

**January 18, 2007**

**Father Austin Herrmann, CPPS**



Father Herrmann was born Aug. 9, 1922 in the Sts. Peter and Paul settlement north of Kinsley. He was named for Father Austin Hull, the first resident pastor of the parish. In 1940 he joined the Society of the Precious Blood. He was ordained May 16, 1948, by the Most Rev. Joseph Marling, C.P.P.S., bishop of Jefferson City, Mo., at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio.

He served as an assistant pastor at three parishes: St. Francis, Jefferson City, Mo., (1948-53); St. Mary, Garden City, (1953-58); and St. Bridget, Xenia, Ohio, (1958-65).

In 1965 Father Herrmann became a member of the Kansas City Province. He served in North Dakota (1965-74) at St. Michael, Emmons County; St. Joseph, Killdeer, with the missions in Grassy Butte and Fayette. In 1974, he became pastor at St. Frances of Rome at Holly, Colo.

Father Herrmann began 12 consecutive years of service in the Dodge City diocese in 1980. He served at St. Anthony, Lakin (1980-85); St. Raphael, Syracuse, with St. Bernadette, Johnson (1985-1990); and was senior priest in residence at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City (1990-92). This assignment included parish work and visitations to the hospital and rest homes in Dodge City.

His remaining assignments were in Linton, N.Dak., and Coleman, Tex. He retired from active ministry and moved to Kinsley where he assisted at St. Nicholas Parish. He moved to the St. Charles Center in Carthagena in 2005.

Father Herrmann died Jan. 18, 2007. Father Aloys Ebach, vice provincial of the Kansas City Province, celebrated the funeral Mass. Burial was in the community cemetery.