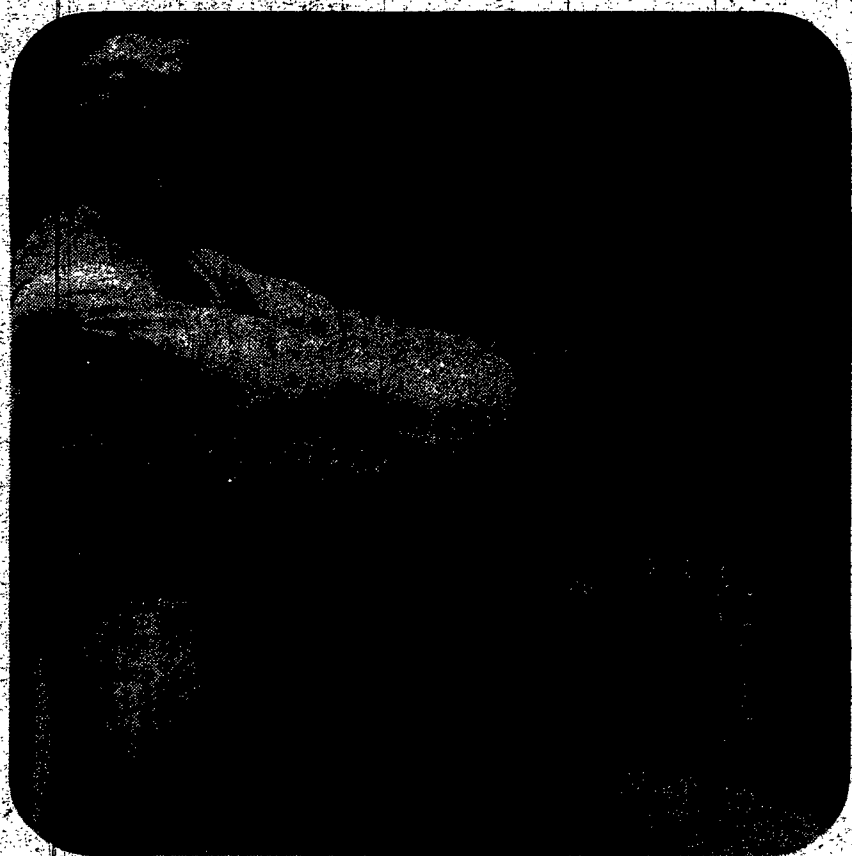




Christine Hamm and Father Louis J. Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent's in Churchillville and episcopal advisor to the Courier-Journal, demonstrate some of the components of the new Rite of Reconciliation (Penance) which will go into effect

in the diocese at Easter. The traditional confessional will remain available as well. Above, the priest receives the penitent in the face-to-face confession.



The imposition of hands at the absolution. Here the priest says, "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

THE NEW RITE . . .



The imposition of hands is a very fundamental sacramental sign. In the Rite of Reconciliation it denotes healing and forgiveness.