

July 27, 1979

Father Emil Meyer, CPPS



Father Meyer was born April 30, 1908, in Wooster, Ohio. He was incorporated as a member of the Society of the Precious Blood in 1926, and was ordained May 10, 1934, by the Most Rev. Joseph Albers, auxiliary of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio.

His priestly assignments took him to seven states. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Detroit, Mich., (1934-37) and St. John, Glandorf, Ohio (1937-38).

His pastorates included: Our Lady of Guadalupe, South Hutchinson (1938-43); St. Anthony, Liberal (1943-51) and the mission St. Alphonsus, Satanta (1946-51); St. Francis, Mystic, Iowa (1951-54); St. Paul, N. Dak., (1954-56); Sacred Heart, Miami, Okla., (1956-59); St. Theresa, Rockford, Ohio, (1959-61); St. Michael, Collyer (1961-63); St. Catherine, Nowata, Okla., (1964); St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, (1964-65).

During his pastorate at Liberal, the church was destroyed by fire (July 1, 1949). Father Meyer was on retreat at the time, but his housekeeper, Rose Heitman removed the Blessed Sacrament from the blazing building.

After his brief pastorate at Ingalls, he was on sick leave. He returned to active ministry in 1970 and served as an assistant as St. Joseph, Salida, Colo., until 1975. He lived in retirement in Salida until his death on July 27, 1979, at the age of 71.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Salida. The body was then flown to Ohio where the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen. Burial was in the Society's cemetery.