


Rev Oscar R. Ferland

BIRTH	1918 Central Falls, Providence County, Rhode Island, USA
DEATH	Jul 1998 (aged 79–80) West Kingston, Washington County, Rhode Island, USA
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partial obituary:

The Rev. Monsignor Oscar R. Ferland, 80, of Usquepaugh Road, West Kingston, pastor emeritus of St. Luke Church, Barrington, died Wednesday at home.

Born in Central Falls, he was a son of the late Omer and Agnes (Douville) Ferland, he had lived in Barrington for 20 years before retiring to West Kingston 7 years ago.

He attended Providence College. He completed studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md., and was ordained a priest on Dec. 23, 1944, in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence by Bishop Francis P. Keough.

After a brief assignment as priest-perfect at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Warwick Neck, Father Ferland was appointed assistant pastor at St. Patrick Church in Harrisville in 1945, where he served until June 1953, when he was transferred to St. Brendan Church in Riverside, and in September 1956, to St. Michael Church in Providence as assistant pastor. In September 1967, he was named pastor of Christ the King Church and Catholic chaplain of the University of Rhode Island.

In April 1970, he was appointed dean of Washington County and in May 1972, chairman of the Priest's Personnel Board. In May 1972, Father Ferland was transferred as pastor to St. Luke Parish in Barrington, where he served until his retirement as pastor emeritus in June 1991.

While at St. Luke's, he was appointed prelate of honor to Pope John Paul II in March 1989 with the title of reverend monsignor. Monsignor Ferland 's sermons have always been leavened with a wry sense of humor. He radiated an air of optimism because, he said, "there's joy in religion."

After his retirement from parish administration, he took up residence in West Kingston and continued to help in various parishes such as St. Bernard's in Wickford and St. Aidan's in Cumberland, where in 1992, he was temporary administrator. The next year, he was appointed a member of the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Providence representing Constituency 8 for a three-year term.

He is survived by two sisters, five brothers, and 34 nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Rev. Ernest O. Ferland, Brother Sebastian Ferland, SC, Lionel Ferland and Dr. Darius Ferland.