

**October 17, 1967**

**Father Alexander Linnemann, CPPS**



Father Linnemann was born March 17, 1886, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was professed in the Society of the Precious Blood on Dec. 11, 1911, and was ordained May 31, 1913, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio.

Following his ordination, he was assigned to the teaching apostolate at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. He completed his postgraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, earning a master's degree in Economics. During his 14 years of teaching at St. Joseph's (1915-29), he took on the added role of director of the college library.

Ill health caused his hospitalization for most of a year.

Early in 1931, he became chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City. He served in this chaplaincy, his only assignment in the Dodge City diocese, for 10 years.

In Ohio, he served a two-year chaplaincy to the Sister's Convent in Minster, and was pastor of St. Francis, Cranberry Prairie. During this 19 year pastorate (1944-63), he took up organic gardening as a hobby. He enjoyed great success in this hobby. Visiting priests were impressed with the well-laden table set for guests in his rectory.

His remaining assignments included two chaplaincies at cloistered convents in Riegel and Marywood, Ohio.

Father Linnemann died Oct. 17, 1967, after his car was struck during heavy rains by a semi-truck near Bellevue, Ohio. He was alive when the ambulance attendant asked if he was a Catholic priest. Father Linnemann looked up at him, smiled and quietly passed away.

Father John Byrne, provincial of the Cincinnati Province, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Charles Seminary. Burial was in the community cemetery at Carthagena.