

March 30, 1983

Father Joseph Biegler, CPPS



Father Biegler was born April 15, 1900, in Ipswich, S.Dak. He began his studies for the priesthood by entering the Society of the Precious Blood at St. Mary's High School Seminary at Burkettsville, Ohio. He was incorporated into the Society on Dec, 3, 1924, and ordained May 5, 1932, by the Most Rev. Joseph Albers, auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio.

Father Biegler's first permanent assignment was as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Celina, Ohio. In 1935 he was transferred to Holy Family, Dayton, Ohio. After a year, he served a short time at Sts. Peter and Paul, Norwood, Ohio, and then St. Mary's, Menasha, Wisc.

In 1937, he was appointed pastor pro tem of St. Mary's in Neillsville, Wisc. In 1947 he assumed the pastorate of St. Anthony, Linton, N.Dak. He was appointed pastor at Holy Ghost Parish in Vinita, Okla., with the missions at Welch and Grove in 1955.

He served in the Dodge City diocese as chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City from 1965 to 1972.

After 1972, he did substitute work and served as chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, La Crosse, Wisc.; St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, Ind.; Memorial Hospital, Gettysburg, S.Dak., and St. Mary's Hospital at Pierre, S.Dak. He returned to St. Charles Seminary in 1981.

Father Biegler suffered a massive stroke on March 26, 1983. He died four days later. He was nearly 83 years old. The Very Reverend Joseph Charron, provincial of the Kansas City Province, celebrated the funeral Mass. Burial was in the community cemetery at Carthagen.