

July 18, 1911

Father Michael J. Casey

Father Casey was born in 1851 at Annahullion, County, Monaghan, Ireland. He was ordained June 24, 1875, at All Hallows Seminary in Dublin for the Vicariate Apostolic of Kansas by Bishop James McDevitt of Raphoe, Ireland.

His first pastorate was at St. Paul's, Olathe, with the missions of Church of the Assumption, Edgerton, and St. Columbkille, Gardner (1875-85). During this pastorate, in 1877, the Diocese of Leavenworth was established.

He was pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Wichita from 1885-89. During this pastorate, in 1887, the Diocese of Wichita was established. After Bishop-elect James O'Reilly died on July 26, 1887, Father Casey was appointed administrator of the diocese. He built a new St. Aloysius Church (the pro-cathedral); erected All Hallows Academy (later known as Mt. Carmel); and had begun building St. John's Institute, (now Newman University), by the time Bishop Hennessy was consecrated on Nov. 30, 1888.

Father Casey's remaining pastorates included: St. Mary's, Newton (1889-93); St. Andrew's, Abilene (1893-94); St. Bridget's, Scammonville (1894-96); St. Anthony, Weir City (1896-1902); St. Rose of Lima, Council Grove (1903-08); and St. Patrick's, Fulton (1908-11).

While at Fulton, he became ill and was admitted to St. Margaret's Hospital in Kansas City, Kans. He was released June 1, 1911, and retired to Denver. He died there on July 18, 1911, at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was 60 years old.

Bishop John Ward celebrated the funeral at the cathedral in Leavenworth. Bishop Hennessy preached the sermon. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Lansing.