

## **Rev. Maurice V. Connolly**

Father Connolly was born on February 14, 1926, the son of Daniel and Margaret (Halloran) Connolly. He came from a family of six sons and a daughter. He grew up in Nova Scotia, attended local schools and St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1950. His undergraduate studies were in economics and accounting. He came to the United States in 1951 and worked in business.

He entered St. John Seminary in 1956. He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at the Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. John the Baptist Church in Peabody.

His assignments included:

St. Vincent De Paul, South Boston; 1962-1966

St. Jerome, Weymouth; 1966-1969

St. Mary, Randolph; 1969-1970

St. James, Haverhill; 1974

St. John Chrysostom, West Roxbury; 1974

St. Patrick, Lynn; 1975-1977

St. Joseph, Woburn; 1977-1981

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Beverly; 1981-1989

Lend-lease, Diocese of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; 1971-1974

On December 5, 1989, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Revere. His pastorate ended on February 11, 1991 due to reasons of health. Thereafter, he served at St. Joseph Parish in Wakefield (1991-1995). He was granted senior priest/retirement status on August 1, 1995 and thereafter, lived at Youville House in Cambridge.

He died on July 24, 2008. The Most Rev. Francis X. Irwin presided at his funeral Mass on Tuesday, July 29 at St. Joseph Church in Wakefield. Interment followed at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.