

November 14, 1995

Father Herman Herbst, CPPS



Father Herbst was born Nov. 30, 1911, in Cleveland Ohio. He began his studies for the Society of the Precious Blood at Collegville, Ind., in 1933. He was ordained Sept. 8, 1940 by the Most Rev. George Rehring, auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio

He served as associate pastor at a number of parishes from 1940 to 1951: St. Peter's, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Sacred Heart, Lewston, Pa.; and St. Brigid, Xenia, Ohio.

Father Herbst's only assignment in the Dodge City diocese was the chaplaincy at Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital in Ulysses where he also served the mission of St. Timothy, Satanta (1951-54). He was the first chaplain from the Ulysses hospital to serve the mission. Immediately prior to Father Herbst's appointment, the St. Timothy's was served as a mission by the pastors assigned to St. Anthony, Liberal.

His pastorates included: St. James, Underwood, Ind. (1954-60); St. Gaspar, Rome City, Ind. (1960-70); and Assumption, Reed, Ohio (1970-85).

Father Herbst retired in 1985 at the St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio, where he was a joyful presence for 10 years. He is remembered as a truly gentle man. To be in his company was to feel the calm and confidence that Jesus held out to those who approached him.

Father Herman died Nov. 14, 1995, after a lingering illness. Father Ken Pleiman, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Charles Seminary. Burial was in the community cemetery.