

April 21, 1982

Father George Karlin, OFM Cap



Father George was born October 26, 1894 at Catharine. He was ordained in 1919 by James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore. Also ordained at the same time were his brother, Father Athanasius Karlin, and another Catharine-born Capuchin, Father Edwin Dorzweiler. The three newly-ordained offered their first Masses at St. Catherine's Church at Catharine July 6 at 7, 9 and 10 a.m., and nearly the entire parish attended all three liturgies.

During his 62 years as a priest, Father George ministered in many different parishes in western Kansas, as well as in Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

He was a professor at Hays Catholic College from 1921 to 1927. During this time he was also pastor of St. John, Hyacinth. Other western Kansas assignments were: pastor and superior at St. Fidelis, Victoria (1927-29) and St. Joseph, Hays, (1929-33); home missionary at Munjor (1936-38); associate at St. Mary's, Ellis (1940-41), administrator at Holy Family, Odin (1941-42); associate at St. Joseph, Hays (1942); administrator at St. Michael's, La Crosse, and Sacred Heart, Cordia (1942-43); associate at St. Fidelis, Victoria, and administrator at St. Joseph's, Damar (1943-44); pastor and superior at St. Mary's, Marienthal (1945-49); chaplain of the Dominican Motherhouse in Great Bend (1949-53), and pastor of St. Aloysius, Ransom (1953-55).

In 1960 he was stationed at St. Augustine Friary, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor until his retirement in 1970. Father George died April 21, 1982. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in the friary cemetery.