

September 3, 1922

Father John Sullivan



Father Sullivan was born Sept. 28, 1859, in Wellsville, N.Y. After studying at New York University he became a lawyer and eventually a district judge. He decided to become a priest and studied at St. Jerome's College in Berlin, Ontario, Canada. He was ordained by Bishop Hennessy in Wichita at St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral on Sept. 23, 1894. He served as an assistant at the pro-cathedral for three years (1894-97).

In 1897, he was appointed pastor at St. Rose of Lima, Danville. Here he also cared for the missions of St. Patrick's, Harper, and Sacred Heart, Perth; and the stations at Attica, Kiowa and Medicine Lodge. During this pastorate he began construction on a new church in Kiowa.

After three years, he was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Cherryvale, with care of the missions at Annuciation, Earlton; St. Agnes, Thayer, and a station at Mound Valley.

In 1906 he was made rector of the pro-cathedral and oversaw the construction of the foundations for St. Mary's Cathedral. He accompanied Bishop Hennessy to Rome on his *ad limina* visit in 1910.

That same year, Father Sullivan was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart, Dodge City. He cared for the missions at St. Stanislaus, Ingalls; St. Andrew, Wright, and a station in Meade County known as Odee.

In 1913, he received his last assignment to St. Bridget, Scammon, with the mission at Sacred Heart, Weir City. He died on Sept. 3, 1922, following a long illness. He was 63. Bishop Schwertner celebrated the funeral in St. Bridget Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery.