

**August 21, 1965**

**Father Norman Koller, CPPS**



Father Norman was born Dec. 4, 1912, in Buffalo, N.Y. He professed in the Society of the Precious Blood on Dec. 8, 1930, and was ordained May 1, 1938 by Bishop George Rehring, auxiliary of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio.

His first priestly assignment was assistant at St. Francis, Harrisburg, Pa. In 1939, he moved to St. Joseph College in Collegeville, Ind., where he served as dean of men until 1945. He was then pastor of St. Augustine, Youngstown, Ohio, until 1949. That fall he returned to Pennsylvania to serve churches at Shippenburg and Doyleburg. In 1950, he went to Rib Lake, Wisc. During the 1951-52 school year, he was again dean of men at St. Joseph College.

Father Norman went to Garden City in 1952 and served the Mexican parishes of St. William there and Christ the King, Deerfield. After six months he was named chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital, with the mission St. Stanislaus, Ingalls. On Nov. 10, 1953, he was in a serious automobile accident near Cimarron. After convalescing at St. Mary Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., he served at Catholic hospitals at Carroll, Iowa, and LaCrosse, Wisc.

His remaining assignments took him to Good Counsel, Cleveland, Ohio; Immaculate Conception, Montrose, Mo.; and St. Augustine, Minster, Ohio.

Father Norman died Aug. 21, 1965 in Mercy Hospital at Coldwater, Ohio, at the age of 53. Father Gerold Koller, a nephew, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Charles Seminary chapel. His brother, Father J. Gordon Koller, S.J., was serving in the Philippines at the time. Burial was in the motherhouse cemetery.