

September 16, 1985

Father Ronald Renner



Father Renner was born Oct. 19, 1936 in Cunningham. He attended grade schools in Willowdale and Kingman and received his high school, college, philosophy and theology studies at Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo. He was ordained May 30, 1962, by Bishop Forst in St. Mary's Church, Marienthal.

He served as a temporary associate pastor at Sacred Heart, Larned (1962); vicar substitute at St. Andrew, Wright (1962), and assistant pastor at Larned (1962-68).

In 1968, after the Wichita diocese sought a priest from the Dodge City diocese for work at its Barquisimeto Mission in Venezuela, Father Renner was selected from those who volunteered. He joined Fathers Colin Boor, Joseph Bergkamp, and Harold McCormick, Wichita priests, in the administration of three parishes. Father Renner was pastor of La Santissima Trinidad parish from 1969 to 1971.

Upon his return from South America, Father Renner was appointed pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace at Ulysses (1972-76). He served as pastor of St. Dominic, Garden City from 1976 to 1984. During this pastorate, the parish constructed a new church (1982).

Father Renner was appointed to what would be his last pastorate at St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington, on June 27, 1984. He set as priorities upgrading the pay scale for the teachers at the parish school and repairing the church. He died in his sleep on Sept. 16, 1985 at the age of 48.

Bishop Schlarman celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in St. Leo Cemetery in Kingman County.