

**August 17, 1951**

**Father August Heimann**



Father Heimann was born Feb. 15, 1866, in Lafayette, Ind. He was ordained for the Diocese of Concordia (now Salina) June 29, 1889, by the Most Rev. William Elder, archbishop of Cincinnati, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the Concordia diocese he served at Sacred Heart, Colby; St. John the Baptist, Beloit; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Herndon. Father Heimann's "district" at Colby included the six western-most counties where he organized 25 missions. Years later he recalled, "I could give only one day of the month to each mission, but to me it was like Sunday each day of the month."

In 1896, Bishop Hennessy, who also served as Apostolic Administrator of the Concordia diocese from 1891 to 1898, sent Father Heimann to Holy Family Parish in Odin. He served the remainder of his life in assignments in the Diocese of Wichita.

His other pastorates were at St. Andrew, Independence; St. Mary, Garden City (1910-11); St. Nicholas, Kinsley (1911-12); St. Martin Piqua; St. Boniface, Sharon (1933-39); and Holy Name of Jesus, Bushton. He also served in two chaplaincies: the Dominican Convent in Great Bend (1910) and St. Joseph Home in El Dorado (1942-49).

Father Heimann died Aug. 17, 1951, at the age of 85 in his 63rd year of priesthood. A Mass of Requiem was celebrated in chapel at St. Joseph Home. Msgr. A.A. Hermann celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Martin Church, Piqua, on Aug. 20. Burial was in the parish cemetery where his parents were also buried. Father Heimann served the Piqua parish for 21 years and built the church there (1922).