

October 15, 1984

Father Walter Junk, CPPS



Father Junk was born Dec. 14, 1909, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was incorporated into the Society of the Precious Blood at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind., on Dec. 8, 1928. He was ordained May 10, 1936, by Bishop Joseph Albers, auxiliary of Cincinnati, at Carthagen, Ohio.

His assignments included parish work in five states, a military chaplaincy during World War II, and missionary work in South America.

He served as an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Sedalia, Mo. (1936-37); Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa, Ohio (1937-41); and St. Mary's, Nebraska City, Neb.

During World War II he was a chaplain in the U.S. Army for three years (1942-45). When he returned, he was an assistant chaplain at St. Agnes Convent, Fond du Lac, Wisc. (1945-46).

Father Junk served as a missionary in Chile, South America for 11 years (1950-61). When he returned, he received his first pastorate: St. Catherine, Nowata, Okla. (1962-64).

He had two assignments in Kansas. He was pastor at St. Michael, Collyer (1964-67) and an assistant pastor at St. Mary, Garden City (1967-72).

His remaining parish assignments, all as assistant pastor were at St. Andrew, Tipton, Mo. (1972-73); St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, Mo. (1973-79) and St. Mary, Nebraska City, Neb. (1979-83). He retired to Carthagen in 1983.

Father Junk died Oct. 15, 1984, at the age of 75. The Very Rev. Joseph Charron, provincial of the Kansas City Province, was the principal celebrant at the funeral in the seminary chapel. Burial was in the motherhouse cemetery.