

June 19, 1999

Msgr. Arnold Weller



Msgr. Weller was born April 3, 1904 in Bahner, Mo. He was ordained May 21, 1932 by Bishop Schwertner at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita. Pope John XXIII raised him to the rank of domestic prelate on May 8, 1959.

He served temporarily as pastor at St. Patrick, Galena, before being named to his first pastorate at St. Patrick, Plains in 1932. From Plains he was responsible for the missions of St. Anthony, Liberal, and St. Joan of Arc, Elkhart; and stations at Hugoton and Satanta. His mission district was comprised of four entire counties (Seward, Stevens, Morton and Haskell) and parts of three others (Meade, Gray and Grant).

His other pastorates included: Mary, Help of Christians, Loretto, (1937-41); St. Leo's, Nashville, (1941-47); St. John the Baptist, Spearville, (1947-65); Sacred Heart, Ness City, (1965-68); St. Anthony, Fowler, (1968-80), and St. Theresa, Dighton, (1980-84).

At Nashville he supervised the remodeling of the church. During his pastorate at Spearville, he built a new home for the Sisters, a double garage, new sidewalks, enlarged the hall kitchen and constructed an addition to the front of the church with an elevator to provide easy access for the physically impaired.

He retired, reluctantly, at the age of 80 in 1984. He lived in his private residence in Spearville until 1996 when he moved to Manor of the Plains in Dodge City.

Msgr. Weller died June 19, 1999, at the age of 95. Bishop Gilmore celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Church. Burial was in the parish cemetery at Spearville.