

November 16, 1981

Father Otto Diller, CPPS



Father Diller was born Nov. 15, 1915, at St. Anthony, Ohio. He entered the Society of the Most Precious Blood in 1932 at Canton, Ohio; was professed 1936, and ordained Dec. 5, 1943 at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena.

He served a short time as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Linton, N.Dak., in 1944, before he was appointed as an assistant at St. Mary, Garden City. Father George Spaeth was the pastor; the other assistant was Father Theodore Rath.

Father Diller served in this post for seven years. At the beginning of his assignment the missions attached to the parish were: St. William, Garden City; St. Anthony, Lakin; St. Raphael, Syracuse; and Christ the King, Deerfield. By 1945, the parishes at Lakin and Syracuse were detached from Garden City, and the Mexican national parishes, St. William and Christ the King, Deerfield, were served by Father Spaeth. Father Diller's primary responsibility throughout his assignment was to St. Mary's, Garden City.

In 1951, he served for a short time as assistant pastor at St. Brigid, Xenia, Ohio, before he was appointed to the chaplaincy at Miami Valley Hospital (1951-54) and the State Hospital (1951-71) both in Dayton, Ohio. He served out his priestly life in Paduchah, Ky., at Lourdes Hospital where he as an auxiliary chaplain.

Father Diller was 66 when he died Nov. 16, 1981. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis De Sales Church in Paduchah, Ky. A second funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Charles Seminary. Burial was at Carthagena.

Siblings who also entered the religious life were: Father Harold Diller, CPPS, and Sister Adela Diller, OSF.