



Msgr. William Manning Helmick

Msgr. Helmick grew up in Arlington, the son of Alice Cecilia (Clancy) and Raymond G. Helmick. He was born on June 29, 1937. He comes from a family of three and has a brother a Jesuit (Rev. Raymond Helmick) and a sister, Marie Barry. He attended St. Agnes Grammar School and Matignon High School.

He prepared for the priesthood at the Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary and St. John Seminary. He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at the Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on June 4 at St. Agnes Church in Arlington.

His assignments included:

St. Mary of the Nativity, Scituate; 1962-1970

Metropolitan Tribunal; 1970-1971

On March 4, 1971, he was appointed Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies and secretary to Cardinal Medeiros. He continued in this position after the Cardinal's death on September 17, 1983 and under Cardinal Law.

On December 8, 1987, he was appointed pastor of St. Theresa of Avila Parish in West Roxbury. Cardinal Law presided at his installation on Sunday, January 3, 1988.

In April, 1998, he was among a large number of priests honored with the title monsignor.

2012 is a year of anniversaries for Msgr. Helmick. He celebrated his golden jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving on February 5. He turned 75 on June 29. He marked 25 years as pastor on December 8.