

May 16, 1992

Father F. Raymond Schmidt



Father Schmidt was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Tipton, Mo. He was ordained June 11, 1938, by Bishop Schwertner in St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita.

He was an assistant at Blessed Sacrament in Wichita until 1941 when he became the pastor of Immaculate Conception, Burns, with the mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Spring Branch.

In 1942 he entered the U.S. Army as a chaplain and served in Italy with the 98th Bomber Group and later in North Carolina, Nebraska and Texas.

Upon his return from military service in 1946, he was appointed pastor at Immaculate Conception, Claffin. This would be his only assignment in the Dodge City diocese. During his pastorate the parish built a new church that was dedicated by Bishop Carroll on Oct. 11, 1949.

Father Schmidt's other pastorates included: St. John the Evangelist, El Dorado, (1950-51); Holy Redeemer, Tampa, (1951-53); St. Rose of Lima, Wellington (1953-55); St. Patrick, Florence, (1955-57); Holy Name, Winfield, and the mission of St. Mary, Oxford, (1957-58); and St. Anne's, Wichita, (1958-61). He built the school at St. Anne's that was dedicated by Bishop Carroll on Sept. 25, 1960. His last assignment was at St. Joseph, Ost, where he served as pastor for 21 years (1961-80).

Upon his retirement, Father Schmidt moved to Ellinwood where his housekeeper had family. He resided in that community for 12 years until he died on May 16, 1992 at the age of 81. Bishop Gerber celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church, Ost. Burial was in the parish cemetery.