



Bishops Hogan and Hickey.



Father James Marvin, president of the diocesan Priests Council and of the Priests Councils of New York State, presents the Sacramentary text at the Offertory.

When the alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary gathered last week for their bicentennial reunion, among their guests was one of the best-known prelates in the world, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, former Bishop of Rochester. The archbishop returned to the city to dedicate room in the seminary library containing his personal papers, tapes and recordings, and editions of his books, and to celebrate Mass with the alumni.

And more than that the archbishop joined with a number of distinguished graduates of the school celebrating jubilees of their ordinations. Archbishop Sheen observes the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop. Bishop David F. Cunningham, Syracuse Class of 1926, notes the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Bishop Walter A. Foery, Syracuse '16, the 60th of his ordination; and Msgr. George W. Eckl, Rochester '01, the 75th of his ordination.

At 99, Msgr. Eckl is the oldest living alumnus of the school.

Among the reunion activities were golfing, dining, partying, electing officers, sightseeing — all the activities standard to school reunions everywhere.

With one exception: central to each day were not the ephemeral diversions of holiday, but the mystery of fellowship in Jesus praying to the Father in holy Mass.

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Bishops and priests stand at the altar.



Father Jasper Pennington, the Episcopalian priest who heads St. Bernard's library, Archbishop Sheen and Father Joseph Brennan, rector of the seminary.



Archbishop Sheen signs himself with the cross. With him are Father Brennan and Father Michael Conboy, secretary to Bishop Hogan.