

**October 1, 1940**

**Msgr. J.A. Pompene**



Msgr. Pompene was born May 5, 1862 in Canton, Ohio. He was ordained in 1887 for the Leavenworth diocese at Innsbruck University in Austria. His degrees included a Ph.D., an S.T.D., and a J.C.D. In his first assignments in Kansas, he served as secretary to Bishop Fink and as an assistant at the Cathedral in Leavenworth.

His pastorates in the Leavenworth diocese included: Assumption, Edgerton (1891-93), and Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg (1893-97). He served as a diocesan missionary with residence at St. John Hospital in Leavenworth from 1897 to 1899.

After the re-division of the dioceses of Kansas, he became a member of the Wichita clergy. His other pastorates included: St. Teresa, Hutchinson (1899-1904); Sacred Heart, Frontenac (1904-1913); Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg (1913-28), and St. Mary, Newton (1928-40).

In 1904, the last year of his pastorate at Hutchinson, the following missions were included in those attached to St Teresa Parish: St. Joseph's, Bellefont; St. Bernard's, Belpre; St. Nicholas, Kinsley; Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley, and St. Joseph, Offerle.

Msgr. Pompene was a noted speaker and was widely known for his talks on the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII.

He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate and given the title of monsignor in 1931 by Pope Pius XI.

Msgr. Pompene died at Bethel Hospital in Newton on Oct. 1, 1940, at the age of 78. Bishop Winkelmann celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Newton. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

His sister, Sister M. Paula, was an Ursuline nun.