

REV. JOHN FOLLETT, 45

Associate pastor

Rev. John E. Follett, associate pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Runnemede, died after a brief illness.

Born in Chester, Pa., he attended St. Mary's College and Seminary, Lebanon, Ky., and St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained in 1978 in St. Lawrence Church, Lindenwold.

Father Follett was associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Vineland from 1978 to 1982. He was associate pastor at St. James Church in Ventor, St. Mary's in Gloucester and St. Thomas in Brigantine before being assigned to St. Maria Goretti.

He served as a temporary parochial administrator of St. Catherine of Seina Parish in Clayton in 1993.

He died Feb. 4.

Father Follett was chaplain of the Air National Guard in Pomona in 1982 and served two terms on the Camden Diocese's Ecumenical Commission.

Survivors include his mother, Eleanor Kealey; four brothers, Edward of Downingtown, Pa., Albert of Essington, Pa., William Kealey of Barneget and Joseph Kealey of Lindenwold; and three sisters, Maryanne Wiley of Glenolden, Pa., Mildred Kuzdrall of Atco and Phyllis Burlap of Lindenwold.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Maria Goretti Church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

Friends will be received after 2 p.m. today and after 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the church.