



FR. JOHN E. MIKALAJUNAS

ord. May 17, 1969

*A Solemn Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Binghamton, NY*

Father John E. Mikalajunas was born on August 24, 1943, the only child of John and Johanna (Bonczek) Mikalajunas. He was supernaturally reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism through the hands of the Rev. Peter J. Koleczek on September 6, 1943, with Mr. William Boncek and Mrs. Genevieve Fiato as sponsors. It was in that ceremony that he was first anointed with Holy Chrism, which would one day initiate him into the Royal Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

On the elementary level Fr. John was educated in his parish school of St. Stanislaus Kostka by the following Felician Nuns: Srs. Ambrosiana, Ueen, Florian, Clarissa, and Eulogia. His cousin Sr. Presentia has always been a positive element in his vocation. On May 18, 1952, Fr. John received Christ in the Eucharist from his pastor, the Rev. George L. Guzewicz. During this period of physical and spiritual maturation he was anointed a second time with Holy Chrism by Bishop David F. Cunningham, through the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 8, 1955. After his graduation from St. Stanislaus Kostka School on June 21, 1957, he continued his Studies at C. Fred Johnson School and earned his regents and high school diploma from Johnson City High School on June 26, 1961. In the fall of 1961 he entered St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Degree on May 29, 1965. Father then pursued his theological studies at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan. During his seminary years he was manager of the campus bookstore, President of the Empire State Club, Editor of its paper entitled Camol, President of the Polish Literary Society, Vice President of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Apostolate, and Treasurer of the Eucharistic League. On May 17, 1969, John Edward Mikalajunas was ordained a "Priest Forever" in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He was anointed a third time with Holy Chrism by Bishop David F. Cunningham at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, New York. On May 18, 1969, Fr. John offered his First Solemn Concelebrated Mass in the Church of St. Stanislaus Kostka seventeen years to the day since he received his First Holy Communion.



























