



Jan Burdick of St. Paul's parish greets Bishop Matthew H. Clark after the service at St. Bernard's Wednesday evening

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St. Bernards enters 94th year

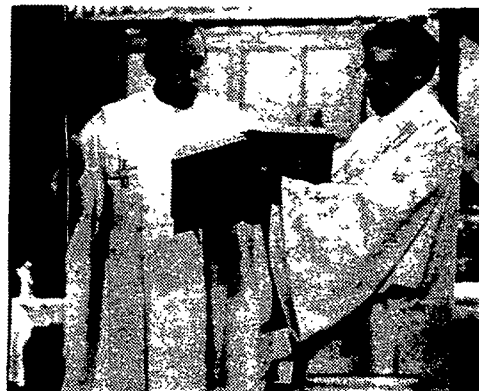
St. Bernard's Institute entered its fifth year at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and its 94th academic year Wednesday, Sept. 4, with a convocation Eucharist in the divinity school chapel.

The theme for the Mass was "I am the Light of the World," and that theme was echoed in the homily given by presiding celebrant Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Bishop Clark spoke of the changing patterns of light in the sky as we leave summer and approach fall. He said the beauty of a late-summer sunset is an invitation to perceive God and to witness Christ. He wished for the institute's faculty and students that "this year will find you immersed more deeply in the light of Christ," and that they will be able to see that light "on even the most bleak of Rochester

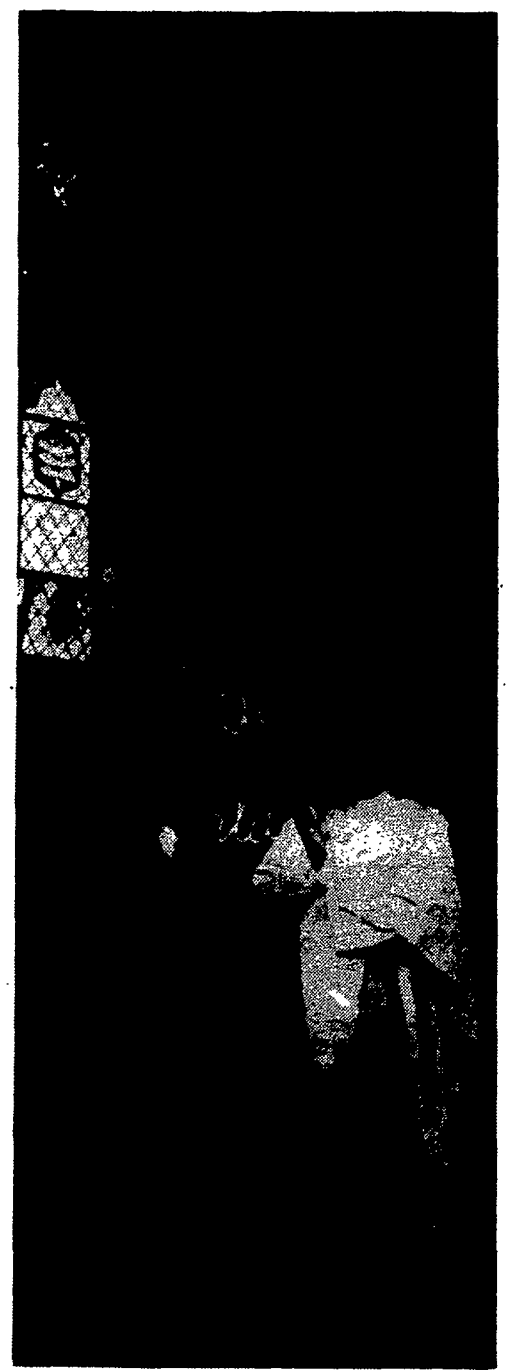
winter days."

St. Bernard's director, Father Sebastian Falcone, welcomed the faculty and students, reminding them that the institute is seven short years away from its 100th anniversary. He welcomed new members to the board of trustees: Father Emmet J. Halloran; Sister Muriel Curran, SSND; and Mr. Mark Greisberger. Father Falcone also announced the new positions of Jura Litchfield, SBI director of development, and Judy Kohler, the diocese's new director of continuing education.

The liturgy was beautifully accompanied by the choir of St. Paul's Church, Webster, and cantors John Chiazza, Karen Mathiasen and Peter Russo.



Deacon Albro Wilson holds the sacramentary for Bishop Clark.



In his homily, Bishop Clark makes an analogy between the beautiful light he witnessed one day and the light of Christ.



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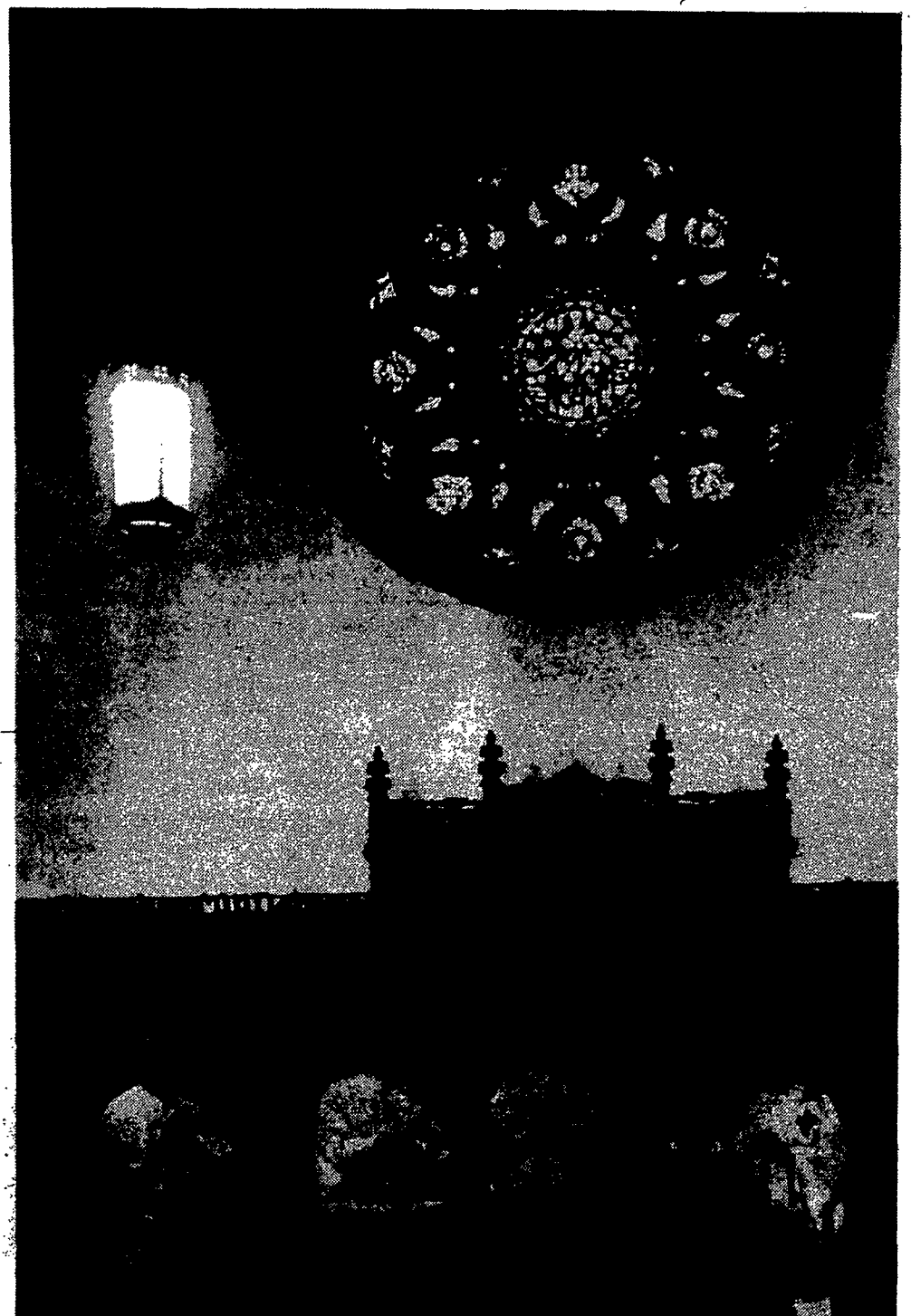
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Father Falcone, Deacon Albro Wilson, Bishop Clark and Father Joseph Hart prepare for the Eucharist.