



Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Bourque

Msgr. Bourque was born and raised in Brockton, one of two sons of Joseph E. and Mary Bourque. He attended Brockton High School, graduating in 1954. He prepared for the priesthood at the Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary and Saint John Seminary. He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood by the Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. Margaret Church in Brockton.

His assignments have included:

St. Pius X, Milton; 1962-1963

Faculty, Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary and St. John Seminary;
1963-1979

Our Lady of Lourdes, Jamaica Plain; 1979-1980

On October 28, 1980, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Jamaica Plain. His pastorate ended on August 6, 2008 and he was granted senior priest/retirement status. He took up residence at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Canton.

In April, 1998, Msgr. Bourque was one of 32 priests honored with the title monsignor.

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Msgr. Bourque celebrated his golden jubilee on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Jamaica Plain. A luncheon followed.

Msgr. Bourque passed on to the Lord on August 23, 2023 at Regina Cleri in Boston, MA after a lingering illness.