

Rev. Justin J. Quinn

FALL RIVER -- The Rev. Justin J. Quinn, 69, who had served in many New Bedford area parishes, [died](#) Friday, June 14, 1996, at the Catholic Memorial Home.

He was the son of the late Michael James and Josephine (Ryan) Quinn.

[Born](#) in New York City, Rev. Quinn graduated from Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx before attending the Maryknoll Minor Seminary in Pennsylvania and Maryknoll Major Seminary in New York as well as St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

Ordained as a priest on Jan. 25, 1953, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River, he served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's, St. Thomas More Church in Somerset, St. Kilian Church and St. Lawrence Church in New Bedford. He later served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Edgartown before returning to New Bedford as pastor of St. Kilian's. He then was transferred to St. Rita in Marion, then Immaculate Conception Church in Fall River.

He then served as parochial vicar at St. Anne's Church in Fall River and chaplain at Madonna Manor in North Attleboro before moving to the Priest's Hostel in Fall River in 1994.

His love for children was obvious to anyone who spoke with him. While working at St. Mary's Home for Children in New Bedford, where he was the father figure to many children, he said, "Love of God and love of neighbor. It may sound hackneyed, but if you have a love a lot flows from that. Honesty and sincerity come. Truthfulness. If you've got those, people can trust you. A father has to be trusted."

Rev. Quinn had also served as director of Holy Family High School in New Bedford where he was active in the athletic program. He is survived by several cousins.

Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St.