

July 5, 1994

Father Donald Heim



Father Heim was born Jan. 10, 1927, in Washington, D.C. He was ordained May 16, 1964 by John Cardinal Krol, archbishop of Philadelphia, at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, he served as assistant pastor in the following parishes: Notre Dame de Lourdes, Swarthmore (1964-69); St. Henry (1969-71), Our Lady of the Holy Souls (1971-72), and Our Lady of Mercy (1972-74), all in Philadelphia.

Father Heim had a degree in pharmacy and was interested in ministry with a health care institution. He came to the Diocese of Dodge City in 1974 when a chaplain was needed at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He served in this position until 1979.

His other assignments in the diocese included pastorates at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City (1979-87); St. John, Meade, and St. Patrick, Plains (1987-89); and St. Michael, La Crosse, and St. Joseph, Liebenthal, (1989).

He returned to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1989. There he served at St. Joseph, Collingdale (1989-91) and St. Veronica, Philadelphia (1991-94).

Father Heim died July 5, 1994, at Nazareth Hospital after a lengthy bout with emphysema. Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua, archbishop of Philadelphia, celebrated his funeral at St. Katherine of Siena Church in Wayne, Pa. Burial was at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Marple Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

His siblings who entered the religious life were: Sister Christine Marie Heim, IHM, and Father Joseph Heim, M.M., (Marynoll Foreign Missions).