

May 19, 1978

Father Joseph Staudinger, OSB



Father Joseph was born Feb. 24, 1898, at Dorrance. He was baptized at Holy Family Church, Odin, but entered St. Benedict's College, in Atchison, as a parishioner of St. Catherine, Dubuque. He was ordained by Bishop Francis Johannes, coadjutor of Leavenworth, on Dec. 22, 1928 at St. Benedict's Church, Atchison.

He was an instructor in music and religion at St. Benedict's College in 1929 and served on the college staff until 1941. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from the Chicago Conservatory in 1933. He was director of the school of music at St. Benedict's for some years, and registrar from 1934 to 1941.

He served in pastoral assignments, chiefly in parishes and in large convents from 1941 to 1977. He retired to the abbey in 1977 after serving for 13 years as pastor at St. Philip Neri, Osawatomie.

Much earlier he served at St. John's, Burlington, Iowa; St. Patrick and Holy Rosary churches in Kansas City, Mo.; and St. John's, Lawrence. He was chaplain at the Ursuline motherhouse in Paola; St. Scholastic Convent, Chicago; St. Mary's Convent, Nauvoo, Ill.; and the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth. He was also a hospital chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

Father Joseph died at Atchison Hospital May 19, 1978. He was 80 years old. The monks celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Benedict's Abbey Church. Burial was in the abbey cemetery.

Two of his sisters were Dominicans: Sister Monica and Sister Veronica. He was a nephew of Father Raymond Woydziak, OSB, another Dubuque vocation.