

Biography of Bishop John M. Quinn

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Bishop John Michael Quinn was born in Detroit on December 17, 1945 and grew up in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, on Detroit's eastside. He was the youngest of the three children of the late George and Mary Quinn.

Bishop Quinn's brother, George, is deceased. His sister, Patricia Hays, and her husband, Robert, live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They have three children: Barbara, Susan Marrs, and Jeffrey.

Bishop Quinn attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School, Detroit, and St. Anthony High School, Detroit.

Bishop Quinn was ordained to the priesthood on March 17, 1972 at St. Raymond Parish, Detroit, where he had served as a deacon.

Bishop Quinn studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth; the University of Detroit/Mercy; and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Bishop Quinn holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth; a Masters in religious studies and Masters in systemic theology from the University of Detroit/Mercy. He has also done graduate work in religious studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Bishop Quinn has held a variety of assignments. His many parish assignments include associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Farmington, and St. Peter Parish, Harper Woods; and pastor of St. Luke Parish, Detroit. He has also served as associate director for justice and peace and for religious education of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

From July of 1990 to July of 2003, Bishop Quinn served as director of the Education Department of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He is the Cardinal's delegate to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit and remains there as well as an adjunct member of the faculty.

Bishop Quinn was designated a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor by His Holiness Pope John Paul II in 1990.

Bishop Quinn was installed as the 23rd auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit on August 12, 2003 at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. He was named head of the Titular See of Ressiania. A titular see is a former diocese, now nonexistent, to which a bishop is given honorary title if he is not the residential bishop of a diocese of archdiocese.

In September of 2003, Bishop Quinn was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit which includes the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

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