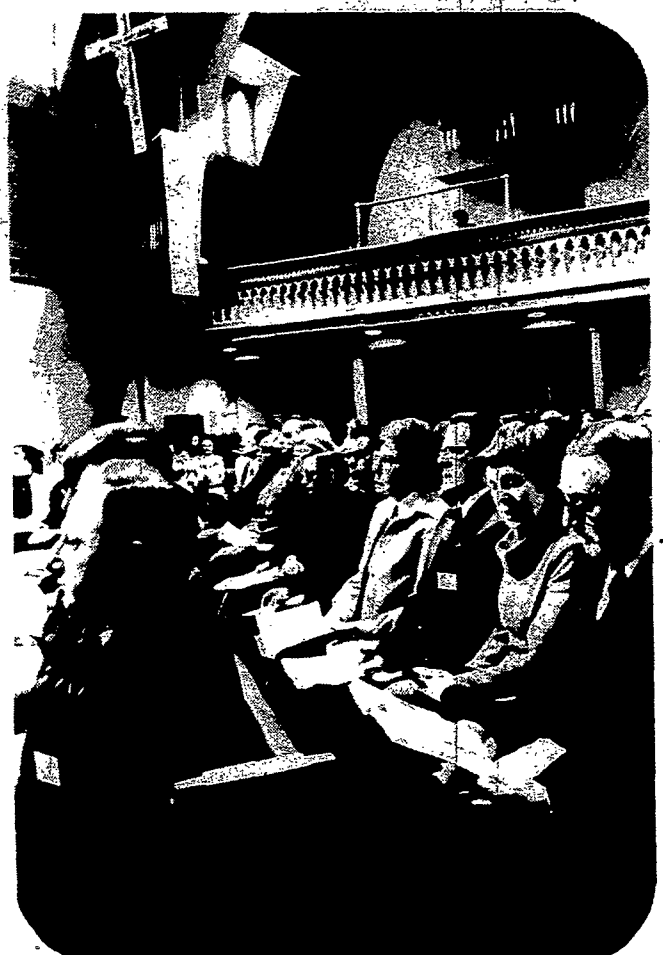




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cent over a joke delivered in one of the classes.



Southern Tier candidates discuss a point in New Testament theology. From the left,  
William Dougherty, George Welch, Raymond Defendorf and Stanley Douglas.



The congregation for the candidacy Mass filled the  
chapel at St. Bernard's Seminary.

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the congregation resounded with, "Te alabamos,  
Senor."

"Imitate me as I imitate Christ." "Thanks be to  
God."

It was a simple rite, once called tonsure. It was a  
significant rite. For the first time in the history of our  
diocese, the bishop took into his own hands the hands  
of married and single men who promised him their  
intention to serve the people of God, for the rest of  
their lives.

The first class of candidates for the permanent  
diaconate are Dom N. Abballe, Stephen D. Carroll,  
Raymond A. Defendorf, Robert W. Dizer, William  
P. Dougherty, Stanley J. Douglas, Leo Kester,  
Daniel M. Kinsky, Michael Krupiarz, John Erb, Jose  
N. Malave, Anthony Marini, Nemesio Martinez,  
William D. Maune, John W. Medico, Eliseo  
Melendez, Anthony J. Mercadel, Juan-Luis Pacheco,  
John Prave, Angel Rivera, Kenneth A. Scarciotca,  
Edward R. Sergeant, Robert Solan, Carlos H.  
Vargas, Julio Vasquez, George H. Welch, James E.  
Whitford, Lawrence H. Wood and Stanley T.  
Zawacki.



Matthew Leschhorn, the son of Robert and Lana Leschhorn, was one of many children present at the rites.



estament to permanent diaconate candidates.



Deacon Timothy McCluskey teaches a Spanish-language class in the theology of the diaconate. Candidates, from left to right,  
are Juan-Luis Pacheco, Eliseo Melendez and Nemesio Martinez.