

March 8, 2002

Father Edward Young



Father Young was born Aug. 25, 1917, in rural Bronson, Iowa. He moved to Sioux City, where he completed his elementary, secondary and college education. He entered the Presbyterian Seminary in Omaha in 1939 and served in several Presbyterian churches in Kansas. While stationed at Conway Springs he met Father Joseph Grellner, pastor of St. Joseph, Conway Springs. He became interested in the Catholic faith and began to take instructions. During this time Msgr. Grellner was transferred to Sacred Heart, Dodge City, and so it was here that he was baptized on May 25, 1946.

Soon thereafter, he began studies for the priesthood at Conception Seminary. He was ordained May 16, 1953, by Bishop Franz at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Father Young served as an assistant to Msgr. Grellner at the Cathedral for a short time before being named assistant at Sacred Heart, Pratt, (1953). He also served at St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington (1954).

In 1954, Father Young began several assignments that would keep him in Great Bend until 1965. He was chaplain to aspirants at Immaculate Conception Convent; an instructor in the Dominican School of Nursing; chaplain at St. Rose Hospital; and assistant at St. Rose of Lima Church. He was pastor at St. Helen, Hugoton, from 1965 to 1970, with the mission St. Timothy, Satanta (1967-70).

In 1970 he transferred to the Diocese of Sioux City where he had both teaching assignments and pastorates. He died March 8, 2002, at the age of 84. Bishop Daniel Nardo celebrated the funeral Mass at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Sioux City.