

DEATH NOTICES

JEAN, Reverend Raymond J.

Reverend **Raymond J. Jean**, 69, died Thursday, (June 7, 2001) at his home in Niantic. He was born in Willimantic on Sept. 18, 1931, the son of the late Wilfred and Antoinette (Marchand) **Jean**. He graduated from Assumption High School, Worcester, MA, and from St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. He studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD, and St. Sulpice Seminary, Issy, France. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 13, 1957, in St. Mary Church, Willimantic. Following his ordination, Father **Jean** was assigned to St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, New London, as temporary assistant pastor. He served as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Taftville, Sept. 1957 - Sept. 1961; St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Putnam, Sept. 1961-June 1968; St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uncasville, June 1968 - Sept 1970. He served as president of the Diocesan Priests' Senate from June 1979 until June 1981. Father **Jean** was appointed pastor of Notre Dame Parish, Durham, on Sept. 16, 1970. He served there until he was named pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry, on Sept. 6, 1984. He resigned as pastor on May 6, 1990. and was assigned to a leave of absence. He is survived by a sister, Anita N. **Jean** of Willimantic; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Ann **Jean** of Fort Washington, MD; nephews, Andre **Jean**, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Brooklyn, NY, Sean **Jean** of Hermosa, CA, Daniel **Jean** of Atlanta, GA; niece, Michelle **Jean** of Willimantic; and a sister-in-law, Anne Marie **Jean** of Clinton. He was predeceased by a brother, Andre **Jean**. A funeral mass will be celebrated Monday, June 11, 10:30 a.m., in St. Mary Church, Valley St., Willimantic. Bishop Daniel A. Hart will be principal celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Sunday, June 10, 3-5 p.m. in the Bacon Funeral Home, 71 Prospect St., Willimantic. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Office of Haitian Ministries, 1595 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, 06382.