

**February 20, 1963**

**Father Kenneth Fee, OFM Cap**



Father Kenneth was born Feb. 16, 1899, in Mossend, Scotland. He was vested with the Capuchin habit in St. Mary's Monastery, Herman, Pa., on July 13, 1925. He made simple vows there July 14, 1925. After he was hospitalized for an asthmatic condition for nearly an entire scholastic year, he was sent to Victoria, hoping the Kansas climate would be better for his weak lungs. He made his solemn profession at St. Fidelis Monastery on July 14, 1929, and was ordained there June 8, 1930 by Bishop Francis Tief of Salina.

Father Kenneth's Kansas assignments took him to Frontenac, Munjor, Hays, Ness City, and Ellis. He also had assignments in Dover, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa.

While at Sacred Heart Friary in Ness City (1942), Father Kenneth was in charge of St. Aloysius, Ransom.

His asthmatic condition took him further southwest. At Santa Fe, during sick leave, he worked in the chancery for Archbishop Rudolph Gerken. At Tucson, he was a patient at St. Mary Hospital and then had an opportunity to stay on as the chaplain.

After returning to St. Augustine Monastery in Pittsburgh, Father Kenneth was chaplain to the Christian Brothers at Central Catholic High School and assisted the vocation office in recruiting lay brothers.

Sickness plagued him all of his life. In addition to asthma, he suffered stomach and kidney disorders.

Father Kenneth died Feb. 20, 1963 at the age of 64. Father Giles Staab, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in the Capuchin plot at the parish cemetery.