

## **Rev. Msgr. Richard P. Little**

Msgr. Little grew up in Auburndale, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Little.

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at Holy Cross Cathedral by Richard Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Brookline.

His assignments included:

St. John the Evangelist, Swampscott; 1962-1969

St. Bartholomew, Needham; 1969-1973

On August 1, 1973, he was appointed vice-chancellor of the Archdiocese.

During the time of Cardinal Medeiros, he also served as Secretary of Health Care Services and was a member of several boards of trustees and the Archdiocesan Building Commission.

Msgr. Little was pastor of two parishes:

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Melrose; appointed on August 19, 1986

St. Monica, Methuen; appointed on July 5, 1995

He was named a monsignor in April, 1998.

For reasons of health, his pastorate in Methuen came to an end on November 20, 2000.

He died on May 11, 2001 after a lengthy illness. He was 64. Cardinal Law, in the presence of many bishops and priests, presided at his funeral Mass on Tuesday, May 15 at St. Monica Church in Methuen. The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. Thomas Buckley of Holy Family Parish in Amesbury. He was laid to rest at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury.