

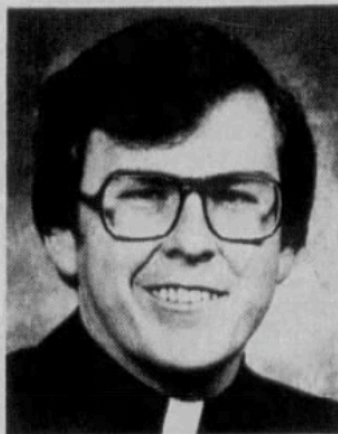
Augusta native ordained

Rev. James P. Robichaud, O.M.I., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Robichaud of 139 Northern Ave., was ordained to the priesthood April 28, at St. Augustine's Church.

Bishop Amedee Proulx D.D., Auxiliary to the Bishop of Portland, was ordaining Bishop. Fathers Norman Parent, O.M.I., Valmond Gilbert, Will Harvey, O.M.I. and A. James Bertelli concelebrated. The Very Reverend Norman Parent is the provincial of St. John the Baptist Province, Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Father Robichaud attended St. Augustine's grammar school and went on to St. Joseph's Seminary in Bucksport, where he graduated in 1970. He attended Oblate College and Seminary, Natick, Mass., from 1970-71, and graduated from Framingham State College in 1974. In the fall of 1974, he began his novitiate in Godfrey, Ill., where he professed his first vows in 1975. He studied theology at the Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass., and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree in 1978.

As part of his theological training and preparation for the ministry, he was involved in numerous community and



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local parish activities. As part of his Field Education at Weston, he interned as a chaplain at Youville Hospital for Rehabilitation and Terminally Ill Patients in Cambridge. He completed a unit of Clinical and Pastoral Education and was awarded a certificate of completion from Andover Newton Theological School and Weston State Hospital.

Since completion of his Master's degree, the Augusta native has been interning as a pastoral associate at Sacred Heart parish in Watertown, Mass., where he has been involved in adult education, youth ministry, parish visitations, liturgical planning, and preaching.

In addition to his parents, his sisters Susan and Kathy also reside in Augusta.