

**April 30, 1999**

## **Father George Mueller**



Father Mueller was born Oct. 22, 1933 in Wichita. He attended elementary school at St. Peter's, Willowdale. He was ordained May 19, 1959, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City by Bishop Franz. He served in two fairly short assignments as assistant pastor at St. Rose and St. Patrick's parishes in Great Bend from 1959 to 1961.

He was appointed assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral and assistant chaplain at St. Mary of the Plains High School and College in Dodge City, where he also taught (1961-68). Bishop Forst also appointed him diocesan director of the Papal Volunteers for Apostolic Collaboration in Latin America. At least six SMPC students became lay missionaries. He served the diocese as assistant chancellor from 1966 to 1968.

His pastorates included: St. Joseph, Tribune, with the mission St. Anthony, Leoti, (1968-70); St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend, (1970-74); St. Boniface, Sharon, (1974-80); St. Michael, La Crosse, (1980-86), St. Joseph, Scott City, and St. Theresa, Dighton, (1986-1980).

In what would be his last assignment, Father Mueller was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist, Meade, and St. Anthony, Fowler, in 1990. St. Patrick's, Plains, was added to this assignment in 1993.

He died April 30, 1999, at the age of 65. Bishop Gilmore celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony Church, Fowler. Burial was at St. Peter's Cemetery in Willowdale.

Father Mueller had two siblings enter the religious life. Sister Georgia Mueller and Sister Sibylina Mueller were Dominican Sisters of Great Bend.