



Father John Firpo and Kay Diffenderfer demonstrating the use of a reconciliation room in the face-to-face style.

Committees Began Planning For Church Five Years Ago

The work toward construction of the new St. Mary Our Mother Church extended over five years. Here is a summary of the most significant dates:

June 7, 1974: Aware of the problems caused by the lack of adequate and appropriate worship space, the Parish Council formed a committee to look at the feasibility of a new place of worship.

Jan. 3, 1975: The Parish Council accepted the recommendation of the committee "that the building of a new church is not economically feasible today,

but it would be within three to five years."

March 19, 1975: The Building Committee met to select officers: John Kremer, Robert Ivers, James Hilton, John Gough, Aloysius Stanton, David Turner and Betty Lou Crowley.

July 30, 1976: Bishop Joseph L. Hogan wrote Father O'Brien: "I approve of and support the construction of a new house of worship at the Church of St. Mary Our Mother."

Oct. 1, 1977: The Parish Council approved the "Planning Report for the New

Church of St. Mary Our Mother."

Feb. 4, 1977: The Parish Council and Parish Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation of the Building Committee that the architectural firm of John F. Teitsch of Cazenovia be retained.

Oct. 2, 1977: The day of the new church building fund drive.

May 14, 1978: Ground Blessing and Breaking ceremony.

Aug. 11, 1978: Construction began.

Nov. 10, 1979: New church dedicated.



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