

August 28, 1953

Father Harry Cabell



Father Cabell was born Sept. 25, 1911, in Oklahoma City, Okla. His family moved to Parsons where he attended St. Patrick's grade school. He was ordained June 9, 1940, by Bishop Winkelmann at Sacred Heart College in Wichita, with Fathers Emil Kapaun, Aloysius Preisner, John Vesecky, and Celestine Rohr, O.F.M. Cap.

After serving a short time as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's, Ellinwood, he was appointed pastor at St. Bernard, Belpre.

In 1944, he was appointed chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Kansas State Reformatory, both in Hutchinson, and pastor of St. Agnes, Castleton. He served in these posts until 1945 when he was granted a leave of absence because of poor health.

He served in two chaplaincies at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend (1946-47), and St. John's Hospital, Iola, (1947-49), before his appointment as pastor at St. Mary, Aleppo. During his pastorate at Aleppo (1949-51) the frame church that was built in 1891 was brick-veneered and redecorated.

Illness forced Father Cabell to resign his pastorate at Aleppo and his duties were reduced with appointments as assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral (1951) and then at Church of the Magdalen, Wichita (1951-52).

On Oct. 29, 1952, he was appointed to what would be his last pastorate at St. Mary, Chase. Less than a year later, he died in his sleep at the age of 42 on Aug. 28, 1953.

Bishop Carroll celebrated the funeral Mass in St. Mary Church at Chase. Burial was in the Calvary Convent Cemetery (now Resurrection Cemetery), in Great Bend.