

**February 12, 1962**

**Msgr. John Steines**



Msgr. Steines was born on March 16, 1884, in Consdorf, Luxemburg. He immigrated to the United States with his mother in 1900. He was ordained Sept. 9, 1912, at St. Michael's Church, Chicago, by the Most Rev. Paul P. Rhode, auxiliary bishop of Chicago. He celebrated his first Mass Sept. 16, 1912, in St. Joseph Church, Oneida, N.Y., where his brother, Msgr. Michael Steines, was pastor.

He taught French and German at DePaul University and served at St. Boniface and St. Benedict's parishes in Chicago, before going to Immaculate Conception, Skidmore, Texas. He came to the Wichita Diocese in 1916. All but one of his assignments were in parishes in the Dodge City Diocese.

His assignments included: St. Nicholas, Kinsley, with Sacred Heart, Larned, as a mission (1916 to 1918); chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, with St. Joseph, Conway Springs, as a mission (1918-1921); Sacred Heart, Cordia, (1921-1927); St. Boniface, Sharon, (1927-1933); St. Anthony, Fowler, with St. John the Baptist, Meade, as a mission, (1933-1935); St. Bernard, Belpre, (1935-1937), and St. Joseph, Ellinwood, (1937-1958).

In 1949, Pope Pius XII named him a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

After retiring in 1958, Msgr. Steines continued to reside in Ellinwood until his death. He died at Halstead Hospital on Feb. 12, 1962 at the age of 78. Bishop Forst celebrated his funeral at St. Joseph Church in Ellinwood. He was buried in the Calvary Convent Cemetery (now Resurrection Cemetery), in Great Bend.