

April 11, 1991

Father Carl Johnson



Father Johnson was born Oct. 17, 1949, at Pratt. His family resided at Schulte where he attended St. Peter grade school. In 1956 his family moved to Sharon where he continued his education at St. Boniface grade school and then Sharon High School.

He earned a bachelor's degree in history at Wichita State University and a master's degree in Theology at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. In the summer of 1974, he worked at St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

He was ordained transitional deacon by Bishop Maloney at St. Mary Cathedral, Wichita, on March 27, 1975. Prior to returning to the seminary he served as deacon at St. Margaret Mary and Magdalen parishes in Wichita.

He was ordained May 29, 1976, at the Church of the Magdalen, in Wichita by Bishop Maloney, and celebrated his first Mass at St. Boniface Church in Sharon May 30.

He served as an associate pastor at Church of the Magdalen until 1981, when he transferred to the Diocese of San Bernardino. In California he served at Sacred Heart, Redlands (1981-83), and St. Margaret Mary, Chino (1983-89).

After becoming ill in 1989, he returned to Wichita to reside at the Church of the Magdalen rectory. He substituted for several Wichita area priests for more than a year, before his health forced his hospitalization.

Father Johnson died April 11, 1991, at the age of 41. Bishop Gerber celebrated his funeral at the Church of the Magdalen. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery at Sharon.