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Father Eugene Robl



Father Robl was born June 1, 1924, in Ellinwood. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul School, North Ellinwood, before going to St. Mary High School in Wichita. He completed his secondary education at Holy Cross Abbey School in Canon City, Colo. After completing his studies for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, he was ordained at St. Joseph Church, Ellinwood, on June 1, 1950, by Bishop George Donnelly of Leavenworth. Bishop Carroll was recovering from an emergency appendectomy and was not able to be the ordaining prelate.

Father Robl served as assistant pastor at Holy Savior, Wichita; St. John's, El Dorado; and All Saints, Wichita.

His first pastorate was at St. Peter Claver, Wichita. His remaining pastorates in Kansas were Sacred Heart, Cunningham, and St. Rose, Columbus. He was state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus from 1954 to 1955.

In 1977, he asked Bishop Michael McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., to be allowed to serve in that diocese. There he served as associate pastor of Sacred Heart, Columbia; twice as chaplain at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Administration Medical Center in Columbia; and as administrator and then pastor of Holy Spirit, Centralia. During this assignment in 1981, he was incardinated into the Diocese of Jefferson City. He remaining pastorates in Missouri were St. Boniface, Brunswick, and St. Raphael, Indian Grove.

In 1991, Father Robl retired in Columbia, and later moved to Las Vegas, Nev. He died peacefully in his home. Bishop McAuliffe celebrated the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Columbia, Mo. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Ellinwood.