

December 31, 1957

Father Timothy O'Sullivan



Father O'Sullivan was born July 4, 1880, in Hutchinson. He was ordained June 13, 1905, by Bishop Hennessy in the St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral in Wichita. He was first assigned as an assistant at the Pro-Cathedral from whence he served the missions at St. Mary's, Derby and St. Joseph's, Conway Springs.

His pastorates included: St. Mary's, Moline (March-Nov., 1906); St. Rose, Great Bend, with the missions St. Francis Xavier, Seward, and St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington (1906-1907); first resident pastor at St. John, Hoisington (1907-1918), with short-term missions at Immaculate Conception, Clafin, and St. Mary's, McCracken; St. John's, El Dorado, with the mission St. Michael's, Cassoday (1919-1927), and Blessed Sacrament, Wichita (1927-57). During these pastorates, he built a rectory and new church at Hoisington, a new school in El Dorado, and an entire parish plant at Blessed Sacrament, Wichita.

Father O'Sullivan was also a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War I, stationed at Camp Pike near Little Rock, Ark., from July 1918 to March 1919.

He suffered a severe stroke in 1955, leaving him an invalid. He lingered for two years and occupied a sick room especially built for him at the rear of the rectory at Blessed Sacrament. Generous benefactors of the parish provided for him during the two years of his sickness, and even included around-the-clock nursing care.

Father O'Sullivan died Dec. 31, 1957. Bishop Carroll celebrated the funeral Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Sister M. Sarita O'Sullivan, B.V.M., was his sister.