

February 28, 1996

Msgr. Joseph Stremel



Msgr. Stremel was born June 12, 1918 at Loretto. He was ordained by Bishop Winkelmann for the Wichita diocese on May 27, 1944 at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel in Wichita. His first assignment after ordination was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Wichita.

While he was assistant at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst (1945-46), he also served as pastor at St. George, Bucklin. In 1945 he was appointed superintendent of the public school district at Windthorst. He taught at Windthorst High School from 1945 to 1965. He was pastor at Windthorst from 1946 to 1965.

He served as diocesan Superintendent of Schools from 1951 to 1972.

He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope Paul VI on Nov. 28, 1964.

Msgr. Stremel served in the following chaplain posts: St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City (1965-68), where he also served as head of the theology/philosophy department; Christian Leadership School, Great Bend (1969-70), and Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend (1970-72).

In 1972, he was appointed pastor at St. Patrick, Great Bend. He was appointed to his last pastorate at St. Nicholas, Kinsley, in 1980.

Msgr. Stremel died Feb. 28, 1996, at the age of 77. Bishop Schlarman celebrated the funeral at St. Patrick Church in Great Bend. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City.

He had three siblings enter the religious life: Msgr. Alex Stremel, Sister Loretta, ASC., and Sister Alexia, OP.