

Rev. Leo Dwyer, 85

Was pastor of church in Hull

Rev. Leo V. Dwyer, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hull from 1963 until his retirement in 1979, died Sunday in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He was 85 and lived in Brighton.

For five years before his tenure in Hull, Father Dwyer was pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Carver.

Born in Putnam, Conn., he studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary and was ordained May 27, 1932, in Holy Cross Cathedral by Cardinal William O'Connell.

Father Dwyer's earlier assignments were as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Amesbury, 1932 to 1941; St. James, Salem, 1941-42; Sacred Heart, Medford, 1942 to 1945; St. Monica's, South Boston, 1945-47; St. James, Haverhill, 1947 to 1958.

In 1963 he was named director of the South Shore District of the Holy Name Society.

Father Dwyer leaves a sister, Genevieve Connelly of Dennis, and two nephews, Paul Connelly of New Hampshire and Mark Connelly of Billerica.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Anthony's Church, Allston, with Cardinal Bernard F. Law the principal celebrant. Burial will be in Holy Rosary Cemetery, Spencer.