

Fr. James F. McNAMARA 82 USA
* June 7, 1915 Boston MA

+ December 8, 1997 Tiverton RI

He began his secondary studies at Dorchester High School in 1929 and continued them at Boston College before entering Conrwells in 1934. He first professed his vows at Ridgefield, August 25, 1937. He was ordained to the Priesthood there on June 19, 1942. His first appointment was as assistant at Sacred Heart Church in Tarentum PA. In 1945, he was transferred to St. Ann's, Millvale, where he served until 1947, when he was appointed to Duquesne University. He taught freshman logic until 1950 when he became Dean of Men. He was named Vice President of Student Affairs, and as such he was in charge of all non-academic student activities, including athletics. He also served as the Dukes' chaplain and for a time was Director of Student Welfare.

In 1971 he took a year of absence for a special program of the Holy Childhood Association and moved to its Pittsburgh office. In 1973 he returned to Duquesne in an administrative capacity at the University Relations Office. After serving for over 25 years at Duquesne, he resigned in 1976. In appreciation for his excellent service in dealing with students, he was named emeritus by the University's President.

Next, he became Director of Ferndale and oversaw the work of closing this facility, its sale to G.T.E. and the disposition of its contents. In 1980 he took up replacement ministry in Rhode Island while stationed at St. Madeleine in Tiverton. In 1982, he moved back to Pittsburgh to become Chaplain at the Divine Redeemer Sisters' motherhouse in Elizabeth PA .

His retirement began in 1986, first in Tiverton, then from 1990 at Stella Maris Community in Sarasota FL, and then in 1994 at Spiritan Hall in Bensalem PA. In March 1995 he returned to his beloved St. Madeleine Sophie Parish. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee in 1992, but remained active as long as he was able.

Death came for him following coronary surgery on December 8, 1997. Burial took place in the family plot at Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery, Little Compton, RI.