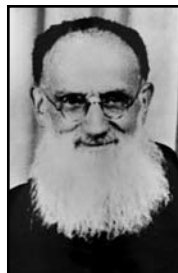


November 18, 1973

Father Cyprian Gehrling, OFM Cap



Father Cyprian was born Nov. 23, 1880, in Steinfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. At the incredible age of 13 he took leave of his family in Germany and began his high school training at St. Fidelis Seminary at Herman, Pa. After 12 years of study, he was ordained June 21, 1905, by James Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore.

His first pastoral assignments were at Charleston, W. Va., (1906-18) and Pittsburgh, Pa. (1918-30). In Charleston, he was the founding pastor of St. Anthony's Parish.

Father Cyprian served in two separate times at St. Mary's, Marienthal. In the first assignment (1931-39), he was superior of the monastery. Attached to Marienthal at the time were four missions: the Catholic Mission House, Healy; St. Anthony at St. Theresa; St. Joseph, Scott City; and St. Theresa, Dighton. In the second assignment (1945-53), he was the assistant. There were only two missions then attached to Marienthal: St. Anthony at St. Theresa, and St. Joseph, Tribune. He built the church at Tribune.

Another assignment in the Dodge City diocese placed him at Sacred Heart Friary, Ness City, with care for the missions of St. John the Baptist, Bazine, and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta (1939-45).

He was assistant pastor in Dover, Ohio, for five years before returning to St. Joseph's, Hays (1959-70). He took up residence at St. Fidelis Monastery, Victoria, in 1970.

Father Cyprian died Nov. 18, 1973, after a prolonged illness of cancer, complicated by a broken hip. Bishop Cyril Vogel of Salina and Father Brendan Malloy, provincial, con-celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Burial was in the parish cemetery.