

February 1, 1945

Father Edmund Trischler, OFM Cap



Father Edmund (Thomas Trischler) was born July 29, 1880, in Richardtown, W. Va. He was invested with the Capuchin habit on July 15, 1900, took simple vows July 23, 1901, and solemn vows July 23, 1904. He was ordained June 20, 1906 by James Cardinal Gibbons in St. Mary's Cathedral, Baltimore, Md.

He served in dioceses of Wheeling, Concordia (Salina), Pittsburgh, Columbus, Wichita and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

In Concordia, he served at St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor (1909-10); at St. Joseph's College, Hays (1910-15) and (1917-18); at Sacred Heart, Emmeram (1915-16); at Our Lady Help of Christians, Antonino (1916-17); and at St. Mary Assumption, Herndon (1925-26).

In the Diocese of Wichita, now Dodge City territory, Father Edmund was stationed at Marienthal and served as pastor of Healy; St. Anthony at St. Theresa; St. Joseph, Scott City; and St. Theresa, Dighton (1926-29).

As a young man, Father Edmund had become inured to the hardships of missionary life. He was 50 when he answered the Province's call for volunteers for the hard missions of Puerto Rico. He served 13 years in Utuado (1930-43) where he climbed mountains and waded streams to minister to the poorest of the poor.

When his health failed him, he retired to St. Augustine's Monastery in Pittsburgh. Father Edmund died Feb. 1, 1945 at the age of 64. Father Claude Vogel, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling, W.Va. The Most Rev. John Swint, bishop of Wheeling was in attendance. Burial was in the friar's plot in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Wheeling.