

June 6, 1976

Msgr. Nicholas Cody



Msgr. Cody was born July 25, 1895, in Jordanstown, Whitehall, Kilkenny, Ireland. He was ordained June 9, 1929 by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Glennon at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII on June 9, 1957.

He served as assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament, Wichita from 1929 to 1935. He served as pastor at St. Francis Xavier, Seward, (1935-40), and St. Nicholas, Kinsley, (1940-48), in the Dodge City diocese. At Kinsley he initiated the construction of an addition to the church that nearly doubled the seating capacity. The church was dedicated April 12, 1949.

Before that project was completed, Bishop Carroll appointed him founding pastor of Holy Savior, a new parish in northeast Wichita (1948-57). Bishop Carroll blessed the new parish plant there on Oct. 16, 1949.

Msgr. Cody's other pastorates included: Blessed Sacrament, Wichita, (1957-61), and St. Patrick, Wichita, (1961-70). He built convents at both parishes.

From 1970 to 1973, Msgr. Cody was chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. He continued to live at the hospital until his death on June 6, 1976.

Bishop David Maloney was the principal celebrant at the funeral Mass at St. Patrick Church. Bishop Carroll was the homilist. Burial was in the Resurrection Mausoleum in Wichita.

Msgr. Nicholas Cody is the brother of Msgr. John Cody. A sister also entered the religious life. Mother Cecilia Cody, a member of the Sisters of St. John of God, (SJG), remained in her native Ireland.