

**April 2, 1983**

**Father William Stehle, OFM Cap**



Father William was born Aug. 15, 1889 in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was given the name Andrew at baptism. He professed his vows as a Capuchin on July 14, 1910. He was ordained May 25, 1916, by James Cardinal Gibbons at St. Mary Cathedral, Baltimore.

His first assignment was to St. Joseph's College, Hays, as professor and assistant at St. Agnes, Yocemento. In 1922, while remaining professor, he became the prefect of discipline until 1925.

His pastoral assignments took him to Herman, Pa.; Wheeling, W.Va.; Rochester, Pa.; New Philadelphia, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Puerto Rico; and Kansas.

His assignments in the Dodge City diocese included Sacred Heart, Ness City, where he was superior, pastor and director of the Secular Franciscans (1934-39). He served as an assistant at St. Aloysius, Ransom, as well as Discreet for the Fraternity at Sacred Heart, Ness City, from 1955 to 1958.

His remaining parish assignments in Kansas took him to St. Mary's, Herndon; Sacred Heart, Atwood; St. Joseph's, Hays; and St. Mary's, Ellis.

He was an avid Pirate baseball fan. One could hear his radio broadcasting the games all over St. Augustine's Friary in Pittsburgh. His spirits picked up in the Spring and he was good for the rest of the baseball season.

Father William died April 2, 1983, on Holy Saturday. He was 93 years old. Father Vernon Busch, guardian, celebrated the funeral Mass in his home parish at St. Augustine Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Father Robert McCreary, provincial, was homilist. Burial was in the friary cemetery.