

July 14, 1974

Father Michael Kavanaugh, OP



Father Kavanaugh was born Feb. 8, 1906, in Wausau, Wisc. He entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Ky., and made first profession on Aug. 16, 1928. He was ordained June 14, 1934.

In his first assignment, he taught American history for nine years at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill. He was granted a leave from the faculty to serve as a chaplain in the United States Army in 1943. His tours of duty took him to Puerto Rico, Panama, the Philippines and Korea. He returned to teaching at Fenwick in 1946 and remained there until joining the parish staff at St. Albert the Great Parish in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1949.

From 1951 to 1965, Father Kavanaugh was involved in parish work at Holy Spirit, Kansas City, Mo.; St. Dominic's, New Orleans, La.; Holy Rosary, Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Dominic's, Denver, Colo.; and St. Hyacinth's in Amarillo, Tex. He also served as Diocesan Director of *Cursillos de Cristiandad* while at Amarillo.

His only assignment in the Dodge City diocese was for a brief period in 1965 when he served as chaplain at the Dominican Sisters Convent in Great Bend.

Later that same year he returned to St. Albert the Great Parish in Minneapolis to join the preaching ministry of the Northern Mission Band. He continued in this apostolate until 1969 when he was appointed chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis. He served in that position until 1972 when a chronic heart condition limited his activities.

He died suddenly July 14, 1974 at Holy Rosary Priory in Minneapolis. The funeral was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church and burial was in the Community plot.