

Priest freed without bail, faces sexual abuse charge

A Catholic priest arrested on charges that he fondled the breasts of an elderly woman was released on his own recognizance yesterday after an appearance in Irondequoit Town Court.

The Rev. **Gerard J. Guli**, 61, of 226 Culver Parkway, was charged Thursday with first-degree sexual abuse, according to court papers. He was ordered to return to court April 26.

Guli was charged with "fondling the naked breasts" of a resident of St. Ann's Home, 1500 Portland Ave. The incident allegedly happened at the nursing home about 1 p.m. last Wednesday.

The woman was described in the criminal complaint against **Guli** as suffering from a severe case of Alzheimer's disease and "physically helpless."

The criminal complaint against **Guli** is accompanied by depositions from four people.

A parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave., **Guli** has been placed on administrative leave by the Diocese of Rochester. He still is receiving his salary.