



REV. JAMES P. ROBICHAUD
DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Rev. James P. Robichaud, 56, of High Street, and formerly of Smith Street, Lowell, Mass., died unexpectedly Friday, June 27, 2008, at his home. He was born June 26, 1952, in Augusta, the son of the late Raymond G. and Mary M. (Roy) Robichaud.

The Rev. Robichaud was a graduate of St. Joseph High School Seminary in 1970 and Framingham State College and Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass., with a Master of Divinity. The Rev. Robichaud was ordained to the priesthood April 28, 1973. He ministered at Holy Cross Church and Indian Mission, Orr, Minn. from March 1975 to May 1975; was vicar at St. Jean-Baptiste Church from 1979 to 1983; director of Pastoral Care/chaplain at Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, Mass., from 1983 to 1999; Director of Formation NUSP OMI 1992 to 1999; pastor of Notre Dame de Lourdes 1994 to 2000; and pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish since 2000. He was a current or former board member of several service organizations. He was the former chaplain for Catholic Nurses of the Merrimack Valley, Lowell Fire and Police departments, Sisters of Charity of Quebec and Massachusetts Police Association. He developed the Pastoral Care Program at Lowell General Hospital, was a member of National Association of Catholic Chaplains, cofounder of Greater Lowell Emergency Services Critical Incident Stress Program and charter member of Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains. He received the RCAB Bronze Pelican Award and Community Teamwork Institute Local Hero Award.

He was predeceased by his parents. The Rev. Robichaud is survived by two sisters, Susan M. Dumont and her husband, Mark, of Augusta and Kathy A. Demers of New Gloucester; as well as several nieces and one nephew.

A period of visitation will be held 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Northern Avenue, Augusta, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Burial and committal prayers will be after in the family lot at Holy Family Cemetery, Townsend Road, Augusta. In lieu of flowers, donations in the Rev. Robichaud's memory may be made to Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, Maine General Health, P.O. Box 828, Waterville, ME 04903 or the American Heart Association, 51 U.S. Route 1, Suite M, Scarborough, ME 04074. Arrangements are under the care of Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta. Condolences to the family may be expressed via the funeral home website at