

**February 16, 1996**

**Msgr. Norbert Temaats**



Msgr. Temaats, a native of Windthorst, was born Feb. 4, 1933. He was ordained May 27, 1958 by Bishop Franz at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He served as assistant pastor at the Cathedral parish (1958-66). He was named assistant chancellor for the diocese Sept. 14, 1962.

He became chancellor on Aug. 19, 1966, and served as chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital. He served at Our Lady of Guadalupe (1967-68), before he was assigned to the chaplaincy at St. Mary of the Plains College (1968-69). For seven years in the 1960s, he taught religion courses at St. Mary of the Plains High School. He served his home parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Windthorst, as an administrator (1971-72).

On Jan. 30, 1974, he was named pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. He was elevated to the rank of monsignor (honorary prelate) by Pope Paul VI on Oct. 8, 1974, and officially installed on Nov. 24, 1974, by Bishop Forst at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dodge City.

On June 17, 1979, after 17 years of working in the chancery, Msgr. Temaats was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart, Larned and chaplain at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital (1979-84). He then went to Garden City where he served at St. Dominic (1984-93), with St. Stanislaus, Ingalls (1992-93); and then across town at St. Mary with Christ the King, Deerfield, (1993-1996).

Msgr. Temaats was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of 1994. He died Feb. 16, 1996 at the age of 63. Bishop Schlarman celebrated the funeral at St. Dominic Church. He was assisted by Bishop Gerber. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery at Windthorst.