

September 24, 1972

Father John Kellerer



Father Kellerer was born Sept. 20, 1907, in Lawrence, Mass. He completed his theological studies at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood as a member of the Augustinian Order on June 12, 1934, by the Most Rev. John M. McNamara, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

He joined the faculty of St. Mary of the Plains College in 1966 and served as an assistant chaplain. He taught in the divisions of theology and language.

Just prior to coming to the Dodge City diocese, Father Kellerer was on the faculty of St. John Vianney Seminary, Barre, Vt., (1961-66).

He was appointed senior chaplain at SMPC in 1968 and served in this post until his appointment as chaplain at Pratt Memorial Hospital in 1970.

Father Kellerer died Sept. 24, 1972, at the hospital in Pratt. He was 65 years old. His death was attributed to leukemia.

Bishop Forst celebrated the funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Pratt. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery at Lawrence, Mass.