

September 10, 1973

Father Ignatius Rohr

Father Ignatius was born July 31, 1914, at Antonino. He moved with his family to a farm south of Bazine when he was three years old. He is the only vocation to the priesthood from St. John the Baptist Parish at Bazine.

He studied for the priesthood at St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pa; St. Fidelis Seminary at Victoria; and Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained for the Capuchin Order on June 9, 1940, by Bishop Winkelmann at Sacred Heart College Chapel in Wichita.

As a Capuchin friar, he was known as Father Celestine.

In 1942, he was assigned to St. Michael, Salisbury, Pa. His remaining parish assignments as a Capuchin were at St. Fidelis, Victoria (1944-46) and St. Mary, Marienthal, with the mission of St. Anthony at St. Theresa (1946-47).

He became a priest of the Wichita diocese in 1947, serving at St. Michael, Girard, until 1950; St. Anthony, Strong City (1950-57); St. Martin, Piqua (1957-73); and Holy Redeemer, Tampa (1973).

Father Rohr died Sept. 10, 1973, in Wichit, at the age of 58. He had been in ill health for more than a year. Msgr. Charles Walsh, vicar general, celebrated a memorial Mass at Holy Redeemer Church in Tampa. Bishop Maloney celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Martin Church, in Piqua. Burial was in the Piqua cemetery.

