

March 13, 1951

Father J. Luke Carroll



Father Carroll was born in Burlington on Dec. 1, 1896. He moved with his family at an early age to Great Bend where they were members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

He was ordained as a member of the Passionist Fathers on May 29, 1920.

In 1942, after twenty-two years of conducting parish missions and retreats, he joined the Diocese of Wichita.

He first served as an assistant at Blessed Sacrament, Wichita, (1942-43). His pastorates included: St. Patrick, Galena, with the missions of St. Joseph, Baxter Springs and St. Rose, Columbus, (1943-44); St. Catherine, Dubuque, (1944-46), and St. Peter, Schulte, (1946-7). In September of 1947, due to illness, he resigned his pastorate and was again appointed assistant at Blessed Sacrament. His health gradually failed him and for the last two years of his life he was unable to do much priestly work. He took a sick leave during the last year of his life and lived with his mother and sister in Great Bend.

Father Carroll died at St. Rose Hospital on March 13, 1951 at the age of 54. The funeral was celebrated in St. Rose of Lima Church on March 16. The Very Rev. T.J. O'Sullivan, V.G., was the celebrant. Burial was in the Great Bend Cemetery. Bishop Carroll, who was away at the time, was unable to be present for the rites.

Note: Father Carroll was one of seven priests of the Diocese of Wichita who died during 1951. The others were Fathers Oscar Vogel, Theodore Hard, Patrick O'Leary, Frank Butler, A.P. Heimann and Patrick Nagle.