


Rev. Ronald L. Chiasson, O.M.I. ... former pastor in Tewksbury; 60

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — The Rev. Ronald L. Chiasson, O.M.I., 60, formerly the associate pastor of St. William's Church in Tewksbury, Mass., died Thursday, April 22, after suffering a heart attack while offering Mass at Donovan State Prison in San Diego.

 He was born in Waltham, Mass., a son of the late Thomas and Cecilia (Delaney) Chiasson. He attended St. Pierre Grade School and St. Mary's High School in Waltham. He attended Boston University and earned a degree in philosophy from Oblate College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest in Washington, D.C. on May 15, 1976.

Father Chiasson had been the chaplain at the San Diego prison for the past eight years. His missionary work for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate also included serving as Navy chaplain aboard the *USS Constellation* from 1987 to 1990.

He was heavily involved in youth ministry while serving as associate pastor at St. William's Church in Tewksbury from 1980 to 1985. He most recently served at Most Precious Blood Church in Chula Vista.

Survivors include four brothers, Edmond J. and Vincent Chiasson, both of Waltham, Richard Chiasson of Bellington, Mass., Thomas A. Chiasson of Garden Grove, Calif.; a sister, Alice Lemerande of Bellevue, Wash.

He was the brother of the late Edward and James Chiasson.