

**September 28, 2005**

**Father Eugene van Sloun**



Father Eugene van Sloun was born April 14, 1922 in Beck, Holland. He was ordained Aug. 1, 1948, at Geleen, Holand, for the Order of Discalced Carmelites by the Most Rev. Jozef Hubert Willem Lemmens, bishop of the Diocese of Roermond.

He was an assistant and teacher at St. Therese College at Geleen (1948-50), until he was appointed assistant at St. Theresa Church in Waspik, Holland. He served in this capacity a short time until he transferred to the Wichita diocese on Oct. 17, 1950. While awaiting his first assignment, he resided with fellow countryman Father Cornelius Leunissen, pastor of Holy Family, Odin.

Father van Sloun served in the following assignments: assistant pastor at St. Joseph, Ellinwood, (1951-53); chaplain at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital and Larned State Hospital, (1953-1960); pastor at St. Joseph, Greensburg, with St. George, Bucklin, as a mission, (1960-1964), and pastor of St. Joseph, Liebenthal, (1964-1970).

In 1970, Father van Sloun returned to Holland. He served as a military chaplain with the U.S. Army in Bitburg, Germany; pastor and chaplain at a parish and hospital in Maaseik, Belgium; pastor at a parish in Waterschei, Belgium, and rector for a home of the elderly in Diepenbeek, Belgium. He retired and lived in Geleen, Holand, and later at De Beyart, a nursing home for priests and Sisters, in Maastricht.

Father van Sloun died Sept. 28, 2005, while on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, at the age of 83. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the chapel at De Beyart. He is buried in St. Augustinus Cemetery in Geleen, Holland.