

February 20, 2004

Father Emil Dinkel, CPPS



Father Dinkel was born Nov. 13, 1925, at Walker. He was professed in the Society of the Most Precious Blood on Dec. 3, 1947 and ordained May 18, 1952, at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena, Ohio. He served two years as an assistant at St. Anthony, Detroit, Mich.

In 1954, he traveled to Chile to serve in the Precious Blood Vicariate. During the next 11 years he served in the parishes of Holy Family, Rio Negro; St. Joseph, Santiago; and St. Dominic, Santiago. At Rio Negro he pulled a mobile home - chapel with a World War II vintage jeep to reach the rural areas. During the pastorate at St. Dominic, he also served as principal of St. Gaspar School.

Father Dinkel served as pastor of St. Mary, Garden City from 1968 to 1973, where he built a new church.

He then returned to South America serving in Peru (1973-75) and Chile (1976-78).

He returned to the Dodge City diocese and served as coordinator of Ministry to Hispanics (1978-83). In his remaining assignments in the diocese, he served as pastor of St. Raphael, Syracuse, and St. Bernadette, Johnson (1983-86) and in pastoral team ministry, serving in the parishes in Elkhart, Hugoton, and Satanta (1992-96). He also served as pastor at Hugoton and Satanta (1996-2000)

Father Dinkel died Feb. 20, 2004, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Bellevue, Ohio, after a vehicular highway accident. He was 78 years of age. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at St. Charles Center in Carthagena. Burial was in the community cemetery.

He had two sisters enter the Congregation of St. Agnes: Sister M. Apollonia and Sister M. Lioba.