



City of Cambridge

44.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1997

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 VICE MAYOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 MAYOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: Father Collins grew up in Rhode Island; studied at LaSalle Academy, Providence, Rhode Island and St. Mary's College, Minnesota; and received his master's degree from the Washington Theological Coalition, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS: Father Collins was ordained a Sacred Heart Father on August 17, 1972 in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS: Father Collins has served at St. Ann's, Wollaston; St. John the Evangelist, North Chelmsford; Blessed Sacrament, Cambridge; St. Barbara's, Waltham; St. Mary's, Dedham; and has served as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge since July of 1994; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating **Father Charles Collins** on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Father Charles Collins on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 14, 1997

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Councillor Gorney

~~Resolved~~

Ordered

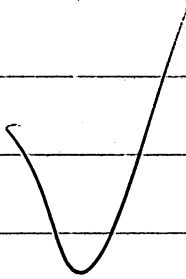
Pastor of St John's
the Evangelist
Church

That the City Clerk be and hereby is
requested to prepare a suitable
resolution ~~on the~~ Congratulating

Fraser Charles Collins on his twenty-
fifth Anniversary of his Ordination

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dear
Rebecca
Kaplan



Mrs. Sullivan - Glabe 4/9/97 ✓

na Charles Collins

✓ ✓ 6-40 @ Washington
SSC ordination

Δ 547-4880

ordained 8/19/72

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St. John the Evangelist Parish

2254 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02140

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To:

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From:

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REMARKS:

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Urgent

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For your review

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Reply ASAP

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Please comment

Enclosed is the information regarding Father Collins.

P.S. Installation Mass celebrated 10/9/94

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Rev. Charles E. Collins To Become Pastor Of St. John The Evangelist Parish, Cambridge

BY REV. JOSEPH C. O'BRIEN
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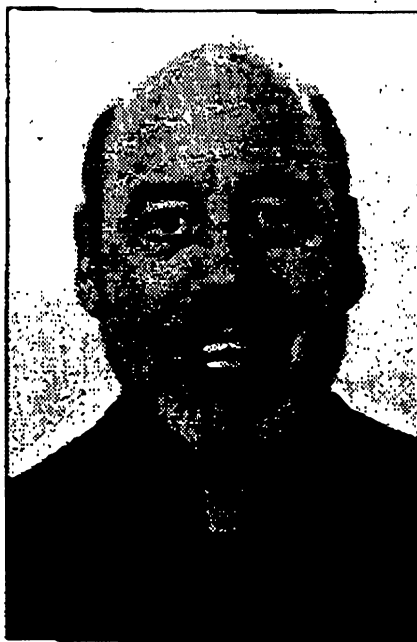
CAMBRIDGE—Effective July 1, Rev. Charles E. Collins has been appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Cambridge after having served as administrator since May, 1993.

It was a time for learning the ropes. "It has been wonderful being an administrator for a year," said Father Collins. "I've had the full responsibility for the parish, the policies and the pastoral care and I feel privileged to be chosen to be their pastor."

Father Collins grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish, Providence, Rhode Island, studied at La Salle Academy, Providence and St. Mary's College, Winona, MN. He received a Master's degree from the Washington Theological Coalition, Washington, DC.

Father Collins was ordained a Sacred Hearts Father on August 17, 1972 at his home parish of Blessed Sacrament. He was the first religious order priest to be ordained by newly appointed Bishop Louis Gelineau.

His first assignment as a religious was to the parish of Sts. Peter & Paul in Roches-



Rev. Charles E. Collins

ter, NY. It was this first experience of parish ministry that eventually lead him in 1984 to seek incardination into Boston as a diocesan priest. "I had some friends in the archdiocese," he recalled, "and I wanted the stability of being a parish priest."

He has served the Boston archdiocese at St. Ann Parish, Wollaston; St. John the Evangelist Parish, N. Chelmsford; Blessed Sacrament Parish, Cambridge; St. Barbara Parish, Waltham; St. Mary Parish, Dedham and at St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge.

"I had a wonderful first experience in the archdiocese with Msgr. James Scully in

Wollaston. I learned so much about the life of a parish priest in all its diversity from youth to the elderly. I enjoyed that work from the very beginning and I still do."

Father Collins has served as pastoral moderator of the deacon program for the Jesuit seminarians who have trained at St. John the Evangelist Parish. "It's always great to have a deacon with us. The people love them and they've been a tremendous help to us. I just learned we'll have another deacon with us next year."

The non-spiritual demands of running a parish can be overwhelming, said Father Collins. "As a priest so much of our time is consumed with the parish business of removing oil drums, worrying about repairs, roofs and boilers." Father Collins referred to Cardinal Law's pastoral letter "You Shall Be My Witnesses" as a welcome alternative for the future. "If we could only be praying more, preparing homilies and visiting the sick. Right now we're just so caught up in administration," Father Collins lamented. But he added, "Increased lay ministry will free the priest to be more pastoral."



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Consent Order #44 ^{Entire membership} R-548

Councillors Toomey and Sullivan re:
Congratulations to Father Charles Collins,
Pastor of St. John's the Evangelist Church,
on his 25th anniversary of his ordination.

In City Council April 14, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED