



Fr. Walter Quinn, O.S.A.

PRIEST ASSOCIATE, PRIESTS FOR LIFE

FR. WALTER J. QUINN, O.S.A., a member of the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, headquartered at Villanova, Pennsylvania, was born August 8, 1930 in Lansdowne, PA and attended West Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He then went on to the Wharton School of Finance & Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1952 with a BS in Economics with a major in Marketing & Industrial Management. He served two years in the Army as a First Lieutenant during the Korean War. He then worked in industrial sales in the PA, NJ and DE tri-state area.

In 1955 he entered the Augustinian Novitiate and began graduate studies for the Priesthood at Villanova University and at Augustinian College in Washington, DC with an MA in Religious Education. Along the way he picked up credits for an MA in International Law at Catholic University and was ordained to the Priesthood in Washington's National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1961.

Fr. Quinn brings to Priests For Life his long experience as an Augustinian Priest in parish work, having served in many parishes in the Northeast: in the Philadelphia area at Our Mother of Consolation in Chestnut Hill, St. Genevieve in Flourtown, Our Mother of Good Counsel in Bryn Mawr, St. Thomas of Villanova in Rosemont-Villanova and as Pastor at Olde St. Augustine, the First Foundation of the Augustinian Order in the USA in 1796, six blocks from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. In New York, Fr. Quinn served at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in the Bronx, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Staten Island, and at Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls-Albany Diocese. In New Jersey, he ministered at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Atlantic City-Camden Diocese. During this period he also served as Chaplain in Chestnut Hill Hospital, Bryn Mawr Hospital, and the Atlantic City Medical Center.

After a 1992 storm wrought catastrophic damage to the 200-year-old Olde St. Augustine Church, he replaced the church roof and steeple, and the many interior historical paintings covering every wall and ceiling, a project costing 1.2 million dollars. The paintings were restored by methods similar to the restoration of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

After seven years as Pastor at Olde St. Augustine, Fr. Quinn volunteered to work in the Augustinian Province of St. Joseph in Canada on the scenic northeastern shore of Nova Scotia at St. Augustine Monastery (the first Augustinian Foundation in Canada), where the ministry is hearing confessions and conducting retreats.

Bishop Colin Campbell, Bishop of the Antigonish Diocese, appointed him Diocesan Spiritual Director of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a recently formed lay group (based out of Manchester, NH) encouraging spiritual growth and reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The group now has chapters in the US, Canada, England and Ireland.

Fr. Quinn has been actively involved in the pro-life movement since the late sixties. He led parish groups to the annual March for Life in Washington, and is founder of still-active pro-life groups at the parish level, both "Main Line Life Line" in suburban Philadelphia in the late 70's and "Atlantic Life Line" in Atlantic City, N.J. in the late 80's.

Upon returning from Canada he joined Priests For Life in September 1999. "I am convinced that the main focus of the Gospel of Life reaches people in and through the Church at the parish level." As the latest addition to the Priests for Life staff he will be preaching on abortion and euthanasia to groups of clergy and laity throughout the nation encouraging all to "stand up and be counted" and be actively involved in this most important crusade of our time: to serve, protect and defend life from the innocent unborn to the oldest of the old among us!

To arrange a media interview, email media@priestsforlife.org or call Margaret at 888-735-3448, ext. 251

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