

August 16, 2006

Father Dennis Reed



Father Reed was born Nov. 11, 1941, at Hardtner. He was a convert to Catholicism and a vocation of Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge. He was ordained June 7, 1969, by Bishop Forst at Holy Rosary Church.

He served at St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend (1969-71, and 1972-74); Sacred Heart Cathedral (1971-72); St. John the Apostle, St. John, with St. Francis Xavier, Seward (1974-79), and Sacred Heart, Ness City (1979-81).

Following his assignment at Ness City, he served in the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph in assignments at St. Bernadette, Kansas City, and Coronation of Our Lady, Grandview.

His remaining pastorates included: St. Nicholas, Kinsley (1990-93), where he also served St. George, Bucklin; St. Mary's, Hodgeman County, and Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley; St. Dominic's, Garden City, with St. Stanislaus, Ingalls (1993-99); Sacred Heart, Larned, with St. Bernard, Belpre (1999-2005); and St. John the Baptist, Spearville, with St. Lawrence, Jetmore; and St. Anthony, Hanston, (2005-06).

Father Reed resigned April 30, 2006, after being diagnosed with cancer. He died at the Catholic Care Center in Wichita on Aug. 16, 2006 at the age of 65.

Bishop Gilmore and the Most Rev. Robert W. Finn, bishop of Kansas City - St. Joseph, celebrated his funeral Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Spearville. Cremation took place following the funeral and his ashes were buried at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception, Mo.