



VESTING—in the rectory, in preparation for the Mass. Left to right: The Rev. Peter Bucki, who was the new priest's instructor at St. Hyacinth seminary, Granby, Mass.; the Rev. Marion Tolczyk, the new priest, and the Rev. Maurice Piszczatowski.



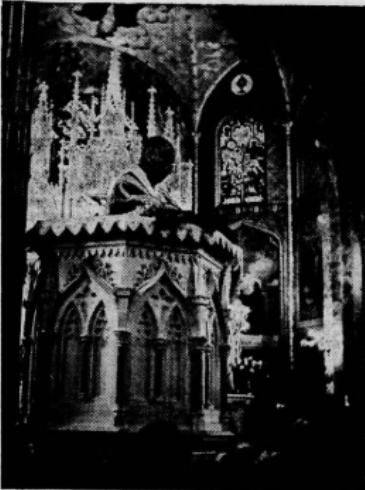
FATHER TOLCZYK receives blessing from the pastor, the Very Rev. Charles B. Ratajczak, in the rectory, prior to procession to the church.

Young Priest's First High Mass



THE YOUNG PRIEST proceeds to the altar, with his father, Bronislaus Tolczyk, and mother, Eleanor Tolczyk, immediately behind him.

CELEBRATION OF HIS FIRST HIGH MASS is a never-to-be-forgotten day in the life of a priest, for in that ceremony long years of preparation for a life of service to God and mankind come to culmination. Last Sunday was that day for the Rev. Marion M. Tolczyk, O.F.M. Conv., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bronislaus Tolczyk, of 120 Orchard street, who had been ordained June 24 in St. Michael's cathedral, Springfield, Mass. Father Marion, a Franciscan, celebrated his first High Mass in his parish church, St. Michael the Archangel, Pulaski street, in the presence of the pastor—the Very Rev. Charles B. Ratajczak, O.F.M., who had given him his first counseling towards his vocation; his parents, hundreds of friends and relatives, many of whom had been his playmates in parochial and high school days. This picture story of Father Marion's first High Mass is a Sunday Post Exclusive by Staff Artist Edward C. Kozlowski.



FATHER CHARLES, pastor of St. Michael's, preaches the sermon.



BEFORE THE HIGH ALTAR in St. Michael's, one of the most beautiful in all New England.

ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE in Consecration of the Blood of Christ. This silver and gold chalice was consecrated in Rome Aug. 10, 1913, by Pope Pius X, recently elevated to sainthood, on the occasion of the ordination of Father Charles, 41 years ago.



PRAYERS in preparation for Communion.



HOLY COMMUNION is received by two little nuns who preceded the young priest in the procession. They carried the First Mass pillow.



BLESSING THE CONGREGATION—the end of the new priest's first High Mass.



FATHER MARION'S PARENTS receive his first priestly blessing following the Mass.



IN THE PARISH HALL, Father Marion thanks Father Charles, his parents and 500 guests attending a reception in his honor. In foreground is his mother, eyes filled with tears of thanksgiving.