

**July 6, 1965**

**Father Mathias Gallenz, OFM Cap**



Father Mathias was born June 14, 1900, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He received the name Caspar at Baptism. After entering the Capuchin novitiate, he made his first profession on June 19, 1920. He was ordained June 15, 1926.

He served on the faculty of St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays for six years. In 1932, he acted as chaplain of the St. Raphael Home in Pittsburgh, Pa., and later transferred to Charleston, W. Va. in charge of missions at Bancroft and Mt. Haid, and St. Francis Hospital.

Father Mathias's first assignment in the Dodge City diocese came in 1935 when he was stationed at the monastery in Marienthal as an assistant. From this post, he served St. Joseph, Scott City; St. Anthony at St. Theresa; St. Theresa the Little Flower, Dighton; and the Catholic Mission House in Healy.

From 1937 to 1956, his assignments included: St. Alphonsus, Wheeling, W. Va.; St. Paul, Westerville, Ohio; St. Cecilia, Rochester, Pa.; and St. Elizabeth, Roswell, Ohio. He also served as chaplain at an orphanage in St. Louis and Elizabeth Ann Seton High School in Pittsburgh.

Father Mathias returned to Kansas in 1956 and was stationed at the friary in Ness City. He served the parishes at St. John, Bazine, and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta, until his health failed him in 1957.

He was residing at St. Joseph Friary, Hays, at the time of his death on July 6, 1965. He was 65. Father Thomas More, vicar-provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Augustine's Monastery in Pittsburgh. Burial was in the priests' plot at St. Augustine Cemetery.