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OBIT: REV. JOSEPH E. SHIELDS, B. 1922 BOSTON, MA

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NEWMARKET - The Rev. Joseph E. Shields, 94, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005.

He was born Oct. 13, 1922, in Boston, the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Molloy) Shields.

He earned his pontifical license in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1937.

The Rev. Shields was ordained a priest in December of 1936 by His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggianni. The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, fourth Bishop of Manchester, had asked Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggianni to ordain Father Shields at the Vatican given that he had pursued ecclesiastical studies at the Pontifical North American College.

He served briefly as associate pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, and Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon in 1937. He was later appointed associate pastor at St. Mary Parish, Claremont; St. John the Evangelist Parish, Concord; Holy Family Parish, Gorham; and Immaculate Conception Parish, Portsmouth.

Father Shields was appointed as founding pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Lebanon in 1946 by Bishop Matthew F. Brady. He was later appointed pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Newport; St. Catherine Parish in Portsmouth, and St. Michael Parish in Exeter, serving there from 1974 until 1981. Following his retirement, he served as a senior associate pastor at Mary Mother of the Church, Newton and St. Mary Parish, Newmarket. He continued to provide pastoral ministry in Newmarket until 2003, when he moved to the Bishop Peterson Residence in Manchester.

He served as a chaplain to the Catholic Daughters of American in Portsmouth and Exeter.

The Rite of Reception of the Body will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in St. Michael Church, Exeter. Father Shields will lie in state in the church until 6 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in St. Michael Church, with the Most Reverend John B. McCormack, bishop of Manchester, presiding. The Rite of Committal will follow in Exeter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Michael Parish, 9 Lincoln St.,

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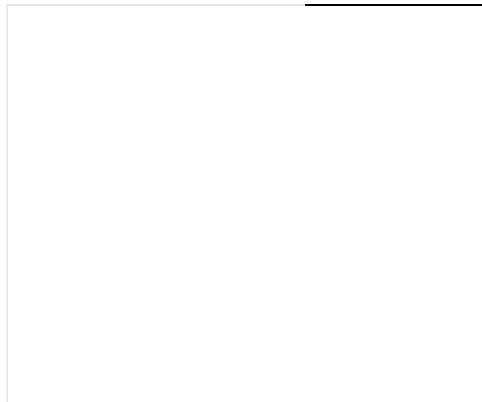
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