

## GROWING UP CATHOLIC WITH JEWISH UNCLES

*Q: But how important was religion?*

QUINN: Extremely. Religion was the center of everything. I went to Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church and School up on the Grand Concourse. All my family was religious. We went to church every Sunday. I learned the catechism at home with my Mother and recall practicing those answers. In third grade I started training to become an altar boy, learning to recite the prayers in Latin with my Mom. So religion was central.

*Q: What about the -- I mean did you have Jewish friends?*

QUINN: There was one kid who was older, Mark Skopoff. His dad was a dentist. We weren't friendly, but not because he was Jewish, just because he was older and wasn't into sports. He never really joined in any street games with other kids.

*Q: No, just --*

QUINN: He was a different age and maybe had different interests. He didn't come out and play stickball or things like that. I had Jewish "uncles," relatives of my Uncle Sammy Lipshie who often came to our house. My Uncle Solly Rausch was a particular favorite of mine,