

The Rev. J. Jenness, ex-Adams curate

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The Rev. J. Roy Jenness, 65, of 22 State St., Bondsville, former curate at St. Thomas Aquinas Church from June, 1966, until August, 1969, died Tuesday at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He had been a Roman Catholic priest for 32 years and was pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Palmer, for the past 12 years.

He was ordained in St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, in 1956 by the Most Rev. Frederick A. Donaghy, then bishop of Wuchow, China.

Other assignments included St. Mary's Church, Springfield; St. Thomas Church, Huntington; Holy Family Church, Holyoke; Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenfield, and St. Mary's Church, Pittsfield.

A native of Fitchburg, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy William Jenness. He graduated from St. Bernard's grammar and high school, Fitchburg. He earned a B.A. degree from St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H.; attended the Benedictine Novitiate in Latrobe, Pa., and completed preparation for the priesthood at Grande Seminary, Montreal, Canada.

Before entering the priesthood,

Father Jenness served a four-year term in the U.S. Marine Corps, during World War II. He was wounded in action in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for his action in the Iwo Jima campaign.

Father Jenness spoke seven languages and was especially trained by the Bensedictine Order as a liturgist.

He was a chaplain of the Knights of Columbus chapter of Palmer.

He leaves a brother, Robert E. Jenness of California; three sisters, Theresa Radford of Framingham, Patricia Leger of Fitchburg and Lorraine Marcoux of Leominster, and an aunt, Lilia LaFleur of Fitchburg.

A Mass of the High Priest will be celebrated Friday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. The Most Rev. Joseph F. McGuire, bishop of Springfield, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery, Palmer. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Bartholomew's Church, Palmer.