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OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT YALE

Michael H. Gosselin

Chaplain 1989-1992

Fr. Gosselin was born in Lewiston, ME, on May 23, 1947. He attended parochial schools in Hartford: St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from 1961-1967 and St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, MD, from 1967-1973. He was ordained May 26, 1973 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford by the Most Rev. John F. Whealon. After ordination, he served as assistant pastor of the Church of the Ascension in Hamden and assistant pastor of St. Anne Church in Hartford. In 1978, he was named Chairman of the Religion Department at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford.

Fr. Gosselin pursued an extensive education throughout his life. In 1980, he attended St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he received his S.T.M. degree. In 1982, Father Gosselin received his J.C.L. from the University of Ottawa, Canada. In 1982, he was named director of Continuing Education for the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Hartford. During this time, he also served as Judge and Defender of the Bond for the Archdiocese.

In 1989, he was named the fifth Catholic Chaplain at Yale University. Students remember him for his excellent homilies. During his time at Yale, he also served on the national search

committee for the next University Chaplain. In May of 1992, the University called the Rev. Frederick Streets to fill this role.

From 1992-1995, Father Gosselin served as assistant professor of Pastoral Theology, and Chair of Pastoral Studies, at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore. Upon his return to Hartford in 1995, Father Gosselin was appointed director of Formation Program of the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He also served as pastor of St. Peter Church in New Britain and as the Academic Dean at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, positions he held until his retirement due to illness. Fr. Gosselin died June 17, 2001.

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Yale Daily News. "Baptist Minister Becomes New Chaplain."

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