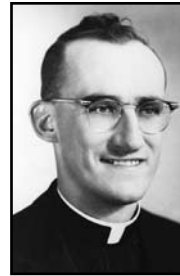


**November 9, 1958**

**Father Joseph Hirschfeld**



Father Hirschfeld was born Oct. 16, 1930, in Sedgwick, Colo. He completed his collegiate studies at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, and took his course work in theology at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. He studied for the Archdiocese of Denver for a time, but applied for adoption to the Dodge City diocese in 1952. He was ordained March 17, 1956, by Bishop Franz at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dodge City. He offered his first solemn Mass March 19 at St. Anthony's Church in Julesburg, Colo.

He served five months as an assistant at Sacred Heart Cathedral before his appointment in 1956 as assistant to Father George Stewart at Sacred Heart, Pratt.

On Nov. 9, 1958, the 28-year-old priest, ordained two and one-half years, was killed in a head-on automobile accident on U.S. Highway 281, eight miles south of Great Bend. The driver of the other vehicle, George Branson, also perished.

Bishop Franz celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City on Nov. 12. Father Hirschfeld's body was taken to Julesburg where a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony Church. Burial was in the Ovid Cemetery near Julesburg, Colo.