

Fr Jim inspired youth . .

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Fr Jim Cullen who so inspired young men that five from his Brisbane parish, Buranda, were at Pius XII Seminary, Banyo, at one time, has been buried after a funeral Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral.

Archbishop Rush said in the homily that, even in his declining years, "one could still discern the fierce priestly fidelity on which he set such store and which he nourished and taught others to nourish on the Eucharist and prayer."

He recalled that Fr Cullen was a 15-year-old schoolboy at St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace, when his uncle, Archbishop Duhig, succeeded to the See of Brisbane.

Fr Cullen became parish priest of Murgon at 33 and remained there for seven years, before going to Buranda, where he spent 19 years.

He then went to Sandgate, where there was an assistant priest, rather than run the risk of leaving people without Mass if his serious back ailment laid him low without warning. He retired in 1967.

He is survived by his sister and brother, Miss Peggy Cullen and Mr Frank Cullen.

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