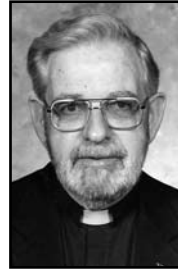


January 6, 2000

Father William Stephen Wylie



Father Wylie was born Dec. 26, 1914, in Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained for the Benedictines on June 22, 1941.

In the summer of 1952, Father Wylie was working at St. John the Baptist Parish in Wilshire. There he met Msgr. John Cody who was completing a seminary recruiting tour for the Wichita diocese. “He talked about life in the States and told me that I could get my own parish after two or three years.” (SKR Oct. 4, 1990)

On Nov. 13, 1952, Father Wylie landed in Wichita. He was assigned associate pastor at Holy Name, Winfield. In 1956 he was transferred to Holy Savior, Wichita.

“In May of 1957, I was called to St. Mary’s Cathedral and Bishop Carroll offered me a chance to come out to the Diocese of Dodge City, and I jumped at it.” (ibid)

Father Wylie served in the following pastoral assignments: St. Helen, Hugoton, with St. Timothy, Satanta, as a mission (1957-61); St. Lawrence, Jetmore, and St. Anthony, Hanston, as a mission (1961-65), and St. Andrew, Wright, (1965-71). When he was at Wright, Bishop Forst asked him to join the chancery staff as accountant.

In 1971, after several heart attacks, Father Wylie was advised by his doctor to give up parish work or the job at the chancery. He then became full time comptroller and was later named Episcopal Vicar for Financial Affairs. He also served as business manager of the *Southwest Kansas Register* until his retirement in 1990.

Father Wylie died Jan. 6, 2000, at the age of 85, in the Catholic Care Center, Wichita. Bishop Gilmore presided at the funeral on Jan. 12 in St. Andrew Church, Wright. Burial was in the parish cemetery.