.

RAYMOND WELBORNE



St. Gregory Church

Children's Choir

1998



CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

SAM, LUCIA, MARGE,  
BARNY AND BRIAN

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
GREETING TO  
ST. GREGORY!**

In Loving Memory of:  
Blondena B. Klopner

“The will of God is always best,  
and shall be done forever;  
and they who trust in Him are blest,  
He will forsake them never.”

**Lytelia K. Wright**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ST. GREGORY  
THE GREAT FOR  
75 YEARS OF  
MINISTRY!**

**Retha Mahome  
Loma Pointer  
And  
Godchildren  
Toya Mabin  
Maurice Mabin**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
AND GOD’S RICHEST  
BLESSINGS ON  
THIS 75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
OF ST. GREGORY  
THE GREAT PARISH!**

**THOMAS FLOOD  
AND FAMILY**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
St. Gregory the Great on it’s 75<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary from  
**The Ladies of the Helping Hands Group**

Marie Colbert, Barbara Hall, Betty Walker,  
Cristine Murray, Estella Boykins, Mary  
Ford, Margaret Fountain, Mildred White,  
Vera Hart

The hardworking captain and members of  
this group of active women have kept alive  
our purpose and mission.

Let us continue to work in unity for the  
glorification of God’s Kingdom!

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS  
AND BEST WISHES FROM  
THE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

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Financial Secretary: Bernice King  
Correspondent: Elaine Thompson  
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Mistress at Arms: Odessa Goolsby

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Our group strives to encourage close Christian Fellowship as we work together. We believe that "Where God guides, He provides", and our members always respond to our call. We are truly thankful for their loyal support. We pray for guidance on our efforts to assist our church financially, and especially to expand our spiritual growth.

God Bless.

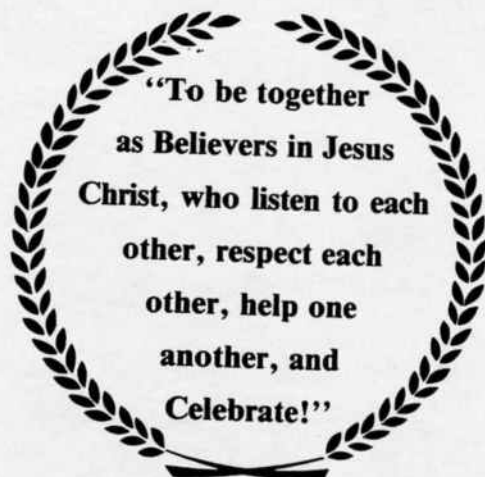


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BLONDELL  
AND THE PEOPLE  
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Stork's Nest provides services for the unborn and the newborn in the city of Detroit.

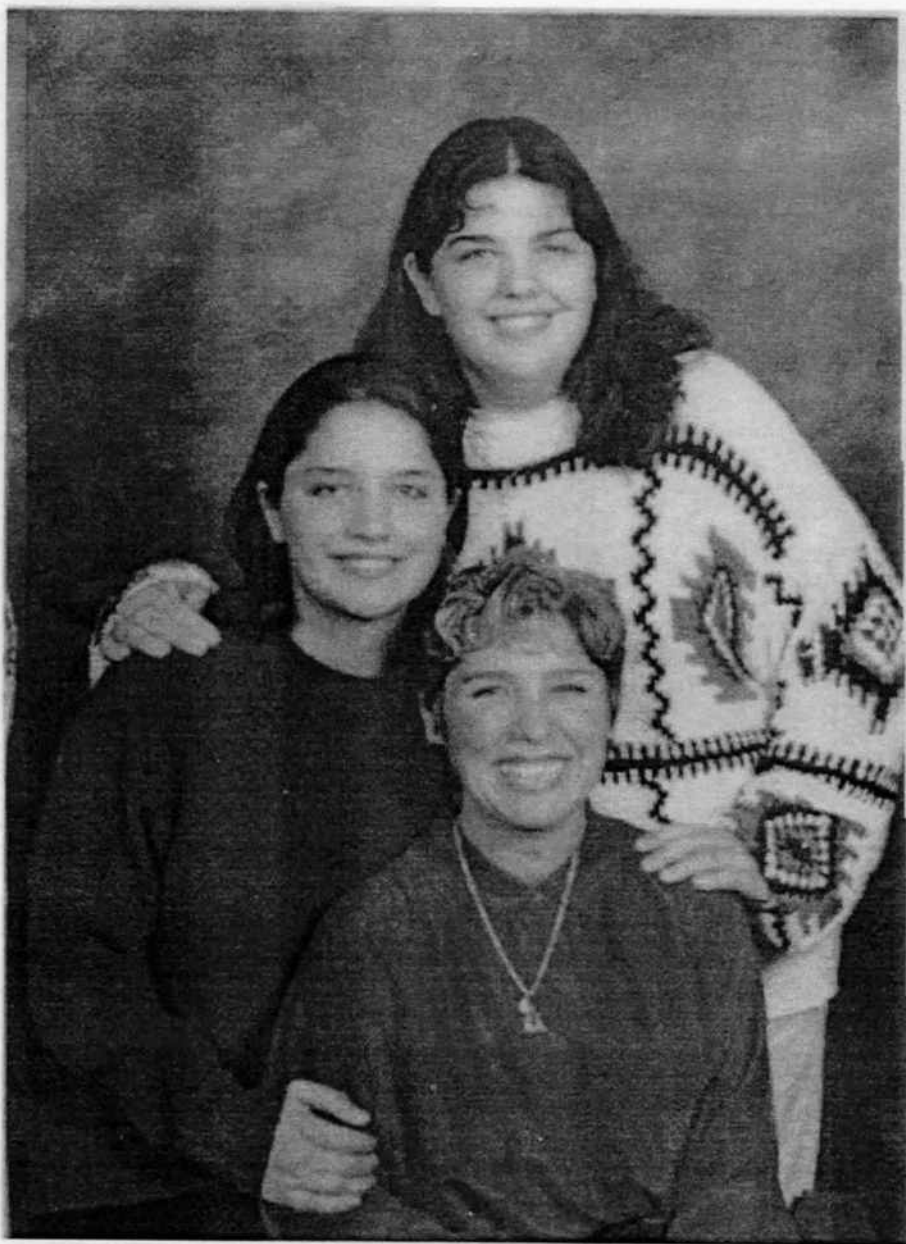
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Stork's Nest No. 2 thanks St. Gregory for housing its office and distribution center.

*Congratulations to St. Gregory the Great  
Catholic Church for its seventy-five years  
Of Service to its members and to the Community.*



Congratulation  
St. Gregory Church  
On your 75th Anniversary.

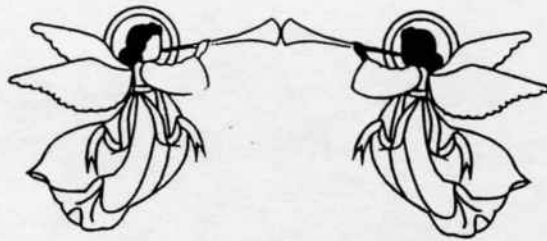
We are so pleased to be part of the St. Gregory Family!

Marge, Lisa, and Sarah Wisniewski

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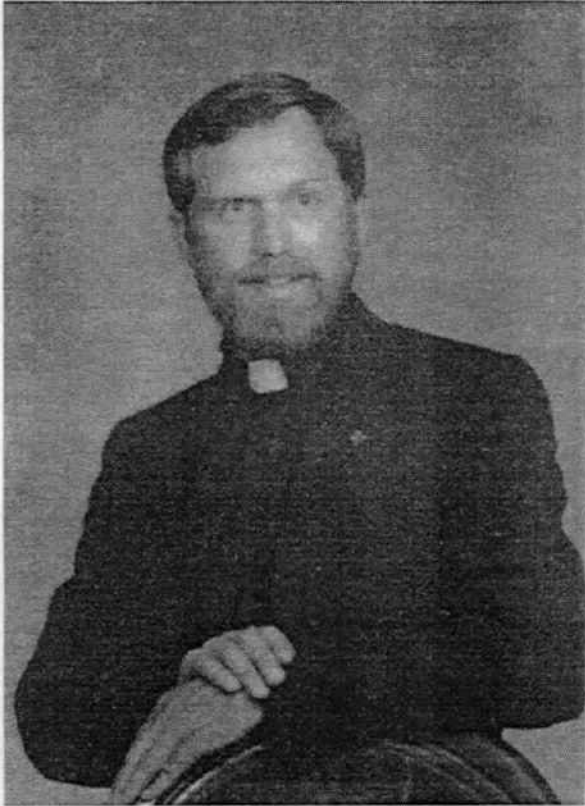
*HAPPY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
TO THE GREATEST OF ALL SCHOOLS!  
ST. GREGORY, YOU'RE GREAT!*

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Jack Schrot  
Evelyn R. Cassabon Phelps  
Jerome and Theresa Pariseau  
Madge Youngs Nix  
Dan Mullan  
Claire and Clark Kelly  
Joan Casey Gawlowski  
Sr. Jean Chipman, IHM  
Lois Morgan Boddy  
Lucia Minando Spade





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REV. RONALD J. DE HONDT

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ON YOUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!  
MAY OUR LORD CONTINUE  
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IN ITS 75TH YEAR

ST. GREGORY USHERS GROUP IS PROUD TO SERVE!





Congratulations and Blessings From  
The Pastoral Team and People of  
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Berkley

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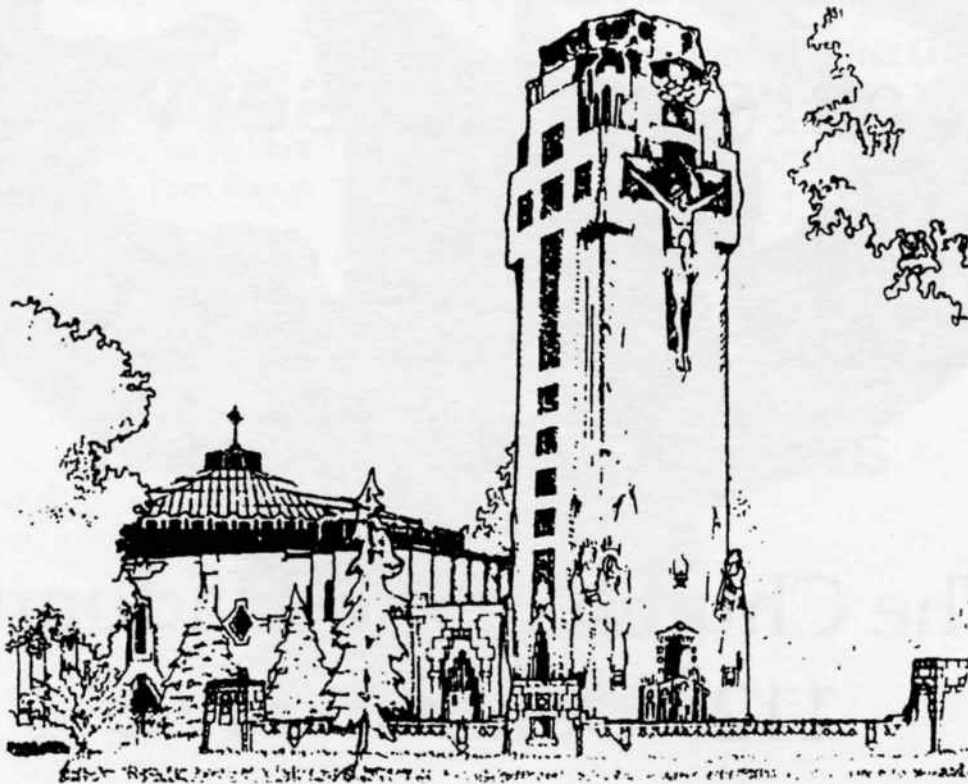
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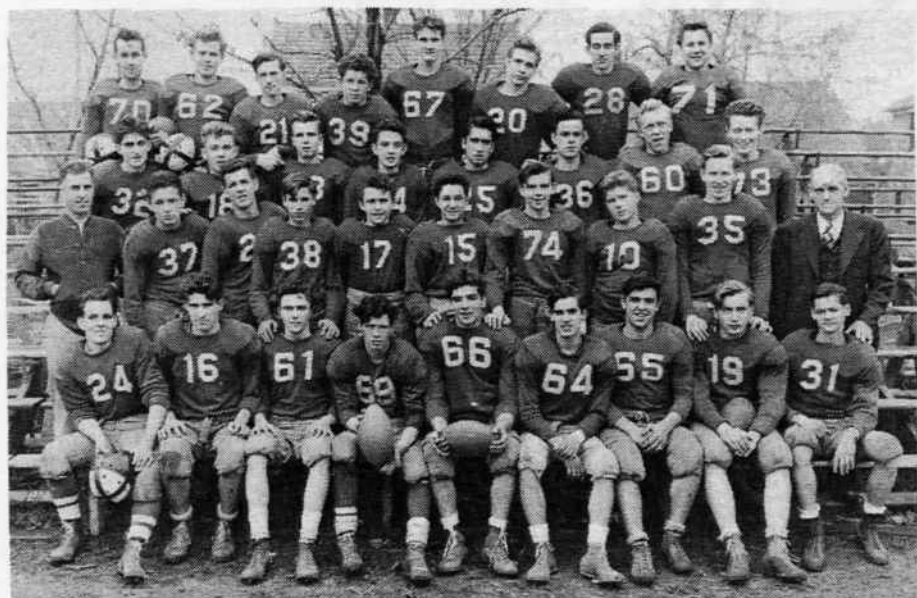
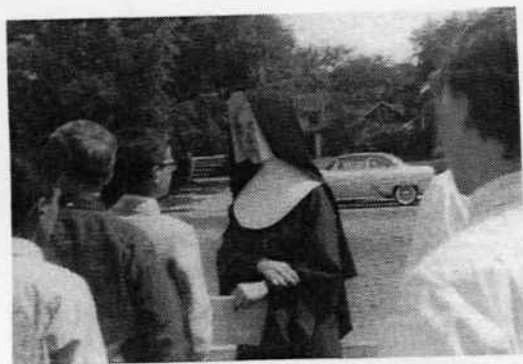
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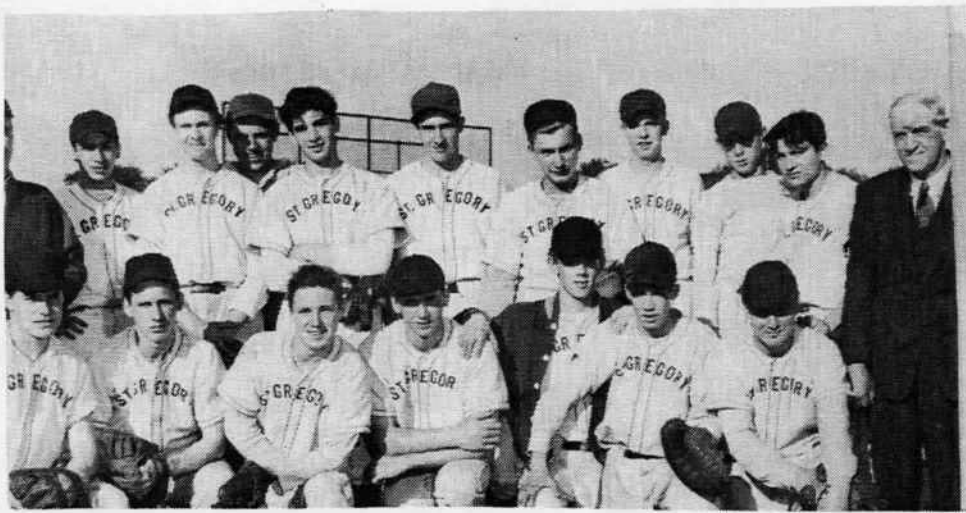
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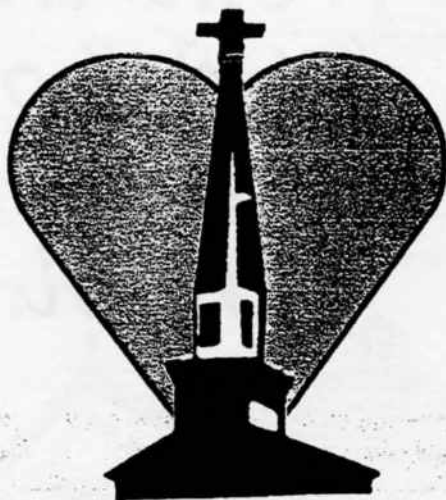
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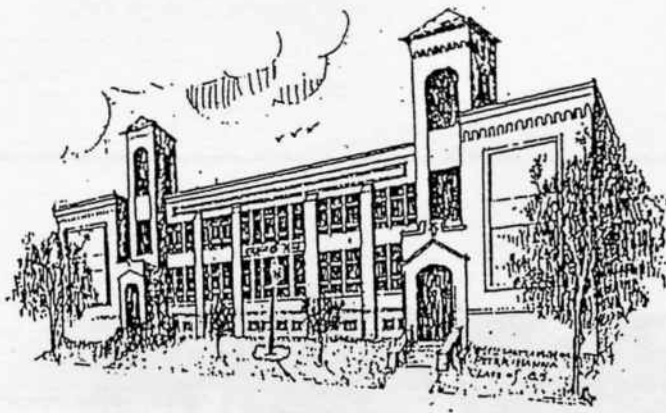
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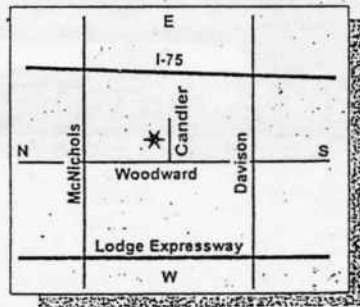


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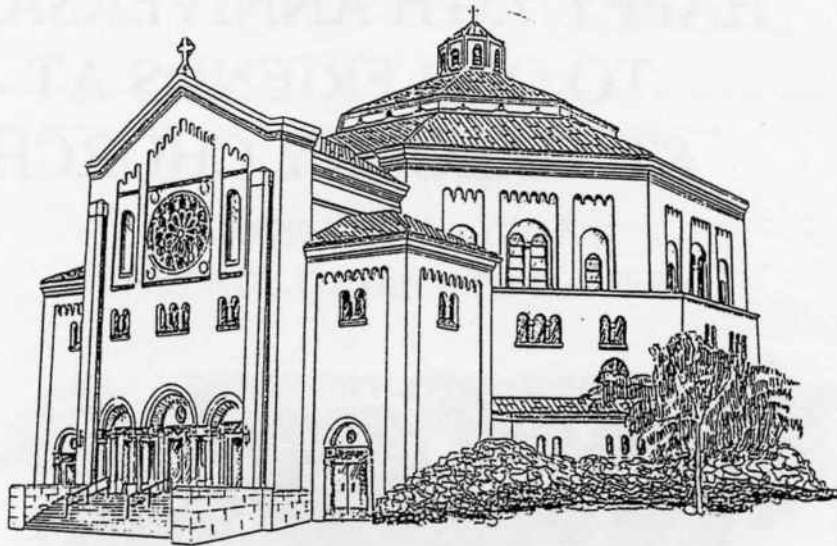


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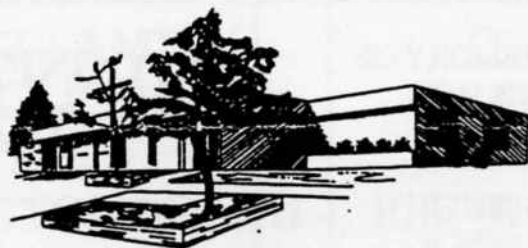
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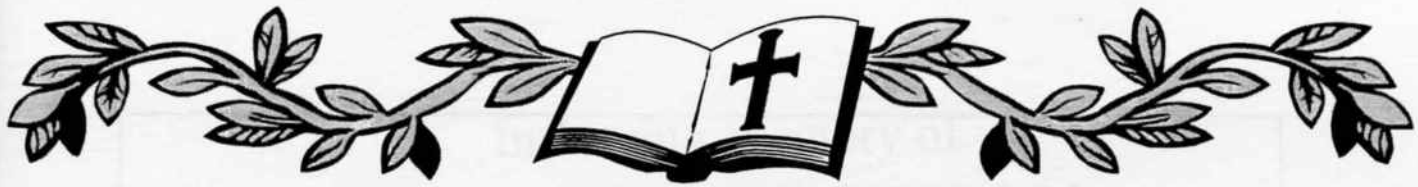
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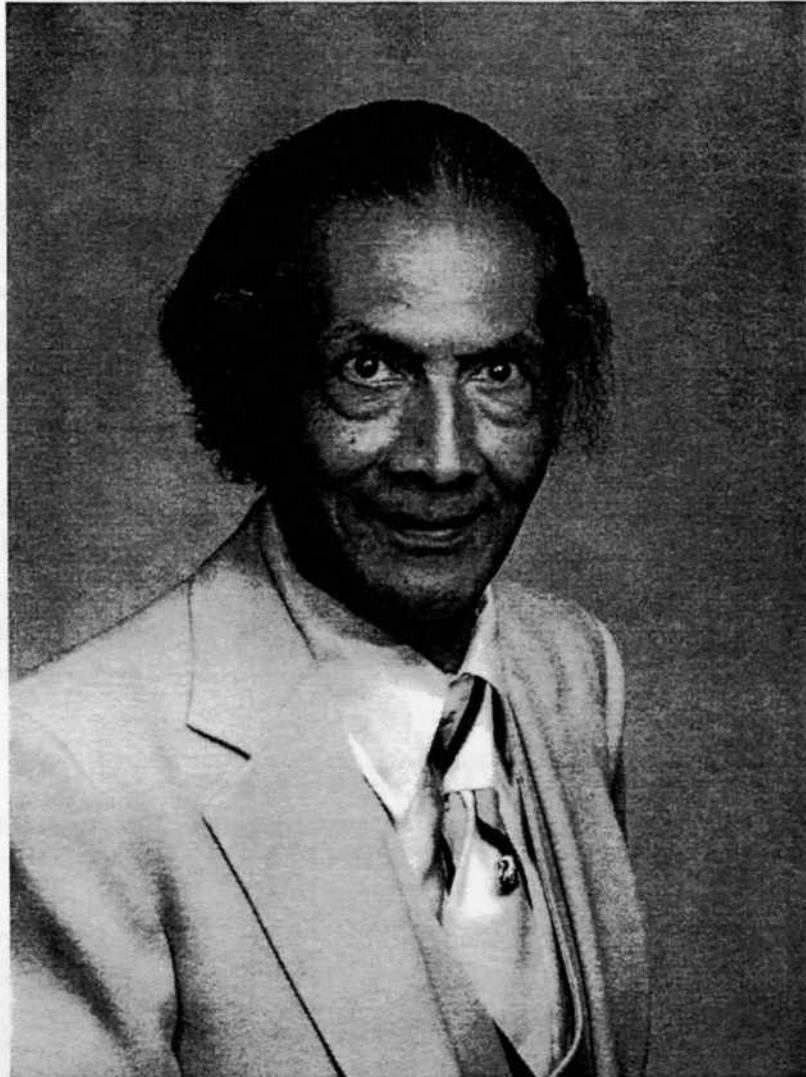
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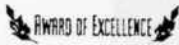
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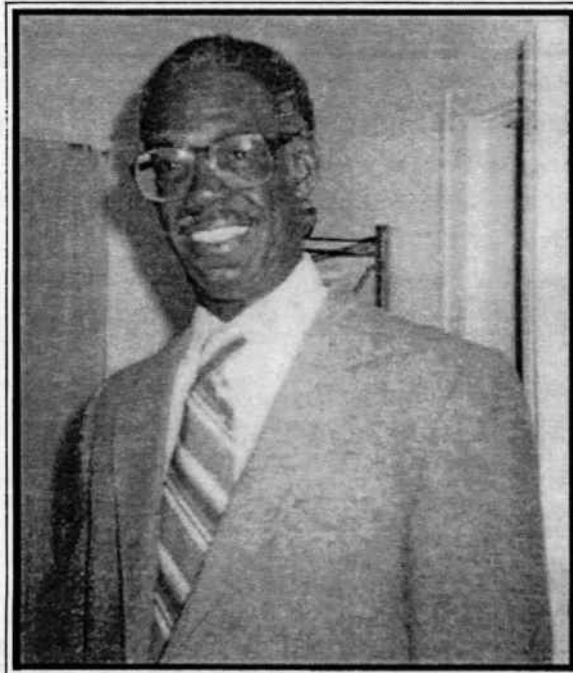
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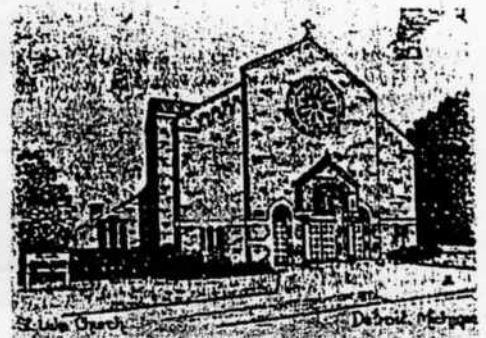
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## **Kean Cronin:** *Pastor loved working with young people*

BY MOLLY ABRAHAM  
Free Press Staff Writer

Father Kean D. Cronin, who served as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington for 13 years until assuming that role at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia in 1990, died Monday of congestive heart failure at Angela Hospice in Livonia. He was 68 and had retired in July from St. Genevieve.

His special love was working with young people.

Father Cronin was born in Detroit, and graduated from St. Gregory High. He studied for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and was ordained in 1963.

A pioneer in campus ministry, Father Cronin served as chaplain of Ladywood High School and director of campus ministry at Schoolcraft



**Kean  
Cronin**

College, Lawrence Technological University and Wayne State University. He also directed campus ministry for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"He had a passion for youth and young people," said Father John West, rector of St. John's Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth, who called Father Cronin his mentor. "Before he became a priest, he got very involved in the Catholic Youth Organization and was active in helping young adults come together in a place of values and a place of fun. Many people will say they met their spouses in the CYO and that was all Father Cronin's work before he became a priest."

Father Cronin "rubbed shoulders with everyone. He was a big man who loved food and loved getting people together, and he used his personality to do that," said Father West.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 Church St. in Plymouth.

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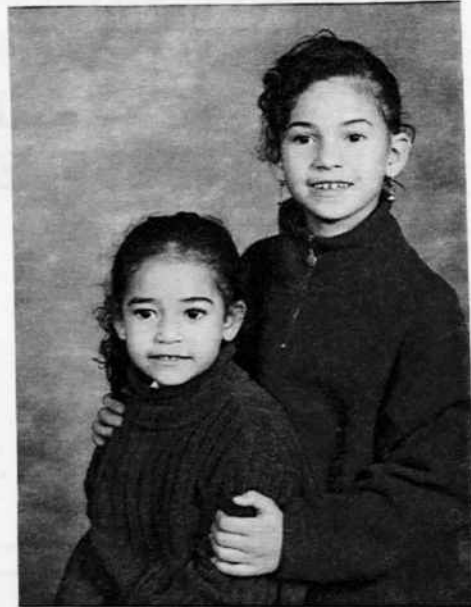


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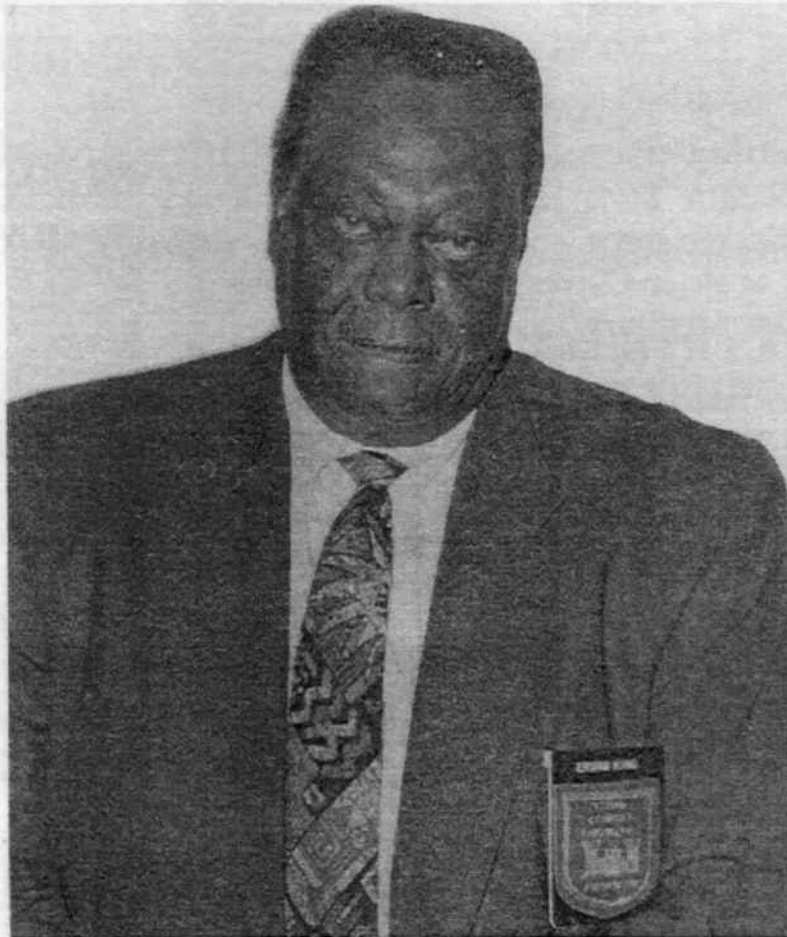


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