

October 13, 2001

Father Joseph Angers, OP



Father Angers was born Sept. 19, 1919, in Springfield, Mass. He was baptized as Jean Joseph. He joined the St. Albert the Great Province in 1941, and was ordained June 4, 1948, at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Ill., by the Most Rev. William O'Brien, auxiliary bishop of Chicago.

His first assignment was teaching at St. Catherine College in St. Paul, Minn. (1949-61).

Father Angers had two assignments in Kansas. He was chaplain and professor at Marymount College in Salina (1963-66) and then chaplain for the Dominican Sisters in Great Bend for 11 years (1966-77). He celebrated his silver jubilee and the feast of St. Dominic with the Dominican Sisters on Aug. 8, 1973.

He had one parish assignment as associate pastor of Holy Ghost, Hammond, La. (1977-78).

He served in two additional chaplaincies at the Dominican Sisters' Villa in Houston (1978-1989) and St. Cecilia's Motherhouse in Nashville, Tenn.

Father Angers died of cancer on Oct. 13, 2001, in Nashville, Tenn. He was 82. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the chapel at St. Cecilia's Motherhouse by the Most Rev. Edward Kmiec, bishop of Nashville, and Bishop Emeritus James Niedergeses.

A second funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Orleans with Father Carl Trutter presiding. Burial was in the Dominican Friars' Cemetery at Rosaryville, La., near the grave of his uncle, Father Joseph Sebastian Angers, O.P.