

September 17, 1932

Father Pancratius Dockler, OFM Cap



Father Pancratius was born Nov. 12, 1853 in Augsburg, Bavaria. He was clothed with the Capuchin habit Sept. 24, 1871. He was ordained to the priesthood Sept. 24, 1876.

He held at different times the offices of lector, superior, pastor, guardian, director of the Third Order, professor, custos general, and master of novices.

Father Pancratius served as superior and pastor of St. Mary, Marienthal, from 1912 to 1915. During this time the Capuchins at Marienthal served the following mission stations: Bazine; St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta; Ness City; St. Aloysius, Ransom; St. Anthony's at St. Theresa; St. Joseph, Scott City; Alamota; Dighton; Healy; and Tribune.

"He will long be remembered by many former students of St. Fidelis Seminary and especially by the people of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and Ellis County, Kansas, among whom he spent the great part of his priestly life. Zeal for the conversion and salvation of souls and for the traditions and glory of his Order was one of his outstanding characteristics. Even after labor, hardship, and old age had forced him to retire from active life, Father Pancratius remained devoted to his books and interested in all things Franciscan and priestly. He cultivated a special devotion to St. Francis, St. Joseph, and our Most Blessed Mother Mary." (*St. Francis Home Journal*, Oct. 1932)

Father Pancratius passed to his reward on the feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis, at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 17, 1932. Burial was at St. Mary's Friary Cemetery in Herman, Pa.