

June 2, 1913

Father F.J. Borniger

Father Borniger was born Feb. 7, 1871 in Trier, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. He was ordained for the Leavenworth diocese June 29, 1895, after studying at the American College in Louvain, Belgium.

In his first assignment, he served as pastor of St. Cecilia, Perry, in Jefferson County, with the missions at Church of the Purification, Newman, and St. Peter's, Big Springs, in Douglas County (1895-97), all in Kansas.

He was an assistant at Mother of God in Kansas City, Kans., a short time in 1897 before his appointment as pastor at St. Francis Xavier, Cherryvale. This assignment included the missions at Sacred Heart, Chetopa, and Mother of God, in Labette County; Annunciation, Earlton, and St. Agnes, Thayer, in Neosho County; All Saints, Liberty, in Montgomery County, and the station at Mound Valley in Labette County.

In 1897, he became a member of the Wichita diocese.

He was appointed pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst in 1900 but served there only from February to September before he was transferred to St. Mary, Marienthal. In the two years he served in this district, he cared for the missions at St. Theresa in Wichita County; Ransom in Ness County, and stations at Dighton in Lane County and Modoc in Scott County.

In 1902, his poor health forced an early end to his active priestly career. He was confined to St. Francis Hospital in Wichita until his death on June 2, 1913.

Father John Hackenbroich celebrated the solemn Mass of Requiem in the chapel at St. Francis Hospital. Bishop Hennessy delivered the sermon. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita.