

**February 24, 1976**

### **Father Godfrey Juelich**



Father Juelich was born Oct. 29, 1898 at Grefrath near Cologne, Germany. He was a student at the American College at the University of Louvain in Belgium and was ordained there for the Wichita diocese on July 8, 1934.

Upon his arrival in the United States, he was assigned chaplain pro tem at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg. He served as chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Independence, and pastor at All Saints, Liberty from 1935 to 1937.

His other pastoral assignments include: St. Bernard, Belpre (1937-41); Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood (1941-47); chaplain at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend (1947-50); Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley, with Holy Rosary, Burdett, (1950-57), and St. Joseph, Liebenthal (1957-64).

He was pastor at North Kinsley, and became a priest of the Dodge City diocese with its establishment in 1951.

In accepting Father Juelich's resignation in 1964, Bishop Forst wrote: "I have known you only since the tragic Christmas fire at Liebenthal (Dec. 27, 1959), and especially commend you for the heroic way in which you sustained that loss and then went along to lead the parish in the work of restoring the church. This demand upon your health may well have required your retirement now, but the Good Lord can never forget the sacrifices you made for Him in doing that job."

Father Juelich retired in Germany. He died at St. Katharine Hospital, Frechen, Germany, on Feb. 24, 1976 at the age of 77 after suffering a heart attack. The funeral was celebrated in Saint Maria Himmelfahrt (the Assumption of Mary) Church, with burial in Grefrath cemetery.