

December 13, 1953

Msgr. Thomas Maher



Msgr. Maher was born June 13, 1878, at Brighthouse, Yorkshire, England. He studied for the priesthood in England, Rome and France. He was ordained Jan. 12, 1902, in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy, London, England.

Before coming to Kansas, he served four years in St. Albans, England, and two years in the Diocese of Fall River, Mass.

In 1908, he was incardinated into the Wichita diocese and served as an assistant pastor at St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral in Wichita.

His pastorates included St. Catherine of Alexandria, Dubuque (1910-14); St. Patrick's, Fulton (1914-36), and St. Mary's, Parsons (1936-53).

At Parsons, he succeeded his brother, Father John Maher,* who died of illness due to complications from a broken hip on Sept. 1, 1936.

Msgr. Maher served as vicar forane of the Parsons Deanery. He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII in 1949.

Msgr. Maher was pastor in Parsons for 17 years. He retired on Sept. 5, 1953, to a house in that community. On Dec. 13, 1953, he too died from complications following a broken hip that he sustained in a fall several weeks previously. He was 75.

Bishop Carroll celebrated the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem at St. Mary's Church, Parsons. Msgr. Maher was buried in the parish cemetery beside his brother.

*Msgr. Maher's brother did not serve in any parishes in the Dodge City diocese.