

**December 12, 1981**

## **Father Clifford Landis**



Father Landis was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Wichita, where he attended St. Anthony Grade School. He made his college and theology studies at Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo. He was ordained June 1, 1946, by Bishop Winkelmann in the chapel at Sacred Heart College (now Newman University). He celebrated his first Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Wichita.

He served as assistant pastor at three parishes: St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend (1946), St. Mary's, Pittsburg (1946-47), and Sacred Heart, Dodge City (1947-50).

His pastorates included: St. Joseph, Arma, with missions St. Gabriel, Mulberry, and St. Alice, Capaldo (1950-55); St. Peter, Schulte (1955-57); St. Anthony's, Strong City (1957-59), and St. Patrick's, Florence (1961-73).

In the years between his pastorates at Strong City and Florence, Father Landis was chaplain at Mercy Hospital and the Kansas State Hospital in Parsons (1959-61).

Father Landis was also a chaplain in the Kansas National Guard where he attained the rank of major.

Ill health forced Father Landis to take sick leave from parish duties in 1973. Following the leave, he served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Newton, until August of 1981. He retired to the Catholic Center for the Aging in Wichita and died there on Dec. 12, 1981, at the age of 67.

Bishop David Maloney celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita.