

September 12, 1952

Msgr. John Hackenbroich



Msgr. Hackenbroich was born Nov. 24, 1879, in Worringen, Germany. He was ordained for the Society of the Divine Saviour, July 6, 1902, in Trent, Italy.

He served in the Diocese of Liege and the Archdiocese of Cologne before leaving for the missions. He labored as a missionary pastor of the Gauhati station in the lower valley of the Brahmaputra in India from 1908 to 1912. A severe attack of tropical fever put an end to his missionary career. He recovered at the Tropical Institute in London, England. Following his doctor's recommendation to work in a drier climate, he came to the Diocese of Wichita in 1913. He left the Society of the Divine Saviour in the same year.

His pastorates included St. Bernard, Belpre (1913-18); Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley (1918-31); St. Joseph, Liebenthal, and St. Mark's at St. Mark (1931-1951).

He was elevated the rank of domestic prelate and given the title monsignor by Pope Pius XII on April 30, 1949.

Msgr. Hackenbroich was assigned as chaplain at Villa Maria Home for the Aged in Mulvane in 1951.

He used to say, "I am prayerfully hoping that the good Lord will let me live to see 50 years in the priesthood and that I may celebrate in my home town in Germany."

Msgr. Hackenbroich's prayers were answered. He returned to Germany in June of 1952 and celebrated his jubilee in his hometown. He died 60 days later while still on his jubilee trip in Germany. He was 72.

Bishop Carroll celebrated a solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem in St. Mark's Church. The funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Pankratius Church in Worringen, Germany, with burial in the parish cemetery.