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Communion Deputies Chosen -

Thirty-two seminarians and eight Benedictine Brothers have been authorized by Cleveland's Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann to help distribute Communion. The seminarians are all in minor orders or the subdiaconate.

Bishop Issenmann also authorized Abbott Jerome Koval, OSB., of St. Andrew's to deputize Benedictine Brothers to assist in distribution of the Eucharist whenever necessary.

Passion Play Protested

The American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith have urged Julius Cardinal Doepner, Archbishop of Munich-Freising, not to attend the opening performance May 18 of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Noting that the Jewish agencies have examined a revised version of the script, spokesmen in New York charged that "the idea that the Jewish people bears a collective guilt and suffers a collective rejection by God still permeates the text, despite the admonitions of the Vatican Council."

King Medal Proposed

A bill asking the government to strike a medal honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was introduced in the House of Representatives here by Rep. Margaret Heckler (R.-Mass.) and 32 co-sponsors.

A gold medal bearing Dr. King's likeness would be presented to his widow and bronze copies made for use in fund-raising for memorials to the civil rights leader.

Archdiocese Notes Deficit

Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee has reported a \$1,134,910 deficit for 1969 despite an all-time high of \$2,430,000 contributed to the 1969 Archbishop's Fund.

He called attention to "increasing school deficits" and said the archdiocese "is in no position for a continued underwriting of school deficits beyond the past year."

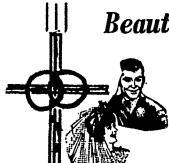
Forgive, Cardinal Urges

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston has proposed a national amnesty for social protesters and so-called "draft deserters."

In his Easter sermon, the cardinal wrote: "Would it be too much to suggest this Easter that we empty out our jails of all the protesters—the guilty and the innocent—without judging them; call back from over the border and around the world the young men who are called "deserters," drop the cases that are still awaiting judgment on our college youth? Could we not do all of this in the name of life, and with life, hope, both of which we celebrate at Easter?"



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Filmstrip Replaces Sermons



Madawaska, Maine—(RNS)—Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Madawaska, Maine, watch a filmstrip on the liturgy of the Mass instead of listening to the usual sermon. During Lent, films reviewing the history of the Mass were shown on four Sundays so that

parishioners could become more aware of the origins and development of Christian worship in order to see the so-called "new Mass" in proper perspective.

On the fifth Sunday of Lent, Father Albert E. Long, the pastor, devoted his sermons to a

more immediate preparation for the new order, which was implemented on Palm Sunday. He outlined the main features of the new order and explained how they are designed to bring about a greater involvement of the community in the celebration of the Mass.

