

December 5, 2006

Father Arnold Meiring, CPPS



Father Meiring was born Feb. 27, 1915, in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio. He entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1928, and was ordained April 21, 1940, by Bishop George Rehring at Carthagen, Ohio.

He served in the Dodge City diocese from 1942 to 1944 and was assigned to three congregations. While residing at the rectory at St. Mary, Garden City, he was pastor of St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, and cared for the Spanish speaking in the national parishes of St. William, Garden City, and Christ the King, Deerfield.

At the time of the diamond jubilee at St. Stanislaus, Father Meiring wrote: "I recall that after my Sunday Mass at Ingalls, I returned for a Mass at Garden City and there were always a large number of soldiers at the air base looking for a ride to attend Mass at Garden City. I always had a full load of soldiers with me." (Feb. 15, 1984)

He dedicated much of his life as a priest to parish work, serving at churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Virginia, Louisiana and Kentucky. In 1979, he was named pastor of St. Francis Church in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio, and later at St. Aloysius Church in Carthagen, where he served until 1992, when he was named senior associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio. He retired in 1994.

Father Meiring died Dec. 5, 2006, in the infirmary at St. Charles Center in Carthagen. He was 91. Father Angelo Anthony presided at the funeral Mass. Burial was in the community cemetery.

His brother, Father Bernard Meiring, was also a member of the Society of the Precious Blood.