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Father Benedict D'Angelo, CPPS



Father D'Angelo was born March 12, 1917, in Chicago. In 1934 he was received in the Society of the Precious Blood at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. He was ordained to the priesthood as a Missionary of the Blood of Christ March 8, 1942, by Bishop George Rehring, auxiliary of Cincinnati at Carthagena, Ohio.

Shortly after his ordination, Father D'Angelo was appointed parochial vicar at Santa Maria Parish in Detroit. After a little more than a year and a half, he began a period in his life during which he spent more time in the hospital than he did at parish work. His home away from home became the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he underwent at least two operations on his back.

By 1948 he was well enough the resume parish duties, and served as parochial vicar in parishes in Wapakoneta, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Whiting, Ind.; and Park Falls, Wisc.

His pastorates included: St. Anthony, Lakin, (1955-65); Holy Ghost, Vinita, Okla. (1965-76); and St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, (1976-85). Father D'Angelo built a new brick church at Lakin and he was the last of the Precious Blood Fathers to serve the Ingalls parish as pastor.

In 1985, he retired and took up residence in the rectory at St. Catherine Parish, Tulsa, Okla. He came out of retirement the following year and served as chaplain at Franciscan Villa, Broken Arrow, Okla. In 1991, he returned to Kansas as chaplain at Our Lady of Lourdes Convent in Paola. His health again forced him to retire in 1992.

Father D'Angelo died Feb. 21, 1998, at St. Charles Health Center in Carthagena. The funeral was celebrated at the seminary with burial in the Society cemetery.