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Councillor Walter Sullivan

Oct. 31, 1985

whereas:

It was with great sadness the City Council learned of the death of the Reverend John Klimas, former assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in East Cambridge, and  
whereas:

Father Klimas was born in Gulbiniskai, Lithuania, studied for the priesthood in Germany and was ordained in 1946, relocating to America shortly after ordination, and  
whereas:

Once he arrived in the archdiocese, Father Klimas

served as assistant pastor at St. Peter's  
(Lutheran) South Boston until 1968, when  
he was appointed to Immaculate Conception  
(Lutheran) East Cambridge, where he remained  
until his retirement in March of this year, and  
whereas:

Father Klimes suffered from multiple  
sclerosis for many years, but yet continued to  
perform his priestly duties as best he could,  
suffering with fortitude and great dignity  
Now therefore be it  
Resolved:

That this Ccn Council go on record

extending its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Father Klein at this unfortunate loss and be it further

Resolved:

That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engraved copy of this resolution to the parish on behalf of the entire City Council.

## REV. JOHN KLIMAS *Dies October 13; served in Cam- bridge*

Bishop Daniel A. Hart was the main celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, October 17, in St. Peter's Church in South Boston for Rev. John Klimas, former assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception (Lithuanian) Parish, Cambridge.

Father Klimas died Thursday, October 13, in Cardinal Cushing Hospital, Brockton, at the age of 67.

Father Klimas was born in Guebiniskiai, Lithuania. He studied for the priesthood in Germany and was ordained in 1946. Moving to the United States shortly after ordination, he served as assistant pastor at St. Peter's (Lithuanian) South Boston, from 1950 to 1968, when he was appointed to Immaculate Conception Parish in Cambridge, where he served until retirement last March.

Rev. Albert Contons, Pastor of St. Peter's (Lithuanian) Church in South Boston, recalled that after the Russian occupation of Lithuania following World War II, Father Klimas and 250 fellow seminarians were expelled from the country and ordered to reassemble at the seminary in Eichspaett, Germany. Only 80 survived the extreme privations of the journey.

Father Contons described his friend as a "very patient man" who for many years bore the afflictions of multiple sclerosis with fortitude and quiet dignity.

"That made him able to empathize with the handi-

capped and disabled," said Father Contons, who also recalled that Father Klimas retained "a special love for his homeland and for all things Lithuanian."

Burial was in the Sisters of Jesus Crucified Cemetery in Brockton.

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Boston, where he maintains a busy schedule of Masses and sacramental preparation — in addition to his archdiocesan job.

"I get a lot of energy from working with the students," says Father Steele. "I love to see the way students pray — pray from the heart and pray with openness. For me, there is nothing more inspiring."

## Training young leaders

Father Steele gets excited when he talks about the archdiocesan Catholic Leadership Program because the peer ministry philosophy seems to be succeeding. Proof lies in the many students who return to keep attending the leadership training — even young people who have graduated from the program already, but want to participate again.

Students today have all kinds of pressures and they are looking to others for support.

To Father Steele, their involvement demonstrates that young people truly want to be active and involved in the Church. "Too often people complain that teenagers are apathetic towards religion," he says. "I disagree. I think that young people just need to be invited more to participate. Most won't get involved unless someone reaches out to them personally."

Teens can contribute their gifts of enthusiasm and curiosity in parishes where they are encouraged to do so, he says. Father Steele also understands



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IN CITY COUNCIL

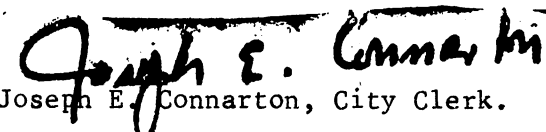
October 31, 1988

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

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- WHEREAS: Father Klimas was born in Guebinskiai, Lithuania, studied for the priesthood in Germany and was ordained in 1946, relocating to America shortly after ordination; and
- WHEREAS: Once he arrived in the Archdiocese, Father Klimas served as Assistant Pastor at St. Peter's (Lithuanian), South Boston until 1968, when he was appointed to Immaculate Conception (Lithuanian) East Cambridge, where he remained until his retirement in March of this year; and
- WHEREAS: Father Klimas suffered from multiple sclerosis for many years, but yet continued to perform his priestly duties as best he could, suffering with fortitude and quiet dignity; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Father Klimas at this unfortunate loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Parish on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 31, 1988.  
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.  
 Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-  Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #23

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C.W.J. Sullivan re: resolutions on the death  
of the Reverend John Klimas, former Asst.  
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, East  
Cambridge.

In City Council,

October 31, 1988

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C. W. J. Sullivan

Order Adopted

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