

**June 22, 1969**

**Father Anthimus Gete Nebreda, CMF**



Father Nebrada was born May 10, 1882, in Villanueva de Gumiel, Burgos, Spain. He made his religious profession to the Claretians in Cervera on Aug. 26, 1899, and was ordained April 29, 1907, in Alagon, Spain.

In 1908 he was sent to the United States where he exercised his apostolic ministries in San Antonio, Texas; Dodge City; Jerome and Yuma, Ariz.; Los Angeles, Calif; and in Phoenix, Ariz., as pastor and superior.

He served in Dodge City with the Claretians who were assigned to the Mexican mission in the Santa Fe Railway yard. Father Nebrada assisted Father John Handly, the pastor at Sacred Heart, with his missions from 1915 to 1916, by offering Mass at St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, and at the stations in Copeland and Elkhart. He left Dodge City when the Claretians were recalled to Texas.

Father Nebrada was the founding father of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Phoenix, as well as its long-time pastor and superior. He was also superior of St. Francis Xavier in El Paso, Tex.

He died June 22, 1969, after heart surgery. He was 87 years of age. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Church in El Paso. Burial took place in San Fernando Cathedral Cemetery in San Antonio, Tex.