

**February 17, 1959**

**Father Werner Rauh, CPPS**



Father Rauh was born April 5, 1904, in St. Anthony, Ohio. He entered St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, Ohio, where he was professed Dec. 31, 1924. He was ordained at Carthagen on Feb. 21, 1929.

He served as an assistant at St. Anthony, Detroit, Mich., (1929-37), before being named as assistant at St. Mary's, Garden City. As assistant, Father Rauh had charge of the missions of St. Raphael, Syracuse; St. Anthony, Lakin; and St. Stanislaus, Ingalls. His "pastorate" in the missions spanned four years of the "Dirty Thirties" (1933-37). Mass was scheduled in different missions on designated Sundays during a month. He also celebrated Mass at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp near Kalvesta, north of Cimarron.

After serving the missions in western Kansas, he held positions at St. Mary's Home in Burkettsville, Ohio, as procurator, and dean of discipline at St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind.

He returned to Kansas in 1940 and served as pastor at St. Paul's, Lyons for two years. During World War II he served as an U.S. Army chaplain in Germany (1942-46).

In his remaining assignments, he served as superior at Charlottesville, Va.; part-time assistant at both St. Mark's, Cincinnati, and St. James, Columbus; and pastor at St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Father Rauh died of a heart attack on Feb. 17, 1959, at the age of 54. The funeral and burial were at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen.

He had two siblings who also entered the religious life: Sister Carissima and Sister Priscilla, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind.