

**July 22, 1994**

**Father Francis Laudick, CPPS**



Father Laudick was born March 24, 1907, in Delphos, Ohio. He was incorporated in the Society of the Precious Blood in 1925, and ordained May 14, 1933 by Bishop Joseph Albers, auxiliary of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio.

He served as an associate pastor at SS. Peter and Paul, Redding, Ohio; St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, Ohio; and Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa, Okla.

From 1939 to 1943, he was with the mission band, traveling to different parishes giving missions and retreats.

Father Laudick served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater (1943-46). He received four battle stars.

His pastorates before journeying to southwest Kansas included: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland, Ohio; St. John's, Glandorf, Ohio; and Sacred Heart, Sedalia, Mo.

Father Laudick came to the Dodge City diocese in 1965. He served as pastor of St. Anthony, Lakin, and Christ the King, Deerfield, for 15 years. He "retired" in 1980 and took up residence in Garden City where he served as chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital for 12 years. In 1992, he suffered a broken hip when struck by a slow moving car backing up in a parking lot. After surgery, he moved to the infirmary at St. Charles Seminary. He died July 22, 1994, at the age of 87.

Father Thomas Albers, provincial in Kansas City, celebrated the funeral in the seminary chapel. Burial was in the community cemetery at Carthagen.

He had three sisters enter the religious life as Sisters of Notre Dame: Sisters Leora, Lorena and Sylvester.