

Raymond Joseph CASEY 75 USA TZA  
\* August 8, 1920 Manchester NH

+ October 28, 1995 Sarasota, FL

Fr. Casey was born in Manchester, NH, did his primary studies at St. Joseph Parish school and continued there for his first three years of high school. His high school studies were completed at Pittsburgh Central Catholic in 1941. Between his high school studies in Manchester NH and Pittsburgh Central he spent ten months trying out the Trappist way of life at Trappist Valley Falls, RI.

He entered Holy Ghost Missionary College at Cornwells Heights, PA in 1942 and made his novitiate at Ridgefield CT where he was professed August 15, 1945. He did his philosophy and theology studies at Ferndale, Norwalk CT. At that time he again attempted to become a Trappist. Upon his return to Ferndale he continued his studies and was ordained to the priesthood March 10, 1951. After his apostolic consecration on January 25, 1952, he was assigned to the missions of Kilimanjaro, TZA, where he taught at St. James Junior Seminary and also worked at Kilema and Rombo Mkuu.

After his return to the United States in 1957 he was assigned to teach at St. Emma Military Academy in Powhatan, VA.

Two years later Fr. Casey went to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, WI as an assistant and teacher in the high school. In 1960 he went to do graduate study in education at the University of Virginia at Charlotte, where he received an MA. After this Fr. Casey spent two years teaching at Holy Ghost Missionary College, Cornwells Heights, PA until in 1962 he was appointed to Washington, DC, as director of the information office and editor of OUR PROVINCE and THE PARACLETE.

From there he went to St. James in Chicago for a short time and then to Holy Ghost Tiverton, RI, for nine months.

In May 1965 we began sick leave, and did ministry in the diocese of Miami and in the diocese of Manchester NH.

In 1972 Fr. Casey began the ministry which occupied him for most of the rest of his life; hospital chaplaincy.

Throughout his life, Fr. Casey had frequent health problems. Despite them he is remembered kindly by the many people he tended in his ministry and for his preaching.

He was en route to parish ministry in Lake Placid, FL, when he was struck by a massive heart attack and he died soon after in Sarasota, FL on October 28, 1995. Interment took place at the community cemetery in Cornwells Heights, PA.