

**January 5, 1980**

**Father Felician Brookman, OFM Cap**



Father Felician was born April 14, 1903, in Cumberland, Md. He was ordained June 9, 1931, at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Cumberland.

From 1932 to 1939, he served at Sacred Heart Parish in Charlestown, W. Va.

In 1939 he was sent to the monastery at Marienthal as an assistant. He was responsible for the missions of St. Anthony at St. Theresa; St. Joseph's, Scott City; St. Theresa, Dighton, and the Mission House at Healy.

In 1942, Father Felician was instrumental in moving the Dighton church from its country site into town providing for a central location for all the Catholics in Lane County. Shortly after the church was moved the congregations at Healy and Dighton were merged. He also relocated the parish plant and built a brick church in Scott City in 1944. He was transferred to the friary at Sacred Heart, Ness City, in 1952 and served its missions at St. John, Bazine, and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta until 1956.

He was then appointed pastor of Our Lady of Help, Antonio, in the Salina diocese. In 1966 he returned to Sts. Peter and Paul Friary in Cumberland, retiring in 1969.

Father Felician died at the age of 76 on Jan. 5, 1980, in the Frostburg Nursing Home in Cumberland. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Church. He was buried in the friars' plot in the parish cemetery.

He had three siblings enter the religious life: Father Lambert Brookman, OFM, Cap., Father Bertrand Brookman, OFM, Cap., and Sister Marguerite Brookman, of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky.