

September 7, 1969

Father Egbert Hall, OSB



Father Egbert (Robert Hall) was born Jan. 8, 1900, at Seward. He went to St. Joseph School in Ellinwood for his elementary education. At the age of 12 he entered high school at Mount Calvary, Wisc., but transferred to St. Benedict's High School in Atchison in 1914. He was sent to St. Vincent's Archabbey in Latrobe, Pa., to begin his novitiate with the Benedictines in 1919. After completing his studies in Atchison, he was ordained on May 29, 1926, in St. Benedict's Church by the Most Rev. John Ward, bishop of Leavenworth.

Early on he served as chaplain and instructor at Maur Hill High School, Atchison, and then St. Benedict's College.

In 1933, he was appointed assistant at St. John's, Burlington, Iowa. He received his first pastorate in 1934 at Immaculate Conception, Valley Falls, with the mission at St. Aloysius, Meridan.

Father Egbert received an unusual assignment in 1942 when the abbot sent him to Sahuyo, Mexico, to help with the opening of a school. He remained in Mexico until 1944.

When he was recalled, his pastoral assignments in Kansas took him to St. Mary's at St. Benedict; Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca; St. Bede, Kelly; St. Charles, Troy; and St. Ann's, Effingham.

Father Egbert was in his last assignment only two months before suffering a fatal heart attack on Sept. 7, 1969. He was 69 years old. Abbot Thomas Hartman was the principal celebrant at the funeral Mass at St. Benedict's Abbey Church. Burial was in the abbey cemetery.

His siblings who also entered the religious life were: Sister Casimir Hall, OSB, and Father Matthew Hall, OSB.