



Father Paul McCabe



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan



Father James Marvin, President

Shaping the Church

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Resolutions, arguments, discussions, votes and lots of coffee are the usual ingredients that make up a Priest's Council meeting.

The Jan. 8 session which met at St. Bernard's

Seminary was no exception as the 20 members gathered to discuss a full agenda.

Organized in 1967, the council is important because it unifies diocesan priests and allows them to take action as a group on certain issues. Elected

council representation gives all priests, including non-members, a chance to express their views on a subject.

Each of the 20 members represents a block of priests of all ages (there are 12 blocks), a region or a religious order. Members are faithful about attendance and seldom miss a session. If one does, each has an alternate.

At the meeting but not pictured were Father Gerald O'Connor, Father Raymond Heisel, Father Robert MacNamara, Father David Callan and Father Sebastian Falcone.



Father Thomas Brennan (left), Father Heindl



Father Moynihan helps himself to coffee



Tim McCluskey



Father McDonald [foreground], Father James Slattery, Monsignor Robert Keleher, Father McCabe, Father Wood, Father James Schwartz, Father Joseph Brennan, Father Leon Hart, CSB, Father John Mulligan