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ly's renewing Church are rapidly closing any gap between priests and

such progress is Becket Hall, a St. John Fisher College campus where laymen are living, studying and

is the residence of 60 seminarians taking college courses at Fisher prior to their Major Seminary, and 43 non-residents attending the college.

residency are the rector, Father George priests—Father Lawrence V. Director; Father John J. Hempel, Director of Human Concern, with its various Missions activities; Father William Monroe Community College, and Fr. Con, serving with Father Hempel.

ed five years ago is a much more predecessor.

arian has fewer restrictive guidelines than his companion with non-seminarians "another student" at Fisher, with him and to pass his courses.

only with Fisher men but with them. He participates in Fisher sports, general and social gatherings, etc., but on a one-to-one basis.

must take only two courses — They otherwise may pursue any grants accredited degrees of bach-

urians at Becket are 21 seniors, 19 and 9 freshmen (including three from New Jersey). Those who follow Hohman notes, are approximately the same as in former seminary

along with St. Bernard's Seminary and diocesan Seminary Collection—tuitions, undergoing financial difficulties at capacity, 150 students, or even 110 students, it would be self-sustaining. Present, the loss has been partially offset by the 43 Fisher non-seminarian stu-

full tuition with very few exceptions follows a policy which assures that they will have an opportunity for priesthood. In order to meet tuition, many students work at summer jobs and/or jobs at

enced the presence of a real spirit. Feeling that the present seminarians have an opportunity to be future priests who will be in a position to know them and to be much closer to them two or three decades ago.



Christopher Linler discovers that today's seminary classes are a far cry from dull lectures in a drafty classroom filled with men in long black cassocks.



Richard Geeson helps serve lunch to his fellow seminarians.