

# Parish Burns Mortgage

Fleming — Four former pastors of St. Issac Jogues, Father Raymond Wuest, Father Francis Turner, Father Elmer Heindl and Father John Morgan were among those who joined the pastor, Father Daniel Hogan, Sunday, May 28 for a mortgage burning ceremony on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the construction of the church and the 25th anniversary of the parish.

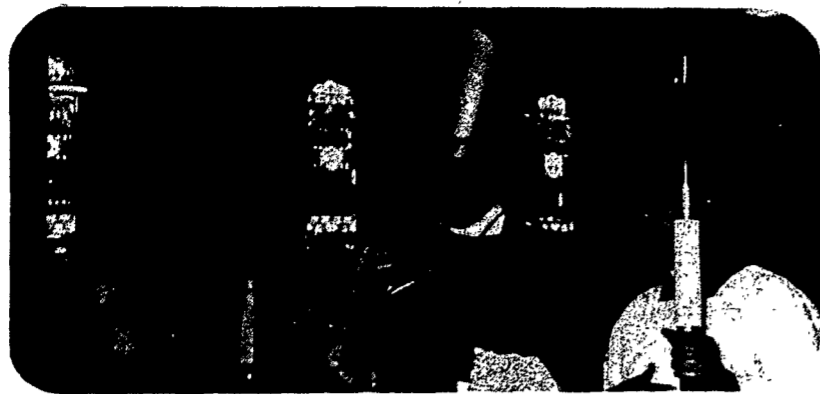
The main concelebrant at the mass preceding the mortgage burning was Father Raymond Wuest, now pastor of St. Alphonsus, Auburn, but pastor of St. Issac Jogues at the time of the church construction. He was assisted by Father Daniel Hogan pastor of St. Issac Jogues Chapel, St. Bernard's Scipio and St. Hilary's Genoa; Father John Morgan, Father Henry Manley, pastor emeritus and Father John

Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's Aurora; Father Felix Bracikowski, OFM pastor of St. Hyacinth's Auburn, and Father Irving Sullivan.

In the sanctuary were Father Elmer Heindl, pastor, St. Patrick's Cato, St. Judes, Fairhaven,

St. Thomas, Red Creek; Father Robert Kress, pastor, St. Michaels, Montezuma and St. John's, Port Byron; and Father Francis Turner, Phelps.

The parish provided a buffet luncheon for all guests following the ceremony.



Left to right, Father Elmer W. Heindl, pastor of St. Patrick's, Cato, Father Robert L. Kress, pastor of St. John's and St. Michael's, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Father William Flynn, assistant chancellor.

## Confirmation at St. John's

Port Byron—St. John's Church was the scene for the sacrament of confirmation administered recently by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, to a class of 38 candidates from St. John's and St. Michael's in Montezuma.

Following confirmation exercises, Bishop Hickey inspected the community hall, the new addition to St. John's and offer-

ed his blessings.

The addition constructed on the east side of the church contains a kitchen, rest rooms and hall with portal doors which can provide a view of the church interior when opened. The parish hall can be divided by folding walls to accommodate social gatherings, meeting rooms and classroom space for CCD programs.

## Old Cathedral Rededicated

New York — (RNS) — The 163-year old Roman Catholic edifice known as Old St. Patrick's Cathedral was rededicated here by Cardinal Terence Cooke, marking the completion of a \$200,000 restoration project by the archdiocese.

Built in 1809 in Lower Manhattan at Mott and Prince streets, it was succeeded in 1879 by its more famous namesake. Before giving way to the larger cathedral, it had been the site of several violent incidents involving anti-Catholic bigotry.

An attempt was made in 1835 to burn down the church and in 1842 a mob broke all its windows.

Two persons being considered for Catholic sainthood were associated with the old church — Mother Elizabeth Bayley Seton, who founded the Sisters of Charity and opened an orphan home at St. Patrick's, and Pierre Toussaint, a black born a slave in Haiti.

## Standards Come Before Aid

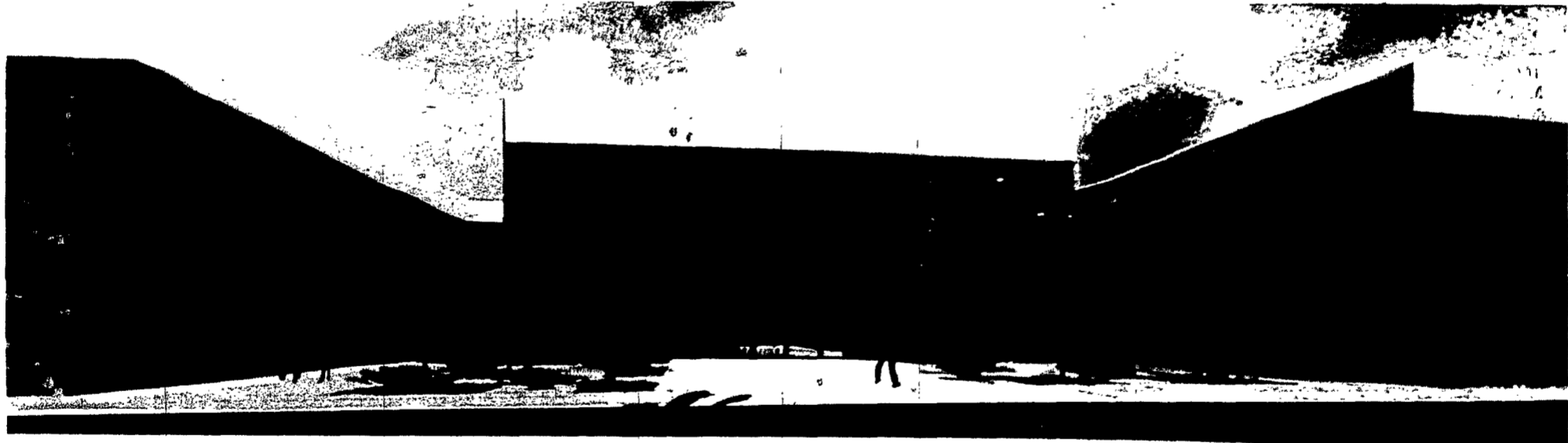
Niagara Falls (RNS) — Acknowledging that Niagara University has financial difficulties, the Very Rev. Kenneth Slattery, CM, president, said the school "would never accept public monies" if that meant modifying religious and moral standards.

Father Slattery said a June 1971 U.S. Supreme Court decision offered some hope of governmental aid for church-related colleges.

"Although the Court did not spell out criteria for a college's eligibility, the horizon darkened when we learned that the more

religious an institution is, the less chance it would have for federal largess, and furthermore, on the judgement of counsel, academic freedom will weigh heavily in the determination of grants."

"Quite surely," he said, "if academic freedom means opening our platform to those who advocate violent overthrow of our government, or who propose abortion as an acceptable answer to an unwanted child, or who advocate free love — a polite expression for impolite promiscuity to our students — if that is what is meant by academic freedom, then Niagara will never accept public monies."



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