

Quincy

Services Tuesday for Rev. Shea, 67

The Rev. Louis Shea, 67, pastor of Quincy's St. Dominic Catholic Church since it was founded in 1977, died at 7:46 a.m. Friday (Nov. 15, 1996) in Blessing Hospital after an extended illness with cancer.

Born May 2, 1929, in Springfield, he was a son of George Edward and Agnes Mueller Shea.

Father Shea entered the Pontifical College Josephinum

Seminary in Ohio as a high school freshman in 1943. He was ordained to the priesthood June 4, 1955, by the Most Rev. A. Cicogani, apostolic delegate to the United States. His first solemn Mass was celebrated June 12, 1955, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Springfield.

Father Shea was superintendent of St. Dominic School. His earlier assignments were as assistant pastor of St. James Church in Decatur 1955-59; assistant pastor of St. Mary Church in Taylorville 1959-63; assistant chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield 1967-69; and pastor at St. Stanislaus Church in Macon and St. Francis DeSales Church in Moweaqua, 1969-70.



He also served as pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Mount Sterling from 1970 to 1977, and as assistant pastor of St. Rose Church in Quincy, 1967-69. He served as director of Quincy Catholic Services 1963-67 and 1971-86.

He was a member of the Secular Priests Trust Fund; the Brown County Ministerial Association; and the Brown County Welfare Advisory Board. He was a member and past president of the Quincy Roman Catholic Cemetery Association, and the Quincy deanery representative of the Springfield Diocese's personnel board.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph Shea of Perryville, Mo.; a sister, Mary Agnes House of Taylorville; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Dominic Catholic Church by Bishop Daniel Ryan. A Mass for the children of St. Dominic School will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. The Duker and Haugh Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Monday in St. Dominic Catholic Church, and from 8 a.m. Tuesday until time of services. There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to St. Dominic School or St. Dominic Church.