

December 1, 1969

Father Ulric Zeller, OFM Cap



Father Ulric was born July 3, 1886, in Dillingen, Bavaria, Germany. He entered the Capuchin novitiate in 1903. He made his solemn profession of vows on July 17, 1907, and was ordained June 21, 1910, by James Cardinal Gibbons in the Baltimore Cathedral.

He served in Pennsylvania and Maryland, but most of his assignments were in Kansas.

In the Dodge City diocese, Father Ulric saw service at the mission St. Aloysius, Ransom, working out of Sacred Heart Friary, Ness City (1924-25), and then at St. Mary's, Marienthal, where he was superior and pastor (1942-45).

In the Concordia/Salina diocese, he was stationed at Catharine, in charge of the mission Sacred Heart, Emmeram (1913-15); and Victoria, (1915-17), where he cared for St. Anne's, Walker; and then St. Boniface's, Vincent. He was also superior and pastor at St. Mary's, Ellis (1918-24 and 1936-42) and St. Catherine, Catharine (1945-47).

In 1952, Father Ulric was added to the novitiate staff in St. Conrad's Friary, Annapolis, Md. He lived the remainder of his life there. He died Dec. 1, 1969 in Anne Arundel General Hospital, Annapolis. He was 83.

Father Brendan Malloy, guardian of St. Conrad's Friary, was the principal celebrant of the funeral Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Monastery, Cumberland, Md. Burial was in the Capuchin friars plot in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

The Zeller family could boast of having three priest-sons: Father Cyril and Father Ulric, both Capuchins, and a diocesan priest who remained in Germany.