

**January 30, 1967**

**Father Evaristus J. Olberding, CPPS**



Father Olberding was born Oct. 10, 1884, at Petersburg, Iowa. He became a professed member of the Society of the Precious Blood on Sept. 10, 1909. He was ordained June 6, 1914 by the Archbishop Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio.

During the first three years of his priesthood, Father Olberding described his apostolate as a “wandering substitute, part-time teacher at the Novitiate, part-time missionary, and general trouble shooter.”

He then embarked on a series of pioneering “CPPS firsts.” In 1917 he went to Detroit to serve as the first Precious Blood priest at St. Anthony Parish.

In 1921, he moved to North Dakota with two others from the Society to start the long line of CPPS service in the Dakota missions. His first pastoral role was at St. Martin in Hazen, with added mission posts at Belulah, Halliday, Zap and Golden Valley.

After six years, Father Olberding moved to Garden City where he was installed as the first CPPS pastor of St. Mary Parish (1927-30). He was also pastor of the Mexican congregation known as St. William Parish in 1941.

His remaining assignments took him to St. Anthony, Linton, N.Dak., and three parishes in Ohio.

Father Olberding was chaplain at the Sisters Adorers convent in Maryswood, Ohio, when he suffered a heart attack and died Jan. 30, 1967. He was 82.

The double funeral for Father Max Herber and Father Olberding was celebrated by Father Alvin Herber (nephew) in the St. Charles Seminary chapel at Carthagena, Ohio. Burial was in the Society’s cemetery.