

April 24, 1996

Msgr. Anthony Dziemian



Msgr. Dziemian was born Dec. 18, 1911, at Mt. Carmel, Pa. He took his philosophy and theology training at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich. He was ordained May 20, 1937 for the Wichita diocese by the Most Rev. Joseph Prud'homme, bishop of Prince-Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, at Orchard Lake.

He was appointed assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita for a short time before being named assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg. During his three years in this assignment, he also taught at St. Mary's High School.

In 1940, he received his first pastorate at St. Mary's, Sitka, and also served St. Joseph, Ashland, as a mission. He served as a chaplain in the Army from 1943 to 1946.

His other pastorates included: St. Rose, Council Grove, with the mission Corpus Christi, Skiddy, (1946-48); St. Patrick, Fulton, (1948-50); St. Patrick, Galena, and St. Joseph, Baxter Springs (1950-51); St. Michael, La Crosse, (1951-60); St. Bernard, Belpre, (1960-65); St. Francis Xavier, Seward, (1965-66); St. Aloysius, Ransom, (1966-76); St. Joseph, Scott City, (1976-83); and St. Joseph, Liebenthal, with the mission Mary, Help of Christians, Loretto, (1983-87). He retired and resided in Liebenthal.

He was elevated to the rank of monsignor (honorary prelate) by Pope Paul VI on Oct. 8, 1974. In addition to his pastoral duties, Msgr. Dziemian served as diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith from 1962 to 1980.

He died at the age of 84 on April 24, 1996. Bishop Schlarman celebrated the funeral at St. Joseph Church, Liebenthal. Burial was in the parish cemetery.