

RYAN, REV. JAMES R., 63 - former Associate Pastor of four churches and Prison Chaplain in the Diocese of Camden, died April 10.

Fr. Ryan was the Associate Pastor at St. John of God, North Cape May in 2002, St. Margaret, Woodbury Heights, 1982, and St. Nicholas, Egg Harbor in 1981. In addition, he served as Full Time Permanent Associate Pastor at St. James, Ventnor, 2000 and Temporary Associate Pastor, St. Joseph, Somers Point, 1981. He also served as an Associate In-Residence at Transfiguration Parish in West Collingswood in 1999, In-Residence at St. Bernadette, Northfield in 1998 and St. Cecelia, Pennsauken in 1994. During his residency at these parishes, Fr. Ryan provided Prison Ministry in the City of Camden since 1992. In 1987, he served as County Coordinator of Youth Ministry in Salem County.

Additionally, he served as Temporary Chaplain at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point in 1989, and Area Chaplain, Somers Point in 1974. Fr. Ryan was an Associate at St. Michael's, Cedarville in 1989, St. Joseph, Somers Point in 1972, St. Anne, Westville in 1968 and an Assistant at St. Francis de Sales, Barrington in 1966, where he began his religious service.

Fr. Ryan attended St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, Ontario from 1959-62 and Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, NY, from 1962-66. He was ordained May 21, 1966 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden, by the Most Reverend Celestine J. Damiano.

He is survived by his mother, Jane B. Ryan of Egg Harbor City; and a brother, Robert J. Ryan of Ashburn, VA. Funeral Mass for Father Ryan will take place 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2004 at St. Joseph Church, Somers Point. Transfer to church will take place at 9:00 a.m. Friday, with viewing until 10:45 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing. (George H. Wimberg Funeral Home, Linwood).