



**Rev. Francis J. Cloherty**

Father Cloherty grew up in Jamaica Plain, the son of Martin and Nora (Welby) Cloherty. His parents were natives of Ireland. He comes from a family of five children. He attended Boston College prior to entering St. John Seminary.

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood by the Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Jamaica Plain.

His assignments have included:

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Marblehead; 1962-1965

Holy Family, Duxbury; 1965-1975

St. Matthew, Dorchester; 1975-1976

St. Peter, Lowell; 1976-1977

On December 6, 1977, he was appointed to team ministry at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Revere. The team ministry ended in May, 1981. Thereafter, he remained as parochial vicar to 1984

Blessed Sacrament, Jamaica Plain; 1984-1991

St. Mary, Charlestown; 1991-1992

On March 24, 1992, he was appointed the tenth pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Brockton.

On January 24, 2005, he was appointed the sixth pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Brockton. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish was celebrated with various events in 2006-2007.

St. Ann, Quincy; 7/2011- 10/2014 (senior priest/in-residence) where he celebrated his golden jubilee on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

In addition to his parish responsibilities, he was appointed Vicar Forane by the Cardinal to promote a common pastoral activity in that part of the diocese and to provide spiritual and pastoral counsel to priests in the area as well.

In November 2013, he became senior priest in residence in the Lynn Collaborative, made up of St. Mary and Sacred Heart Parishes, and resigned as Chair of the Archdiocesan Labor Guild to be more available to the Collaborative.

He still participates in an Emmaus group continuing his more than 30 year commitment to Catholic-Jewish dialogue.