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Street named for FDNY rev

Mayor Giuliani signed legislation yesterday naming a block of W. 31st St. for the Rev. Mychal Judge, the Fire Department chaplain killed by a shower of falling debris at the World Trade Center.

In an emotional ceremony at City Hall that brought Giuliani to the verge of tears, he called the priest a "casualty of war" whose "memory will be treasured."

The priest, who was born in Brooklyn, was killed Sept. 11 while administering last rites to a firefighter.



Rev. Mychal Judge

"Dozens of times, he said funeral Masses for those lost in the line of duty and prayed with the widows and children left behind. He became an institution in the department," Giuliani said.

"By chance, Father Judge became the first officially recorded fatality of the attack — he who had put himself last in the service of others was first," the mayor added.

The block between Sixth and Seventh Aves., near the church and firehouse where he worked, will be renamed for the priest.

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