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Father Vergil Kuhn, OFM Cap



Father Vergil was born April 21, 1902, at Victoria. He received the name Anselm at baptism. He entered the Capuchin Order and received the garb of a Capuchin novice on July 13, 1921. He was ordained June 12, 1928, by the Most Rev. Thomas Shahan, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C.

He was appointed to Sacred Heart Friary, Frontenac, where he served the missions at Girard (1929-31) and then at Arma (1931-33). He was then engaged in missionary work in Puerto Rico. He was stationed at the friary at Utuado in the Diocese of Ponce and had charge of the missions of Paso Palmas and Las Palmas.

In 1936 he was stationed at St. Joseph, Hays. He returned to Frontenac in 1938 and again served Arma. His next assignment placed him in the East for two years at Sacred Heart, Charleston, W. Va. In 1941, he returned to Kansas and was stationed at St. Mary's Friary, Herndon, to take up work in the Bohemian missions.

His pastorates included: St. Mary's, Ellis (1943-50); Sacred Heart, Atwood (1950-56); and Sacred Heart, Ness City (1956-58). His last assignment was to Atwood where he served the missions at St. Francis and Bird City.

Father Vergil died Nov. 9, 1959, in Rawlins County Hospital, Atwood. The Very Rev. Giles Staab, provincial, celebrated the funeral at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. The Most Rev. Frederick Freking, bishop of Salina, was in attendance. Burial was in St. Fidelis Cemetery.

Siblings who entered the religious life as Sisters of St. Agnes: Sisters Anselm, Sister Vergilia, and Sister Nicholine.