



The new church is officially dedicated at Mass with, from left, Father Donald Murphy, pastor; Father Michael Conboy, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Father John L. O'Connor and Father Thomas Hocter.

Summer 1954 brought the parish their first resident priest, Father Donald J. Murphy.

That year, when St. Feehan's parish was a century old, Pope Pius X was canonized. The parish changed its name and in 1957 Bishop James E. Kearney dedicated a new church on Chili Avenue to the new saint.

Now a new church has been erected on the same plot of ground by St. Pius Tenth parishioners, who performed or supervised all the work on the new structure themselves.

According to Father Donald Murphy, still pastor of Pius Tenth, the reason for replacing the church built in 1957 was overcrowding. The new building, which seats 900, has more than double the capacity of its predecessor.

The old church, which is attached to the school building, has had the pews, altar and cross removed and has been converted into a gymnasium for the school.



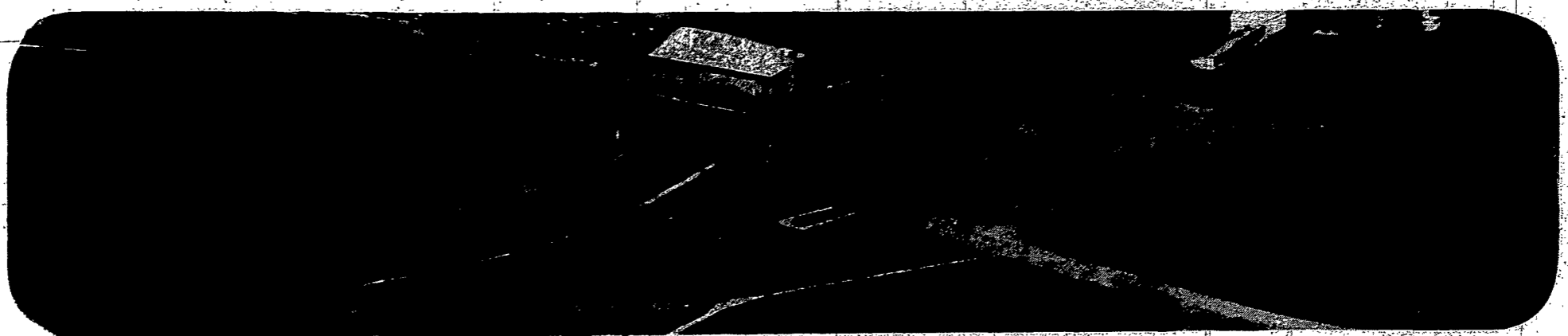
Parishioners moved the altar ...



... put in the stained glass ...



... and refinished the pews.



Aerial photograph shows the new church in close proximity to the old.