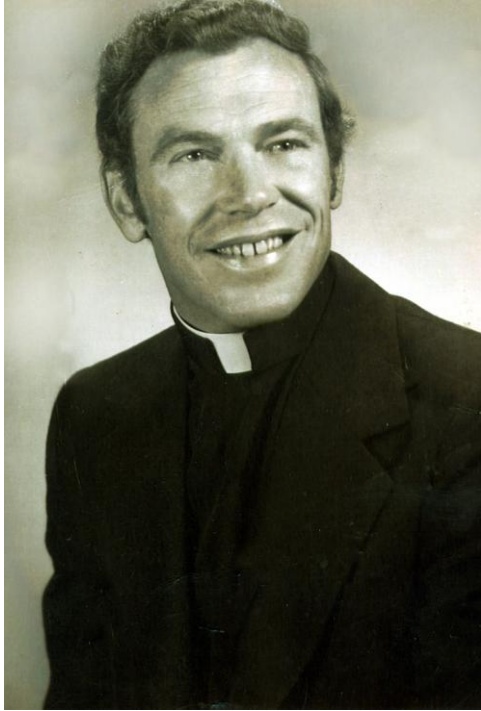


Reverend Hugh Crean Memorial Endowment Scholarship



Reverend Hugh Crean was born and raised in Westfield, and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1954. He attended the College of the Holy Cross, where he was president of his senior class, and went on to earn doctorate degrees in both theology and philosophy from the University of Louvain in Belgium. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Springfield in 1962, and served as pastor in East Longmeadow, Springfield and Westfield during his more than forty years of service to the diocese. Throughout his esteemed career, Father Crean also taught theology at Elms College, acted as vicar for priests of the Springfield Diocese, and lectured extensively across the United States. Father Crean received another doctorate from the Elms College in 2006. He is currently the chaplain at Providence Place in Holyoke.

The Reverend Hugh Crean Scholarship has been funded by his family, friends, and parishioners in the spirit of memorializing Father Crean's devotion to the education and enlightenment of the people of Westfield. It is the sincere hope that the recipients of this scholarship will continue on in the betterment of themselves and those around them through both education and service to others.

Sadly, Reverend Hugh Crean passed away on October 6, 2015.

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