

January 1, 1949

Father Basil Heim, OFM Cap



Father Basil was born in Steinfeld, Bavaria, Aug. 24, 1878. On July 16, 1899, he was invested with the Capuchin habit at Herman, Pa., and took simple vows on July 16, 1900. He was ordained by James Cardinal Gibbons in the Cathedral of Baltimore on June 21, 1905.

He was stationed at the following places in the East: Herman, Pa., as teacher from 1906-09 and 1930-36; as novice-master, 1927-30; as pastor, 1936-37; and as valetudinarian, 1945-46; Dover, Ohio, as assistant, 1921-22; Pittsburgh, Pa., as student priest, 1905-06; as assistant, 1925-27; as chaplain at Mt. Immaculate, 1942-45; as chaplain to the Christian Brothers, 1946-47; and as chaplain at Ursuline academy, 1947, until his death.

In Kansas he spent 20 years in the following places: Victoria, as pastor of St. Boniface, Vincent, 1909-10; pastor at St. Ann's, Walker, 1916-17; at Munjor, pastor of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Antonio, 1910-11; 1937-38, and 1941-42; at Munjor, assistant in St. Francis Parish, 1913-15; at Catharine, pastor of Sacred Heart, Emmeram, 1911-13 and 1938-41; as superior and pastor at St. Catherine's, Catharine, 1917-21; at Hays as professor, 1915-16; at Marienthal, as pastor of St. John, Bazine and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta, 1922-24, and at Ness City as superior and pastor of Sacred Heart, 1924-25.

Father Basil had a hearty and contagious laugh, especially when he related the escapades of "Old Kate" while traveling to his prairie missions by horse and buggy.

Father Victor Green, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Augustine's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Burial was in the parish cemetery.