

**August 4, 1951**

**Father Anthony Burkhart, OFM Cap**



Father Anthony (Martin) was born Oct. 20, 1870, in Kleinwallstadt, Bavaria. After immigrating, he plied the trade of a barber in Cincinnati for some time. Following a belated vocation, he entered St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pa. On July 18, 1897, he was invested in the garb of St. Francis. He made his solemn profession in 1901, and was ordained on June 16, 1903, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Baltimore, Md.

He received his first assignment as assistant at St. Fidelis, Victoria, (1903-08). He was then appointed to the monastery at Marienthal (1908-09) where he had charge of the mission of St. Anthony at St. Theresa as well as other outlying missions.

Father Anthony's other parish assignments in the Dodge City diocese included: pastor and superior at the monastery in Marienthal (1915-18); again at Marienthal, with the care of St. Theresa, Dighton, and the Catholic Mission House at Healy (1927-28); and at Sacred Heart Friary, Ness City as pastor of St. Aloysius, Ransom (1928-33). He also served as chaplain at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend (1945-46).

He had many other assignments in the Salina diocese, but only one in the Wichita diocese. He was chaplain to Mt. Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg from 1937 to 1945.

In his poor missions he was always zealous in beautifying the altar and the house of God, procuring beautiful vestments for his chapels and modest little churches.

Father Anthony died Aug. 4, 1951 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays. He was 80. Father Alfred Carney, OFM Cap., celebrated the funeral at St. Joseph Church in Hays. Burial was in the friar's plot in St. Joseph Cemetery.