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# Chorbishop Kenneth Robert O'Brien

**BIRTH** 20 Feb 1915  
Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA

**DEATH** 22 Nov 1999 (aged 84)  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA

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The son of Daniel and Plenna (Manney) O'Brien of Massachusetts, Chorbishop Msgr. Kenneth R. O'Brien, J.C.D., was ordained a Catholic priest from St. John's Seminary in Camarillo on May 18, 1940. He was later ordained a Maronite Catholic Chorbishop on November 12, 1978. A canon lawyer, he attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C, from 1946 to 1949, and he served on the Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 45 years, from 1949 to 1994. He served as the vice-chancellor for the archdiocese from 1953 to 1955. He was a presiding judge on the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal from 1974 to 1984. He was also a pastor at several parishes, including St. Ann's in Santa Monica, St. Peter's in Los Angeles, St. Mark's in Venice, and Divine Savior in Los Angeles. During his pastorate at St. Peter's, in 1966, the church was sold to Our Lady of Mount Lebanon Maronite Catholic parish, as it is known today. As a canon lawyer with faculties in both the Roman and Maronite rites of the Church, he also served on the Eparchial Marriage Tribunal of St. Maron from 1974 to 1994. Father Kenny was honored by Pope Paul VI as a Papal Chamberlain (Monsignor) in 1960, and a Prelate of Honor in 1974. He retired from parish ministry in 1971, and as his health declined he moved to St. John of God Care Center in 1994.