

October 11, 1967

Msgr. George Herrman



Msgr. Herrman was born March 9, 1892 in Liebenthal. He studied at the American College, Louvain, Belgium. While on vacation in Germany, “the war” broke out. Unable to return to Belgium, he continued his studies at Frederick William University in Bonn, Germany; the Conisianum, Tyrol, Austria, and finally Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. He was ordained Dec. 17, 1916, by Bishop Hennessy at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Wichita.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Mary’s, Newton (1916-18).

He served as pastor at St. Joseph, Ost, for 31 years (1918-48), and at St. Mary, Newton, for nearly 20 years (1948-67). Msgr. Herrman built a new schools at Ost (1922) and Newton (1965).

He served the Wichita diocese as Director of the Holy Childhood Association and dean of the Newton Deanery.

In 1949 Pope Pius XII raised him to the rank of domestic prelate with the title right reverend monsignor.

Msgr. Herrman retired in 1967. He died several months later on Oct. 11, 1967, at the age of 75. The Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, retired bishop of Wichita, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Mary’s Church, Newton, Oct. 13.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Msgr. George Weber at St. Joseph Church in Liebenthal on Oct. 14. Msgr. John Moeder was homilist. Bishop Forst gave the final absolution. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

“Monsignor Herrman was one of the pioneer priests of the Diocese of Wichita whose work was confined to a small area but whose achievements were monumental in the face of deprivation and hardship.” (CA Oct. 20, 1967)