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# Priest jailed four years on 34 counts of fraud

NEWMARKET, Ont. (CP) — Rev. Pius Emmanuel Finnin, a Roman Catholic priest, was sentenced to four years in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to 34 charges of fraud.

"After 30 years as a priest, it is not a good way to end," Finnin, 59, told the court.

Court was told that Finnin had approached people for investments in a uranium mine or oil development, promising them their money would double or triple.

In some cases, he said profits would go to a west African leper colony. Three of Finnin's victims were priests.

In October, Finnin was sentenced in a Winnipeg court to two years in prison for defrauding a church deacon of \$100,000. The jail term handed out Tuesday will run concurrent to the previous term.

Court was told earlier that Finnin had said he no longer had control of the money but could reveal in 1985 what became of it.

Newmarket is 30 kilometres north of Toronto.

## Courts issuing warrants

MONTREAL (CP) — are no leaks," said Jacques Dufour, regional director The chief judge of sessions court has ordered his clerks to resume issuing search warrants to Montreal police after an investigation into accusations

"Our system is beyond approach" Dufour said



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