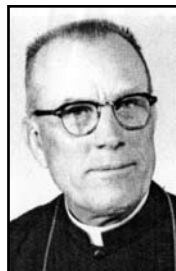


**December 8, 1988**

**Father Urban Iffert, CPPS**



Father Iffert was born March 4, 1908, in Wendelin, Ill. He was incorporated as a member of the Society of the Precious Blood on Dec. 3, 1933. He was ordained May 1, 1938, by the Most Rev. George Rehring, auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena.

He served as assistant at St. Thomas, Memphis, Tenn., (1938-48). He was at St. Mary, Centerville, Iowa, before being named pastor at St. Frances of Rome, Holly, Colo. (1949-56). He then returned to Centerville where he served as pastor until his appointment as chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City (1958-59).

Shortly after his appointment, Father Iffert sent Bishop Franz the following note: "I am grateful for the faculties of the Dodge City Diocese and am happy to be approved by your Excellency as Chaplain of St. Catherine Hospital. This appointment is exactly what the doctor prescribed for the present. I am happy with everything here. The Sisters 'murder' me with kindness." (May 24, 1958)

Father Iffert's pastorates included: St. Ludger's, German-town, Mo.; Immaculate Conception, Montrose, Mo.; and St. Michael's, Collyer, Kans., (1967-81).

In 1981, he took up residence at St. Peter's Rectory in Marshall, Mo., as a retiree and ready to help out when needed. The following year he moved to Carthagena.

Father Iffert died of an apparent heart attack on Dec. 8, 1988. He was 79 years old. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Charles Seminary with burial in the community cemetery.

A sibling, Sister Josephine, was a member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Ancilla Domini Sisters.