

October 30, 1957

Father Daniel Lynch



Father Lynch was born Sept. 10, 1897, in Chicago. He made his seminary studies at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, and St. Thomas Seminary, Denver. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, April 2, 1927.

After laboring for 11 years in the Idaho missions and serving four years on Civil Conservation Corps duty with the U.S. Army, Father Lynch transferred to the Wichita diocese because of poor health.

His first assignment was as assistant at St. Joseph's, Ellinwood (1942-43). This would be his only parish assignment in the Dodge City diocese.

His remaining assignments included: the chaplaincy at Halstead Hospital, and pastorates at Sacred Heart, Eureka, with the mission St. John, Hamilton (1943-46); Holy Redeemer, Tampa (1946-48); Immaculate Conception, Burns and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Spring Branch (1948-50); Sacred Heart, Halstead (1950-54), and St. Ignatius, Neodesha (1955-57). He was given a year's leave of absence because of his poor health prior to his assignment at Neodesha.

Father Lynch died at Mercy Hospital in Fredonia Oct. 30, 1957, at 60 years of age. Cause of death was cancer.

Bishop Carroll offered the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem at St. Ignatius Church. Burial was in the Catholic section of the Neodesha Cemetery. "Not every soldier who goes into battle is decorated, but every soldier who faces death bravely is heroic," said Bishop Carroll. "Therefore, we are burying a heroic priest here today. He worked faithfully... and faced death bravely." (AR Nov. 8, 1957)