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Msgr. Anthony Hermann



Msgr. Hermann was born May 14, 1889, at Odin. He attended Holy Family parish school, took his junior seminary training at St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, Wisc., and completed his theology courses at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained to the priesthood with Msgr. Joseph Klug in Holy Family Church, Odin, by Bishop Hennessy on May 19, 1915.

Immediately after his ordination he was appointed first resident pastor of St. Anthony Church in Fowler, with the missions of St. John, Meade; St. Patrick, Plains, and St. Anthony, Liberal (1915-33). During this pastorate, he built three churches: Plains and Liberal (1916) and Fowler (1925). As a token of appreciation to their pastor, the Liberal congregation chose St. Anthony as their patron. Msgr. Hermann continued to care for the Plains and Liberal parishes until 1921.

He also served as pastor at St. Mark's at St. Mark (1933-46); Sacred Heart, Colwich (1941-46), and Holy Name, Bushton (1946-48), before returning to St. Anthony, Fowler (1948-55). During his second pastorate at Fowler, he built a new school (1950). He served a total of 23 years at Fowler.

Pope Pius XII honored him with the title monsignor and elevated him to the rank of domestic prelate in 1949.

Msgr. Hermann resigned from active ministry in 1955 due to ill health. He resided in Dodge City and was later a resident at Good Samaritan Center. He died Oct. 20, 1978, at the age of 89.

Bishop Gerber celebrated his funeral at Holy Family Church, Odin. Burial was in the parish cemetery.