

December 11, 1907

Father Anthony Abel



Father Abel was born Nov. 11, 1833, in Bavaria, Germany. He studied in Dillingess, Bavaria; Fordham College, N.Y.; Montreal, Canada; Boston, Mass., and Cleveland, Ohio. He was ordained June 28, 1863 by Bishop Louis Rappe of Cleveland. He first served in the Ohio missions. He was located in St. Joseph, Mo., for several years before coming to Kansas.

Father Abel was assistant pastor at Assumption in Topeka (1873-74). He served as pastor at Holy Trinity, Paola, with the mission of Mary, Queen of the Rosary, Aubrey, and stations at Louisburg and Sugar Creek (1874-77).

He was sent to Colorado where he served in the parishes of Sacred Heart, Boulder; St. Joseph, Fort Collins; and St. Joseph, Golden. Unable to continue there on account of the climatic effect upon his rheumatism, he returned to Kansas.

He was pastor of St. Joseph, Liebenthal, with the mission St. Anthony, Schoenchen, from 1893 to 1895.

He served at St. Boniface, Tipton, and at St. Joseph, Ost. He served in two chaplaincies: Sisters of St. Joseph, at Mount St. Mary's Convent (1900-06) and Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ at the St. John retreat.

Father Abel died Dec. 11, 1907, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He was 74 years old. "The immediate cause of Father Abel's death were the injuries which he received in the collision of a buggy in which he was riding, and a street car in Kansas City last August, from which injuries he had never full recovered." (CA Dec. 14, 1907)

Bishop Hennessy celebrated the funeral at St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.