



The John W. Bennett family of Sts. Peter and Paul and seminarians from St. Bernard's present the gifts at the offertory.



Bishop Hogan mixes the oil and perfumes prior to blessing the Chrism.

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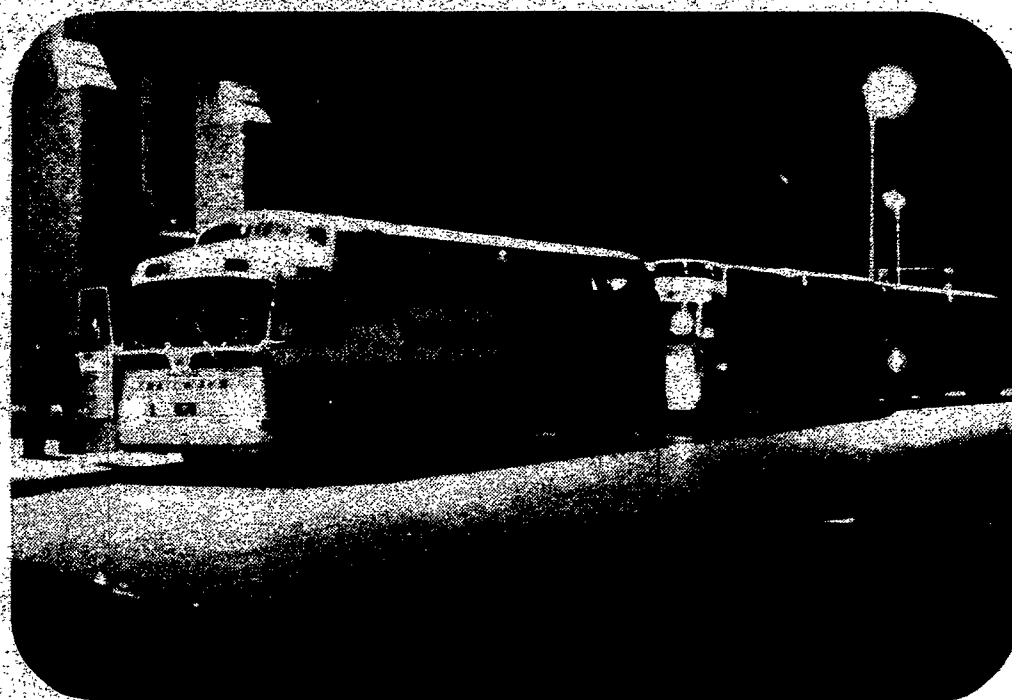
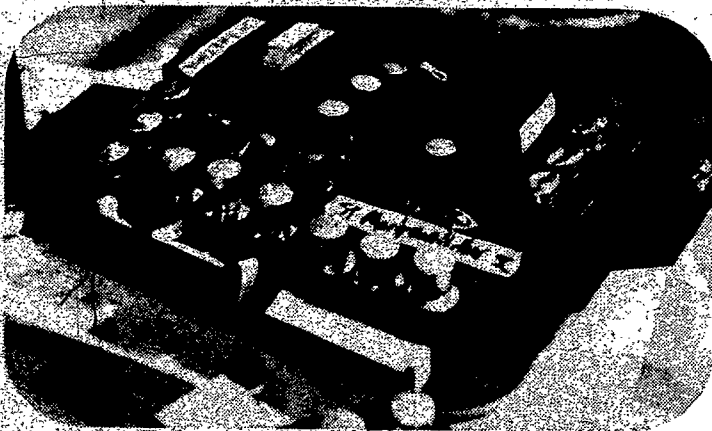
At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Hogan noted that he had been told a month earlier that "Elmira is ready" for the Mass, and he agreed that they had done an excellent job in preparing for the Mass.

Parish containers for the oil were filled by priests after the Mass in the Sts. Peter and Paul school hall. While parish representatives picked them up, a large group gathered taking advantage of the refreshments provided by Sts. Peter and Paul.

Outside, the buses were filling up, preparing for the trip home. The Mass was over, but the people who attended would be taking back the spirit they had felt there to their own parish.



Father Thomas Corbett fills the vials with oil to be taken to the parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.



The buses wait outside Sts. Peter and Paul to take their passengers home after the Mass.

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