

**January 12, 1985**

## **Bishop Mark K. Carroll**



Bishop Carroll was born Nov. 19, 1896 in St. Louis, Mo. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal John Joseph Glennon June 10, 1922. He was pastor at St. Louis of France and St. Margaret parishes and served the archdiocese as vice-chancellor while in St. Louis.

On Feb. 15, 1947, he was appointed bishop of Wichita. He was consecrated by Cardinal Glennon at St. Louis Cathedral April 23, 1947, and installed at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita May 6, 1947.

Bishop Carroll petitioned Rome for the division of the Wichita diocese which led to the establishment of the Dodge City diocese in 1951. Between 1947 and 1951, he traveled extensively in southwest Kansas on confirmation tours and to bless the latest building projects. These projects included: the rectory and parish hall in Dubuque; rectories in Syracuse and La Crosse; convent in Pratt; auditorium in Great Bend; church, school, and hospital in Larned; schools in Plains, Fowler, and Belpre; and churches in Hugoton, Kiowa, Jetmore, Johnson, St. John, Sharon, Claffin, Burdett, Hanston, Tribune, and Liberal.

Bishop Carroll resigned as ordinary on Feb. 15, 1963, but retained the title of Bishop of Wichita until Sept. 27, 1967. He lived in retirement at St. Mary's Cathedral and at St. Joseph Medical Center where he died on Jan. 12, 1985. Archbishop Ignatius Strecker was principal celebrant and Bishop Gerber was homilist at his funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita. Bishop Gerber wrote of the much beloved bishop, "Bishop Carroll was fully a man, fully a priest, fully a bishop." (CA Jan. 17, 1985)