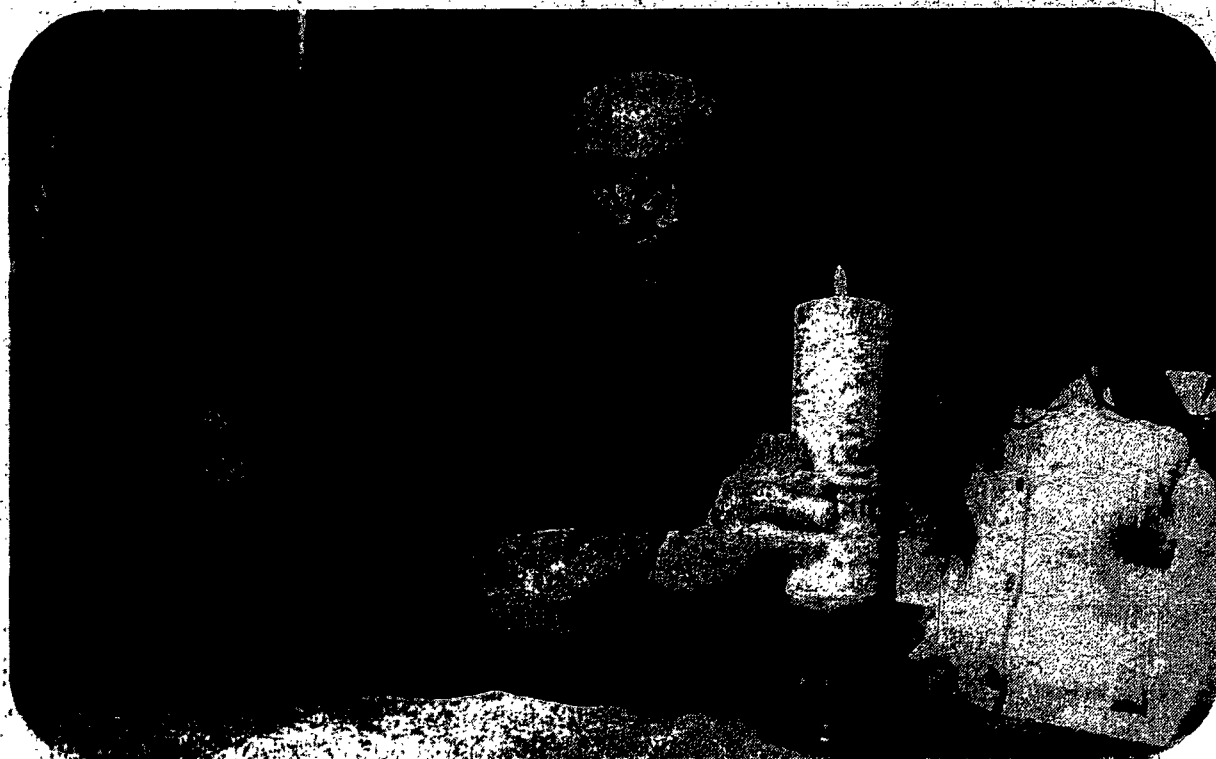




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A Happy Day

School children at St. Andrew's helped Msgr. George Eckl celebrate his 96th birthday Sept. 26. Helping him look over his birthday cards are Gina Nagel (left) and Brian Bernadi. Mrs. Frank Kiley, a parishioner, baked a cake. One of his birthday gifts was an engraved candle given to him by the school children. Watching monsignor light it are Eve Smith (left) and Teri Schoepfel.



Due Process Initiated For Diocese

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced this week the initiation of "due process" procedure for the diocese. The Council of Conciliation and Board of Arbitration are now organized and ready to carry out their responsibilities, he said.

Both groups include priests, Sisters and lay people, four of them appointed by Bishop Hogan and the other 21 elected by the Priests Council, Sisters Council or Pastoral Council Formation Committee.

Father William Graf of the St. Bernard's Seminary faculty is chairman of the conciliation council and Miss Catherine Wobus of the Catholic Family Center is its executive secretary. Mrs. Joseph Hertzler is treasurer. Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi of Holy Family Church, a member of the Canon Law Society of America and former president of the Priests Council, is chairman of the arbitration commission. Secretary-treasurer of that group is Sister Mary Patrice Messner, regional coordinator of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The purpose of due process is the reconciliation of persons involved in conflict. It is an instrument of law which seeks to bring disputing persons together in an attempt to understand and appreciate each other's point of view and concern. The presence of a third party is provided in this procedure so that each disputant may come to a more accurate perception of the total situation, realizing that no one's rights exist irrespective of the rights of others.

Anyone in conflict with any of the following persons or agencies

may have recourse to the Council of Conciliation:

The bishop or an appointee of his; a priest of the diocese, any charitable or educational institution of the diocese, a parish or diocesan council, a parish or diocesan school board; a Catholic cemetery organization or burial association, or any other person, group or institution exercising administrative authority of the diocese.

The procedure: An aggrieved party may approach any member of the Council of Conciliation, who will direct the person to send his complaint in writing to the executive secretary. The latter will supply information pertinent to the process. The party against whom the complaint is directed will be notified in writing and invited to participate in the conciliation process. All pertinent information then will be forwarded to all the members of the council, who will decide if the complaint merits further action. If so, one or more conciliators will be chosen to try to help the disputants reach an agreement. When an agreement is reached, a summary statement of the problem and solution will be submitted for the approval and signatures of the parties.

If there is no agreement, either party may go to the Board of Arbitration. The same procedure basically is followed as in the

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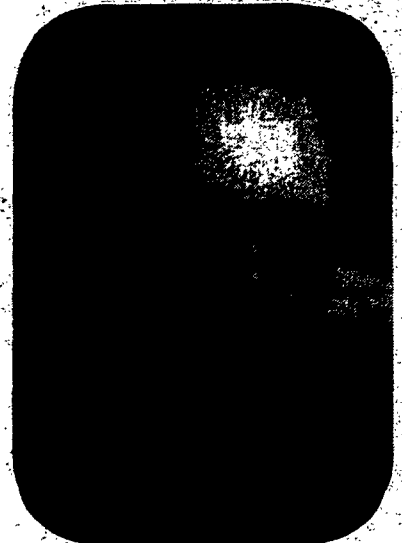
Fr. Philipps New Pastor In Brockport

Father Edward J. Lintz is retiring from the pastorate of Nativity Church in Brockport and will be succeeded by Father John J. Philipps, the Pastoral Office announced this week. The change takes place Oct. 10.

Father Lintz, in poor health, will assist in St. Anne's parish, Rochester, where he will live.

Father Philipps, associate pastor of St. Louis, Pittsford, has been serving as coordinator of the Monroe County Southeast Region in the pastoral council formation project. His successor has not been named.

Father Lintz, a former professor of philosophy at Nazareth



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College, was appointed to the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1954. Soon thereafter he doubled the size of the school and provided a new convent. He was born in Rochester Oct. 1, 1907, attended

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Four to Become Deacons

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will confer the diaconate on four diocesan theology students at St. Joseph Church, Penfield, Saturday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

Those to be ordained are completing their studies at St. Bernard's Seminary. They will be

assigned as deacon interns in the Spring.

The ceremonies are open to the public. A spokesman for the deacons invited all "to share with us in the joy of the celebration."

Those to be ordained are Thomas S. Koester of St. Jerome,

East Rochester; Stephen R. Kraus of St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit; William F. Laird of St. Mary, Auburn; Charles T. Manning of Holy Family, Rochester.

A reception will follow the ordination Mass in St. Joseph's church hall.



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Thomas Koester, Stephen Kraus, Charles Manning and William Laird.