

November 20, 2001

Father Augustine Hanchak, CPPS



Father Hanchak was born July 29, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio. On Dec. 3, 1946, he was incorporated as a member of the Society of the Precious Blood, and was ordained May 19, 1952 by the Archbishop Karl Alter, of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio.

His early assignments were at St. John's, Whiting, Ind., and St. Rose Convent, LaCrosse, Wisc.

He served in Chile, South America from 1954 to 1959. His vicariate assignments were assistant chaplain in Santiago at Hospital del Salvador and parochial vicar at Santo Domingo parish and San Jose parish. From Santiago he moved to Purranque where he was parochial vicar at San Sebastian parish. He then returned to the States.

In Ohio he served as parochial vicar at Holy Trinity, Coldwater and Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa. In Kansas he served as assistant at St. Mary, Garden City (1963-65) and later chaplain at Marymount College in Salina.

In Illinois he served as assistant chaplain at Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park. In Wisconsin he served as pastor at St. Therese, Westboro, and St. Anne's, Sanborn, both with missions. In Texas, he served in the Diocese of San Angelo in the Spanish American apostolate located at McCamey and later Crane, followed by a pastorate at St. Michael, Anson.

His last assignment was at Green Springs, Ohio, where he served as chaplain at St. Francis Rehabilitation Hospital and Nursing Home.

Father Hanchak died Nov. 20, 2001, at the age of 77 at the St. Charles Center. Father Mark Miller, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass. Burial was at Carthage.