Anthony, the eldest son of John and Susan Trausch, was born February 29, 1908. He began his preparation for the priesthood at St. Benedict College, Atchison, Kansas and completed it at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained by Bishop Louis B. Kucera in the Cathedral of St. Mary, Lincoln, May 6, 1937.

Father Trausch's first assignment was to the Cathedral until 1940. Then, after serving for a few months at Superior and Nelson, he was appointed pastor at Cedar Bluffs and Estina 1940-1958; Deweese, both Assumption and St. Martin's, 1958-1963; Dwight 1963-1968; Bruno and Abie 1968-1970; Shelby 1970-1977; Friend and Milligan from 1977 to the time of his retirement in 1988.

Throughout his priestly life, Father Trausch was interested in both the spiritual and temporal welfare of his parishioners. In 1960 he testified before a Subcommittee of the House in Washington concerning the impracticality of building the proposed Angus Dam that would have inundated the town of Deweese.

When his younger brother, Father Robert Trausch, died in 1970, Father Anthony directed a renovation project in Shelby begun by his brother. He was also involved in the construction of a new church and parish hall in Friend.

Father Trausch enjoyed the cultivation of vegetables and flowers. While caring for them he praised God who provides "the earth with rain to produce fresh grass on the hillsides and the plants that are needed by man." (Psalm 147:8)

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"Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed the Spirit says: now they can rest for ever after their work, since their deeds go before them."

Rv. 14:13
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,

through your intercession

may all who have died

rejoice in your Son's Kingdom

with the saints forever.
Lawrence Aloysius Dunphy was born November 8, 1857 in Queen’s County, Ireland. He studied at St. Patrick Monastery, Queen’s County; St. Patrick College, Maynooth; and St. Patrick College, Carlow. He was ordained at the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny by Patrick F. Cardinal Moran for the mission of London, Canada.

After serving for four years in Canada, Father Dunphy came to Lincoln December 20, 1887. He was appointed chancellor of the newly-established diocese and secretary to Bishop Bonacum. He served in this dual role until 1889 when he was named pastor of Colon. His other appointments were: Aurora 1893-1897, Doniphan 1897-1904, and Sutton 1904-1931.

In Sutton, Father Dunphy directed the construction of a new church. The cornerstone was laid on June 19, 1906, and it was dedicated October 9, 1907.

In 1920, Father Dunphy was named a Domestic prelate. At the time of his investiture, the True Voice stated: “Father Dunphy is the soul of generosity and hospitality, his big heart winning him friends from all classes, so that all rejoice at the honor that has come to him.”

In addition to his duties as pastor, Monsignor Dunphy was the state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus for several terms. After more than a quarter of a century in Sutton, God summoned Monsignor Dunphy from the obscure valley of faith to the brightness of eternal light.
Antonio Bruce McLean was born in 1898 and ordained a member of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate in 1926.

Father McLean was one of the four Oblate Fathers stationed at Saint Teresa Church in Lincoln in 1931. Besides caring for the parish of Saint Teresa's, the Oblate Fathers also had charge of Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Lincoln and the missions of Ashland and Greenwood.

When there was no longer a need for a national church for the German-speaking Catholics of Lincoln, Saint Francis de Sales Church was closed. Three Oblates were then sufficient to care for the parishioners of Saint Teresa and the missions of Ashland and Greenwood. Accordingly, Father McLean was sent to Ottawa, Ontario, where he taught in a college of the Oblates.

Father McLean served the Church as a zealous member of the Oblate Order until God called him from this life on January 2, 1973.

"The religious state by giving its members greater freedom from earthly cares more adequately manifests to all believers the presence of heavenly goods already here below. . . . It not only witnesses to the fact of a new and eternal life acquired by the redemption of Christ, it foretells the resurrected state and the glory of the heavenly kingdom." *Documents of Vatican II The Church, No. 44.*
Meldon Wass was born on December 7, 1926 in Columbus, Nebraska. He attended Saint Joseph Seminary in Westmont, Illinois, from 1940-1946. While there, he was received into the Franciscan Order on July 4, 1945. He continued his preparation for the priesthood at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary, Teutopolis, Illinois. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1953.

After serving in Quincy, Illinois, and Saint Paul, Minnesota, Father Wass attended Saint Louis University, where he completed the requirements for a Master of Arts Degree in 1962. He continued his studies at Saint Bonaventure University in New York. Father Wass was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in 1964.

In his influential position as professor of philosophy, psychology, and theology, Father Wass taught at Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois; Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa; and Saint Mary’s College, Omaha, Nebraska.

From 1982 to 1989, Father Wass was pastor of Saint George Church, Morse Bluff, and Sacred Heart Church, Cedar Hill, Nebraska.

God called his faithful servant from this life on January 2, 1990. His brother, Father Laurin, O.F.M., offered the Holy Mass of Christian Burial on January 6, 1990, in Saint Anthony Church, Columbus, Nebraska. He was buried in Saint Bonaventure Cemetery in Columbus, Nebraska.

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"The learned shall shine as brightly as the vault of Heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity." ~ Dn. 12:3
Myron Pleskac was born in David City, Nebraska on October 30, 1934. He attended Saint Procopius College, Lisle, IL for education in the classics, and Saint Paul Seminary, Saint Paul, MN for philosophy and theology. Father Pleskac was ordained in Saint Luke’s church in Loma, Nebraska, by Bishop James Casey for the Diocese of Lincoln on June 5, 1960.

During his time of priestly ministry, Father Pleskac served as the Assistant Pastor of Saint John’s Church in Plattsmouth, and later at Saint Cecilia’s Church in Hastings. He went on to graduate studies in education at Catholic University of America. Upon completion of his studies, Father Pleskac was assigned to Neumann High School in Wahoo (1967-1968), Hastings Catholic Schools (1968-1973), and was Assistant Diocesan Superintendent of schools (1973-1974). His pastorate included: Sacred Heart, Kenesaw; Holy Family Parish, Heartwell; Saint Leo’s Church, Palmyra; Saint Martin’s, Douglas; Saint Teresa’s, Lincoln; Sacred Heart, Crete; Saint Joseph’s, Lincoln; and Saint Mary’s, Denton.

Father Pleskac’s other assignments over the years included: Dean of the Crete Deanery and Lincoln Deanery, Chaplain to the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (Pink Sisters), Assistant Chancellor, Vice-Officialis, Chairman of Diocesan Evangelization Commission, Assistant Spiritual Director at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary, Director of the Saint Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma, Nebraska, and Chaplain at the correctional centers.

On June 8, 1991, Father Pleskac was invested as an honorary Prelate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, receiving the title of Monsignor. In 2006, Monsignor was also assigned as Chaplain of the School Sisters of Christ the King, serving in that capacity until 2015. He was then moved to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln during October of that year, where he passed away a few months later.

A rosary was prayed for Monsignor Pleskac on January 5, 2016 at Saint Joseph’s Church in Lincoln. The funeral Mass, celebrated by Bishop James Conley, was also at Saint Joseph’s Church in Lincoln on January 6, 2016. Burial was at the School Sisters of Christ the King Cemetery.
Frank Reynolds was born July 30, 1914, in Adoon, Mohill, County Leitram, Ireland. He studied at St. Mel's College, Longford, Ireland and at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland. He completed his preparation for the priesthood at Saint Paul Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained April 16, 1938, at Saint Mary Cathedral in Lincoln, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Reynolds' first assignment was as assistant in Saint Joseph Parish, Beatrice with the mission of Saint Margaret's in Crab Orchard. From 1939-1940, Father Reynolds was loaned to the Archdiocese of Denver. After his return from Denver, Father Reynolds was stationed at Davey and Greenwood 1940-1945; Alexandria and Gilead 1945-1952. Ill health forced him to retire to Saint Clara Home in 1952. In 1959, he transferred to Madonna Home where he died on January 2, 1978.

At the time of his death, Father Edward C. Tuchek called attention to the fact that although Father Reynolds had not preached a sermon in years, his patience in suffering and his resignation to the will of God preached in silent eloquence.

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"I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him."

Ps.: 91:15.
Father Christopher Fitzgerald was born on May 21, 1854 at Java Center, Wyoming County, New York. He was ordained on May 19, 1883 by Bishop Ryan at Niagara University, Buffalo, New York.

John Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Kinney, the parents of Father Fitzgerald, came from King’s County, Ireland via Quebec to New York City. They had thirteen children. Four of their sons answered God’s invitation to the priesthood and their youngest daughter joined the Sisters of Mercy.

During his years of study at the Seminary in Quebec, Father Fitzgerald developed a stomach ailment that afflicted him for the remainder of his life. After a sick leave of four years, he returned to Niagara in 1882 to complete his studies for the priesthood.

His first assignment was Auburn and then in the autumn of 1883, he was named assistant at Saint Theresa Church in Lincoln. Two months later he became ill and went to live with his brother, Father Thomas Fitzgerald who was pastor of a parish in Independence, Missouri. In order to help Father Christopher regain his health, Bishop James O’Connor sent him to Evanston, Wyoming, where he served for almost fourteen years.

Illness compelled Father Fitzgerald to leave Evanston in 1897. For the last six years of his life, Father Christopher resided with his brother, Father Thomas Fitzgerald in Independence, Missouri. He died on January 3, 1903 and was buried under the altar of Saint Mary Church in Independence.

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“The expression, *Sacerdos alter Christus – the priest is another Christ* - created by the intuition of the Christian people, is not just a way of speaking, a metaphor, but a marvelous, surprising and consoling reality.”  *John Paul II Speaks to Religious 1978-1980*, No. 601.
January 3, 1931    Rev. Jeremiah J. McAuliffe

Jeremiah J. McAuliffe was born on February 9, 1880, in Mill River, Massachusetts. He studied in Allegheny, New York; Montreal, Canada; and Piacenza, Italy. On May 28, 1904, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Scalabrini in the Cathedral of Piacenza, Italy, for the Diocese of Hartford, Connecticut.

After serving in Southington, Connecticut; Canon City, Colorado; Winsted, Connecticut; and Danbury, Connecticut, Father McAuliffe came to the Diocese of Lincoln on May 8, 1914.

Father McAuliffe’s first appointment was as chaplain of the Ursuline Convent in York from May 8 to May 21, 1914. He was given charge of Saint Mary Parish, Alexandria and St. Joseph Church, Gilead from May 22, 1914 to March 4, 1915. He was assistant to Father Freeman at Saint Mary’s, Wymore from March 4, 1915 to December 23, 1915, when he was assigned to Center.

On October 14, 1916, Father McAuliffe left Center and returned to Connecticut. He died at Saint Michael Parish, Beacon Falls, Connecticut, on January 3, 1931.

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"Indeed, we know that when the earthly tent in which we live is destroyed, we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands, but to last forever.       2 Cor. 1:5."
Daniel Patrick McCullough was born May 6, 1885, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He studied at Holy Angels College, Buffalo, New York, and at the House of Studies of the Oblates in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He was ordained June 15, 1912 at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston by Cardinal William O’Connell as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

Two years after his ordination, October 22, 1914, Father McCullough was assigned to McCook. For 14 years he was responsible for 11 missions in five counties. The missions were scattered over an area of 2500 square miles. Father McCullough traveled over the wagon-track roads in the blistering heat of summer and the frigid cold of winter. Like the pioneers, this Apostle of Southwest Nebraska challenged the elements and conquered them for Christ.

Father McCullough's first means of conveyance was horse and buggy. He offered Holy Mass, administered the sacraments and preached in farm houses and country churches. In 1915, he directed the construction of a larger church in Saint Ann's and in 1926, he did the same for the congregation at Sacred Heart.

After 14 years of this missionary work, Father McCullough was named pastor of Saint Teresa Church in Lincoln. He served there from 1918-1933, when the Oblates left Lincoln.

This zealous apostle was called from this life on January 3, 1953, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
Francis Joseph Wolf, son of John and Anna, was born in Chicago on December 16, 1917. He had eleven brothers and sisters. He attended Saint Joseph Minor Seminary in Westmont, Illinois, where he completed his high school education and two years of college before he entered the Franciscan novitiate for the Province of the Sacred Heart. In religion, he was given the name Adam. Father Adam was ordained to the priestly ministry on June 20, 1946.

As a priest, Father Wolf spent twenty years in service as a parochial vicar or pastor to various parishes throughout the Province of the Sacred Heart. From 1958 to 1963, he was assigned as an assistant at Saint Patrick Parish, Lincoln. He also spent sixteen years as a hospital chaplain. Father Adam’s Franciscan brothers described him as one who loved to preach, was a hard worker, enjoyed gardening, supported the Franciscan missionary efforts, and was especially devoted to the study of Scripture.

In 1980, Father Wolf suffered a stroke and was rendered incapable of fulfilling the duties of a full time apostolate. Six years later, upon suffering a heart attack, Father Adam was known to speak of each day as a gift. Then on January 3, 1996, he met sister death. The funeral Mass was celebrated on January 6, 1996 at Sacred Heart Chapel on the grounds of Oak Forest Hospital. Father Adam was buried at Saint Mary Cemetery near other members of his immediate family.
“Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no man escapeth. Woe to him who dieth in mortal sin. Blessed are those who die in Thy most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.”

Saint Francis of Assisi
Joseph F. Weiss was born in Poland July 17, 1888. He studied at Notre Dame, Indiana; Orchard Lake, Michigan; and Saint Mary Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained May 26, 1923, by Archbishop Michael J. Curley in Baltimore, Maryland, for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Father Weiss came to the Diocese of Lincoln on October 30, 1931. He had been stationed in Northheim, Wisconsin.

Bishop Louis B. Kucera assigned Father Weiss to Saint Joseph Church in Alma. He served there until June 11, 1933, when he left for the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa.

Father Weiss completed his earthly pilgrimage at Saint Francis Hospital in Grinell, Iowa, on January 4, 1961.

“\textit{The purpose which priests pursue by their ministry and life is the glory of God the Father as it is to be achieved in Christ. That glory consists in this: that men knowingly, freely, and gratefully accept what God has achieved perfectly through Christ, and manifest it in their whole lives. Hence, whether engaged in prayer and adoration, preaching the Word, offering the Eucharistic sacrifice, ministering the other sacraments, or performing any of the works of the ministry for men, priests are contributing to the extension of God’s glory as well as to the development of divine life in men.”} \textit{Documents of Vatican II, Priests, No. 2.}
William McDonald was born in Ireland, May 19, 1860. He studied at Saint John University in Waterford, Ireland. He was ordained there by Bishop Donnelly, June 21, 1884, for the Vicariate of Nebraska. Father William McDonald arrived in the Vicariate of Nebraska, September 6, 1884.

Bishop James O’Connor appointed Father McDonald assistant to Father John Lee in Falls City. From there Father McDonald ministered to the spiritual needs of the Catholics in Rulo and Arago. He was transferred to Dawson as the first resident pastor June 18, 1886.

On August 31, 1894, Father McDonald was appointed pastor of Saint Cecilia in Hastings. His pastorate of thirty years was an era of spiritual and material development at Saint Cecilia’s. Father McDonald supervised the construction of a brick church at a cost of $70,000. It was dedicated by Bishop J. Henry Tihen in 1912.

Father McDonald also established the first parochial school in Hastings in 1912. Because of poor health, he resigned his pastorate in Hastings for a smaller parish. On May 1, 1924, Father McDonald was appointed pastor of Dawson, where he had served as the first resident pastor. It was in Dawson that he made his journey to eternity, January 5, 1926.

“We do not lose heart, because our inner being is renewed each day even though our body is being destroyed at the same time.”

2 Cor. 4:16.
John J. Carey was born on January 1, 1876 in Rochester, New York. He studied at St. Andrew Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard Seminary in Rochester, New York. He was ordained on June 14, 1902, by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid in Rochester for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Carey’s first assignment was Minden and its missions. He directed the construction of the first church in Holdrege in 1903. He built a rectory in Heartwell and was named the first resident pastor of that town in 1904. In July, 1904, Father Carey was transferred to Fairbury with its missions. While there he built a church in Nelson in 1906 and in Fairbury in 1909.

Other assignments included Friend 1928-1930, Harvard 1931-1933, Aurora 1933-1934, York 1934-1935 and Heartwell from 1935 to 1942. Father Carey earned the reputation for being an outstanding lecturer and writer. Many of his addresses were published in newspapers throughout the diocese. He died at Heartwell on January 5, 1942.

In his sermon at the Funeral Mass, Father Van Gils, OSC said: “Within the last three weeks the Diocese of Lincoln has lost three of its priests in death, Fathers O’Sullivan and Lombardi and now Father Carey. Two of them died suddenly. Both performed their priestly duties in the morning and, before another day had dawned, had gone to their eternal reward. Father Carey’s death is the more striking, since both his predecessors in Heartwell, Fathers Carraher and Bickert, preceded him in death in like manner.”
Father Isidore was born December 16, 1893. He was ordained to the priesthood as a member of the Order of Saint Benedict December 19, 1920.

His superiors appointed him chaplain of Madonna Home in Lincoln on June 17, 1966. He served there until he was transferred in August of 1970.

Father Isidore died on January 6, 1979 at Saint Pius X Abbey, Pevely, Missouri.

John J. Reddy was born on March 23, 1886, in County Kilkenny, Ireland. He was ordained on June 24, 1910, at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, by Bishop Gilmartin for the Diocese of Lincoln.

He served at Exeter for a short time, at Palmyra from 1910 to 1916 and at Saint Mary Cathedral from 1916 to 1919, when he was appointed pastor of Saint Peter Church in Bellwood.

In 1935, Father Reddy went to England to celebrate his silver sacerdotal jubilee with his sister who was a member of the Good Shepherd Congregation. She was observing the 25th anniversary of her religious profession. The double celebration was at Saint Michael College in Hampshire, England.

A few months later, on January 6, 1936, God summoned Father Reddy to his eternal jubilee. Father Maurice Downey, delivered the homily at the funeral. He recalled that he and Father Reddy began their preparation for the priesthood together and that they also came to the Diocese of Lincoln together. Bishop Kucera remarked: “We are witnesses of the splendid priest that Father Reddy was and we testify to the honor and respect we owe him.”
Jerome Bernard, son of Joseph and Anna Pokorny, was born on October 23, 1909 in Dwight, Nebraska. He studied at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul and St. Procopius Seminary in Lisle, Illinois. He was ordained on April 20, 1935, in St. Mary Cathedral for the Diocese of Lincoln.

During his 58 years as a priest, Father Pokorny served in Wilber, Cortland, Steinauer, Dwight, Swanton, Crab Orchard, and Davey. He established the mission in Swanton and converted a city hall and jail into a church.

In order to help extend Christ's kingdom, Father Pokorny published CATHOLIC QUOTE, a periodical that eventually had subscribers in every state and in more than 25 foreign countries. He began in 1937, with a mimeographed copy and advanced to a computerized product. "I taught myself from the bottom up." Father frequently told youngsters, "You can do anything, if you just want to badly enough."

Father Pokorny retired from active pastoral service on June 20, 1984. While the Church was still celebrating Epiphany, God called Father Pokorny to Eternal Light on January 6, 1994.

The Holy Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Assumption Church in Dwight on January 11, 1994. He was buried in the parish cemetery.

"Arise, shine out, for your light has come."
Is. 60:1.
THREE MANIFESTATIONS

Wedding in Cana

Magi from the East

Baptism in the Jordan
Father Casper was born in 1875 and ordained as a Franciscan priest in 1900. He was appointed pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Church, the national parish for the German-speaking people in Lincoln, in 1906. During his pastorate a heating plant was installed in the church and the debt was reduced to a minimum. He was transferred outside of the diocese in 1911.

Father Casper died on January 7, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the time of his death he was pastor of Saint Bonaventure Church in Cincinnati.

St. Francis de Sales Church, Lincoln, 1888-1932
January 9, 1944  Msgr. Thomas Cullen

Thomas Cullen was born on August 9, 1855 in Glenfarme, County Leitrim, Ireland. He studied at St. Patrick College, Cavan, Ireland and at the Grand Seminary in Quebec, Canada, from 1881-1884. He was ordained on June 7, 1884 in Quebec by Bishop Dominigne Racine for the Vicariate of Nebraska.

During his first year after ordination, Father Cullen served at Fremont and O’Neill. Both places are now in the Archdiocese of Omaha. In 1885, Bishop O’Connor appointed him pastor of the entire Republican River Valley with residence at McCook. His parish included all of Southwestern Nebraska from Holdrege westward.

In a letter to Msgr. M.A. Shine on October 8, 1912, Father Cullen stated that he was the first priest to offer Holy Mass in Culberston, Trenton, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Way, Una, Saint Ann, Sacred Heart and other places along Frenchman valley. He did all of this in 1885.

On November 5, 1890, Father Cullen was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in York where he continued his boundless missionary activities. During his first year at York, he estimated that there were at least 30 persons over 21 years of age who had received no religious instructions. In order to remedy this situation he got a horse and buggy and then traveled to the homes that were scattered over a vast area. If he had to take a train to answer a sick call, he would borrow a team from one of the families in order to visit other people in that vicinity.

After 42 years as pastor of Saint Joseph’s, Father Cullen resigned on January 1, 1933. He was named chaplain of the Ursuline Academy and pastor emeritus of Saint Joseph’s. On May 23, 1933, he was invested as a Domestic Prelate. Monsignor Cullen completed his earthly life on January 9, 1944.
Philip Luther was born in Holdrege, Nebraska, on May 19, 1957, to Donald and Louisa Luther. He had two brothers and two sisters. Philip graduated from Holdrege High School in 1975. He attended Lincoln School of Commerce and worked for two years before beginning his seminary studies at Pius X Seminary in Erlanger, Kentucky. He completed his seminary training at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. On May 30, 1987, the Most Reverend Glennon P. Flavin ordained Father Luther a priest of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Luther served as a parochial vicar at Saint Teresa Parish, Lincoln, and taught at Pius X High School from 1987-1989. He was then assigned as parochial vicar at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth for one year. In 1990, he was named pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Dawson, and Saint Ann Parish, Shubert. In addition to his pastoral duties, he was director of guidance and taught religion at Sacred Heart School, Falls City. From 1993 to 2001, he served as pastor of Saint James, Trenton, and Holy Family, Palisade. He was then assigned as pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Superior, and Sacred Heart Parish, Nelson, where he ministered until becoming ill in December 2007, with a very aggressive cancer. Upon learning of the seriousness of his illness, Father Luther mentioned to a brother priest that he was offering his sufferings for the salvation of souls. Father Luther passed into eternal life in January 2008.

The Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Luther on January 14, 2008, at the Cathedral. Father Lux, homilist at the funeral, recalled Father Luther’s prayerful, humble way of faithfully living out his priestly vocation.
"We all have the goal of receiving the precious, powerful grace of God, to be a sign for others of His love, mercy and grace."

-Father Luther’s “Homily for 50th Anniversary of Sister Elizabeth, M.S.”
Thomas A. Brandon was born in Chicago on July 22, 1902. The family moved to Toledo, Ohio where Thomas attended St. Charles Elementary School. From 1917-1921 he was a student at Campion Academy in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Then he spent one year at Campion College where he was respected as a football player. Two Crosier Fathers were also attending the college. Thomas told the Dutch priests that he liked the outfit they were wearing and wanted to know what he should do to join the Order.

In September of 1922, the famous football player from Campion College entered the novitiate of the Crosier Fathers. He was the first novice from the United States to be invested with the Crosier habit. He was ordained by Bishop Busch in St. John’s Abbey Church, Collegeville, Minnesota, on June 2, 1928.

He spent the first years of his priestly life teaching at Crosier College. From 1933 to 1936 he was subprior of the Onamia community and pastor of Holy Cross Church in Onamia, Minnesota.

In 1936, the Crosier’s house in Hastings was raised to the status of a priorate and Father Brandon was elected as the first Prior of Hastings. His priorship lasted but two years when he was appointed to open a new minor seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. On June 9, 1942, he was elected prior in Fort Wayne.

After more than a quarter of a century striving for the growth of the Crosier Order, God called Father Brandon to his eternal home on January 9, 1955 at the Crosier House of Studies, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"When the chief shepherd appears, you will be given the crown of unfading glory." 1 Peter 5:4.
Vincent M. Callahan was born in Denver, Colorado, on January 24, 1909. Later his parents moved to Douglas, Nebraska. He studied for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri, and was ordained by Bishop Kucera in Saint Mary Cathedral on April 20, 1935.

Father Callahan served as assistant at Hastings and Falls City until August 22, 1937, when he was appointed administrator of Benkelman and Stratton. While there he began the development of Saint Joanna’s mission in Haigler.

On October 30, 1940, ill health forced him to take a sick leave. Following surgery at Mayo Clinic and a period of recuperation in Omaha, he was appointed chaplain of the Villa in David City. Although he was partially paralyzed, he made a Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome in the fall of 1950. A few months later, January 11, 1951, God called him to his eternal home.

At the Requiem Mass offered in Saint Mary Church, David City, Bishop Kucera remarked that Father Callahan was called, not only to the priesthood, but to the special apostolate of suffering of which Christ is the exemplar. Referring to the fact that most of Father Callahan’s years of priestly life were spent in suffering, the Bishop said that the Way of the Cross was charted by Christ as the pattern of Christian life. Not only the good things, but even sufferings are the talents that God gives us for our sanctification. The Bishop explained that the Church does not glorify pain, but the Church always sees something useful in the suffering that is the lot of human beings and which Christ Himself embraced.
Hubert A. Campo was born on May 12, 1884 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He studied at the College of Saint Michael in Belgium and the Catholic University of Louvain. It was Bishop O’Reilly’s visit to the seminary that aroused his interest in the Diocese of Baker City, Oregon. On July 14, 1907, he was ordained for the Diocese of Baker City.

When Bishop O’Reilly was transferred to Lincoln, he requested that his very intelligent and dependable Father Campo join him in Lincoln as his secretary and chancellor. Father Campo was reluctant to accept this offer since he wished to continue his missionary apostolate in Oregon. After much deliberation, Father Campo came to Lincoln in June of 1919.

After Bishop O’Reilly’s death on February 4, 1923, Father Campo continued his work during the administration of Msgr. Michael A. Shine. When the successor of Bishop O’Reilly was installed, he wished to select his own chancellor. He sent Father Campo to New York as secretary for the Propagation of the Faith from 1925 to 1935.

Father Campo was named a Domestic Prelate in January of 1935. Monsignor Campo was pastor of Aurora from 1935 to 1957, when he retired to Madonna Home. In October of 1973 he became chaplain of Sacred Heart Infirmary, Yankton, South Dakota. After 70 years in the priesthood, Father Campo died on January 12, 1977.
James M. J. Reade was born in 1854, in Rhode Island. He was a member of the Cole-Reade family of Rhode Island that traces its ancestry to the era before the Revolutionary War. Two of the ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence. One was a member of the Cole family and the other was Colonel Reade who is prominent in the historical annals of Rhode Island.

Father Reade studied in New York, Boston, Montreal and several other cities in the East and in Canada. He was ordained about 1892.

His first apostolate after ordination was among the Arapahoes in Wyoming. Later he was a professor in the seminary and pastor of a parish in New York City. Encouraged by the advertisements promoting Nebraska as a very healthful place to live, Father Reade came to Lincoln in June of 1899.

Father Reade served for two months as assistant at Saint Theresa Pro-Cathedral Parish, and then he was appointed as rector of the Cathedral in August of 1899. When he arrived the parish had a debt of $20,000. According to his reports this amount was greatly reduced during the five years of his pastorate. In addition, many improvements were made.

In 1903, Father Reade transferred to Kansas. He died in Manhattanville, Kansas on January 12, 1913.
January 14, 1940  Bishop J. Henry Tihen

John Henry Tihen was born in Oldenburg, Indiana on July 14, 1861. When he was four years old his parents moved to Jefferson City, Missouri. He attended St. Benedict College in Atchison and St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained on April 26, 1886, by Archbishop Peter Kenrick for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

Father Tihen was assistant to Rev. J. J. Hennessy at Saint John Church in St. Louis. When Father Hennessy was appointed Bishop of Wichita in 1889, he requested Father Tihen to transfer to the Diocese of Wichita.

Father Tihen was named a Domestic Prelate in 1910. He was pastor of St. Aloysius Pro-Cathedral when he received his appointment as second Bishop of the Diocese of Lincoln. Msgr. Tihen was ordained to the episcopacy July 6, 1911, and was installed July 19, 1911.

Bishop Tihen made special use of his extraordinary skill as an orator. His lectures on Catholicism, patriotism, social conditions, and various other topics were instrumental in dissipating some of the prejudice against Catholics. As an orator, Bishop Tihen was considered the only rival of William Jennings Bryan.

On September 18, 1917, Bishop Tihen was appointed Ordinary of the Diocese of Denver. After guiding the Church in Denver for 14 years, Bishop Tihen retired in 1931. Pneumonia claimed his earthly life January 14, 1940. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Denver.
January 14, 1912  Rev. Anselm Puetz, O.F.M.

Father Anselm was born on September 1, 1834, and was ordained in 1862. He came to Columbus, Nebraska, with Father Ambrose Janssen on January 27, 1877. The missionary territory assigned to them by Bishop O'Connor included four counties: Platte and Madison Counties north of the Platte River with Polk and Butler Counties south of the river.

Some of the places in Southern Nebraska where Father Anselm carried out his missionary apostolate included Hollander Settlement (St. Francis, David City), Seberger Settlement (St. Andrew, Osceola), David City and the Irish Settlement near Linwood.

In 1877, Father Anselm was called to Seberger Settlement to conduct the funeral of Barbara Seberger. He celebrated Holy Mass in a public school using the teacher’s desk for an altar. He found 30 Catholic families of German and Austrian origin, who had lived there a number of years without any priest visiting them who knew their language.

In 1878, Father Anselm went to the Luxemburg Catholics in Butler County, to the Catholics in David City, and to the Irish Settlement. It was in the Irish Settlement that he celebrated Holy Mass for the first time in a dugout. All of the people in the area lived in dugouts. Father Anselm stayed in the best one — it had two rooms instead of one.

After being transferred, Father Anselm served in Rhineland, Missouri 1881-1883; Chicago, Illinois 1884-1888; Joliet, Illinois 1889-1890; Teutopolis, Illinois 1891-1894; and Cleveland, Ohio 1895 to 1912.
Father Suitbert was born in Kripp, Rhenish Prussia, on September 1, 1834. He professed his religious vows as a Benedictine on November 1, 1866. He was ordained as a priest of the Benedictine Order on April 12, 1867.

In 1869 he was sent to Nebraska City as an assistant to Father Emmanuel Hartig, O.S.B. at Saint Benedict Church. In his history, *Kansas Monks*, Father Peter Beckman refers to Father Suitbert as "one of the most active of the pioneer missionaries."

Father Suitbert was a member of Saint Vincent’s Abbey in Pennsylvania, who was loaned to the Atchison, Kansas community. He served in the missions of Nebraska and Kansas until 1875 when he was recalled to Saint Vincent’s. Father Suitbert was known as a very capable man and for that reason he was transferred to Saint Joseph Parish in Chicago. Although this position afforded him some prestige, Father Suitbert considered himself a missionary and wished to return to Kansas. Accordingly, he transferred his vows to Saint Benedict’s in January of 1885.

The same year he was installed as pastor in Seneca where he directed the construction of a church. It was dedicated, free of debt, on May 22, 1887. This was considered a feat which only Father Suitbert could have accomplished. His ability in managing finances was so impressive that he was recalled to the Abbey in 1892, as community procurator. He served in that position until his death on January 16, 1901.
Richard Brombach was born on May 28, 1910 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He studied at Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Saint Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colorado. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 11, 1936, in Saint Mary Cathedral by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Brombach served as assistant in York, Falls City, and Saint Mary Cathedral in Lincoln before he was given charge of St. Bernard Church, Julian, and St. Paul Church, Dunbar on October 5, 1939.


Father Brombach was also a member of the faculty of Lourdes High School in Nebraska City. In the Liturgy celebrated at the time of his death, Father James F. Benton said: This great teacher took the call to teach young people very seriously. He loved them, and they loved him.....Father Brombach never stopped working hard to serve the Lord. The words of Saint Paul in Galatians tells us the destiny of such a servant: “Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men, since you know full well you will receive an inheritance from Him as your reward. Let us not grow weary of doing good. If we don’t relax our efforts, in due time, we shall reap our harvest.”
Francis Murphy was born in Millstreet, County Cork, Ireland on October 28, 1926. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1951, at Saint Mary Church in Lincoln by Bishop Louis B. Kucera for the Diocese of Lincoln.


Father Murphy retired from active ministry in 1998, and took up residence in his native Ireland. He died on January 16, 2017 at Cork University Hospital in Ireland.

The funeral Mass was held at Saint Patrick Church in Millstreet, Ireland, with burial in the local cemetery. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln on January 20, 2017.
John Glaves, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Glaves, was born in August of 1927. He studied at St. Isaac Jogues Grade School in Hinsdale, Illinois, and St. Patrick Academy, Chicago, Illinois, before entering the minor seminary of St. Joseph in Westmont, Illinois. Father Glaves studied theology at St. Procopius in Lisle, Illinois, and St. Thomas, Denver, Colorado. He was ordained a priest of the Lincoln Diocese by Bishop Louis B. Kucera, at St. Mary Cathedral, Lincoln, on March 19, 1956.

Father Glaves ministered in many parishes of the Lincoln Diocese including: St. Michael, Fairbury; St. Mary, Wallace; Sacred Heart, Lawrence; Sacred Heart, Hebron; St. John, Cambridge; Presentation, Bellwood; St. James, Curtis; St. Joseph, Paul; St. Francis, Center; Holy Trinity, Brainard; Sts. Mary and Joseph, Valparaiso; St. Mary, Davey; St. John, Prague; Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Plati; Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln; St. Michael, Fairbury; St. George, Morse Bluff; Sacred Heart, Cedar Hill; and St. Stephen, Exeter. Bishop Flavin once remarked that when Father Glaves merged the parishes in Agnew and Valparaiso together, there was never a letter of complaint because Father Glaves prepared the parishioners so well for the change. He also taught several different subjects such as Theology, English, Latin, History, and Anthropology, while serving at Marietta High School, Bellwood; Aquinas High School, David City; Lourdes Central Catholic, Nebraska City; Pius X High School, Lincoln; and Bishop Neumann, Wahoo. Father Glaves had a wide variety of interests and especially enjoyed the study of the liturgy and natural sciences. He retired from active ministry in 1998 and lived at Bonacum House before taking up residence at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

Father Glaves came to the end of his earthly pilgrimage on January 17, 2010, at Madonna. His funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz on January 21, at St. Peter, Lincoln. The burial followed at Lincoln Memorial Park. In his funeral homily, Father Michael Christiansen, reflected that Father Glaves had a great appreciation for the priestly fraternity found in the Lincoln Diocese and considered the priests of the Diocese truly as his family.
Joseph Louis Mueller was born on May 4, 1891, in Lemago, Lippe, Germany. He studied at the seminaries in Padeborn, Eichstatt, and Freiburg. On September 27, 1921, he was ordained at Gorheim by Archbishop Schuler for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Father Mueller came to Lincoln on September 13, 1926. He began his duties as chaplain of Saint Elizabeth Hospital on September 17, 1926.

Because of poor health, he could not endure the cold temperatures in Nebraska. For that reason, Father Mueller requested to return to New Mexico until his health had improved, when he hoped to return to the Diocese of Lincoln.

By 1930, Father Mueller was blessed with better health and he had the permission of Bishop Louis B. Kucera to resume his apostolate in Lincoln. The Archbishop of Santa Fe, however, would not release him from his assignment in Alberquerque, New Mexico.

After serving as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Tome, New Mexico, for more than two decades, Msgr. Joseph L. Mueller died on January 17, 1976.

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The person who is never tried nor proved in temptations and afflictions can never attain wisdom.  Saint John of the Cross.
John A. Hayes was born on July 1, 1876 in New York City. He studied at Notre Dame, Indiana and at Saint Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On June 18, 1889 he was ordained in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the Diocese of Lincoln.

During the first five years of his priesthood, Father Hayes served at Indianola, Lincoln, Seward, and Beaver Crossing. Because of illness he was given a leave of absence from 1904 to 1912, when he returned for a short time and served as chaplain of the Ursuline Sisters in York.

Since his health did not improve, he went to live with his mother in New York City. Because of his gradual loss of vision, he had permission to celebrate the Holy Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary every day. He had memorized the text of that Holy Mass.

Father Hayes died at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on January 18, 1928, at the age of 51 years. The funeral services were held at Saint Gabriel Church in New York City. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in New York.

At the time of Father Hayes’ death, Monsignor Luke L. Mandeville was studying at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Therefore, he represented the Diocese of Lincoln at the funeral and delivered the sermon.

The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.  
Saint John of the Cross.
Gerald A. Hughes was born on October 1, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended St. Ignatius High School in Cincinnati, and St. John Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. On May 15, 1958, he was ordained to the holy priesthood by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Dallas, for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Father Hughes served as an assistant pastor in Abilene, Texas, and at St. Bernard in Dallas before pursuing graduate studies at the Lateran University in Rome. There he earned a Doctor of Canon Law Degree in 1963. Monsignor Hughes served as Vicar General in Dallas and then as rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas. Under his direction this Seminary gained national recognition for its formation program.

In 1979, Monsignor Hughes accepted Bishop Flavin’s invitation to be director of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. In this position, Monsignor Hughes again demonstrated his remarkable ability in leading others closer to Christ through his lectures and dedicated life. He compiled and published anonymously the small prayerbook with the green cover that many have continued to use.

After six years of invaluable service to the spiritual development of the Diocese of Lincoln, Monsignor Hughes returned to Dallas in 1985.

After a severe heart attack in 1997, and a bout with pneumonia the first week in January of 1998, Monsignor quietly made his journey to eternity while Monsignor Ivan Vap and Monsignor Myron Pleskac were visiting him in his retirement home in Florida.

Those who are learned will be as radiant as the sky in all its beauty; those who instruct the people in goodness will shine like stars for all eternity.

Dn 12:3
The Mission Of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

— John Henry Cardinal Newman

Bishop’s Lay Committee for Vocations
Thomas Munk was born on February 22, 1935, in Heartwell, Nebraska. He studied at Saint Benedict College in Atchison, Kansas, and at Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. On June 7, 1960, he was ordained in Holy Family Church, Heartwell by Bishop James V. Casey.

Father Munk served at Saint Cecilia Church, Hastings 1960-1964; Saint John Church, Lincoln 1964-1967; and Pius X High School, Lincoln 1967-1968.

During the summers of 1967 and 1968, Father Munk studied at the University of San Francisco. Other assignments included having charge of Saint Michael Church, Cheney and Saint Joseph Church, Greenwood from 1969 to 1972. Because of illness, Father Munk was given a leave of absence on August 28, 1972.

One month before his 45th birthday, Father Munk died in a hospital in San Francisco, California, January 20, 1980. He was buried in Heartwell.

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"Hear my prayer, O Lord,
   to my cry give ear;
   to my weeping be not deaf!
   For I am but a wayfarer before you,
   a pilgrim like all my fathers."

Ps. 39:13.
January 21, 1891   Rev. Thomas E. Donnelly

Thomas E. Donnelly was born on November 22, 1854 in Hornellsville, New York. He studied for the priesthood at Niagara University. On October 26, 1877 he was ordained in Niagara by Bishop Stephen V. Ryan for the Vicariate of Nebraska. He offered his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he had served Holy Mass many times.

Father Donnelly served in Southern Nebraska before the Diocese of Lincoln was established. On December 1, 1877, Bishop James O’Connor appointed him as the first resident pastor of Saint Stephen’s in Exeter with the missions of Grafton and Sutton. Since there was no pastoral residence in Exeter, Father Donnelly supervised the construction of a small rectory. During the two years that he was pastor in Exeter he recorded 47 baptisms and 7 marriages.

In August of 1879, Father Donnelly was transferred to North Platte which was part of the Vicariate of Nebraska. The following year, he left Nebraska to serve the needy in Chicago. He continued his apostolate in Chicago until 1889, when cancer of the throat compelled him to retire.

After a year and three months of intense suffering, Father Donnelly died at the home of his parents in Oil City, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1891. He was 36 years old.

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“I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us.”

Rm. 8:18.
Father Philip Matuska, O.F.M. was sent to the Diocese of Lincoln in 1923. He was assistant at Saint Francis de Sales Church in Lincoln and also had charge of the Catholics living in the area of Ashland.

On February 15, 1921, Father Philip reported that he had celebrated a Holy Mass at the home of Thomas Daileu in Ashland on January 16, 1921. According to his report, this was the first time that Holy Mass had been offered in Ashland for 16 years. Eighteen people were present for the Holy Sacrifice.

On April 23, 1923, Father Philip appealed to the Catholic Church Extension Society for $1000 in order that the parish might buy a church building from the Baptists. They were willing to sell it for a few thousand dollars.

When Father Philip began his visits to Ashland, he went there once each month, but gradually he increased his visits to once every two weeks. He had 12 families in his congregation, but five of them were too poor to make any donation.

The Catholic Church Extension Society agreed to help on the condition that the church be named Saint Mary. In the renovation of the building, a spire with a cross was added. The first Holy Mass was celebrated in it on Ascension Thursday, 1924.

After the building was completed, Father Philip was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, in 1924. He completed his earthly life while pastor of St. Anthony Church, McGehee, Arkansas, January 21, 1950.
Michael A. Grogan was born on July 31, 1897 in Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland. He studied at Saint John College in Waterford, Ireland and was ordained to the priesthood at Saint John Cathedral in Waterford by Bishop Hackett on June 12, 1921. He was ordained for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Grogan came to Lincoln on September 15, 1921. He was assistant at Saint Mary Cathedral, Lincoln from 1921 to 1924 when he was transferred to Steinauer. When the parochial school burned, he directed the construction of a new building and limited the cost to the amount of the insurance.

On October 31, 1936, Father Grogan was appointed pastor of Saint Cecilia in Hastings. He was named a Domestic Prelate on June 2, 1943. The parish honored him in 1961, his 40th sacerdotal anniversary and his silver jubilee as pastor of St. Cecilia’s. On that occasion Andy Sherman, a parishioner, mentioned that Monsignor had never been late for any service. Commenting on Monsignor’s personality he remarked that Monsignor “could unfailingly see and point out the laughable, the humorous and the ironic in daily life.”

After a pastorate of 30 years in Hastings, Monsignor Grogan was transferred to Ashland on June 15, 1966. He retired in 1970 and returned to Ireland in 1975, where he died on January 22, 1976. At the time of his death, Father Edward Tuchek described Monsignor as an organizer, builder, pastor and friend. He thought that Monsignor Grogan met his Maker with his customary grin and probably said, “I am here because you called me.”
January 22, 1992  Rev. Larry L. Honnold, O.S.C.

Larry L. Honnold, son of Zack Honnold and Laura Haulet, was born in Aitkin, Minnesota, on November 21, 1940. He entered the novitiate at Crosier Monastery, Hastings, Nebraska, in 1968. He completed his theological studies at Crosier House of Studies, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was ordained there on May 12, 1973.

After serving for seven years as teacher, counselor and director of communications at Crosier Seminary, Onamia, Minnesota, Father Honnold returned to Hastings in 1980. He held the office of Retreat Director until 1982, when he was named the Director of the Crosier Renewal Center in Hastings.

Leaving Hastings in 1983, Father Honnold continued his apostolic work in Michigan and Minnesota. The last assignment given to him was that of pastor of Saint Mary's Parish, Milaca, Minnesota. It was there, while teaching a 6th grade religion class, that the 51-year-old priest, without any warning, suddenly collapsed. He died enroute to the hospital.

Father Michael Cotone, O.S.C., the homilist for the Holy Mass of Christian Burial, mentioned that one of Father Honnold's special ministries "was counseling and care for the terminally ill and for those who were in the process of grieving." In addition, Father Honnold is remembered as a musician, a photographer, a fisherman and a self-taught master of the computer.

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"I shall come to you like a thief, without telling you what hour to expect me." Rev. 3:3.
THE LORD CHOSE HIM FOR A PRIEST UNTO HIMSELF TO OFFER UNTO HIM THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE.
Giacomo della Chiesa was born in Genoa, Italy, on November 21, 1854. He was the son of Marchese Giuseppe della Chiesa, a noble. Giacomo attended a school of law in Genoa and later studied theology the Gregorian University in Rome. Father della Chiesa was ordained in 1873. In 1879, he graduated with a doctorate in sacred theology.

Father della Chiesa was trained in the Vatican diplomatic service and later assisted Cardinal Rampolla, the Secretary of State for the Holy See. In 1907, Pope Pius X named Father della Chiesa the Archbishop of Bologna. Archbishop della Chiesa was then made a Cardinal in 1914.

Three months later, following the death of Saint Pius X, Cardinal della Chiesa became the Roman Pontiff with the name Benedict XV. His papacy was marked by his efforts to bring peace in the midst of the turmoil of World War I. His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, recognized the valuable witness of his predecessor and chose his name as “a link to the venerated Pontiff, Benedict XV, who guided the Church through the turbulent time of the First World War. He was a most courageous prophet of peace who struggled strenuously and bravely, first to avoid the drama of war and then to limit its terrible consequences. In his footsteps I place my ministry, in the service of reconciliation and harmony between peoples, profoundly convinced that the great good of peace is above all a gift of God, a fragile and precious gift to be invoked, safeguarded and constructed, day after day with everyone’s contribution.” Pope Benedict XV also promulgated the new Code of Canon Law, fought the lies of modernism, and encouraged devotion to Our Lady. This “Pontiff of Peace” passed away on January 22, 1922.
Calvin Goodwin was born in Norwalk, Connecticut on October 24, 1948. Upon graduating from Fairfield University in Connecticut, he went on to earn an advanced degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto and a theology degree from Weston School of Theology in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1974, Father Goodwin entered the Society of Jesus. During his time in formation, he spent four years teaching Latin and Greek at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine. Father Goodwin was ordained a priest on June 9, 1979 and returned to Cheverus to teach the classics for 20 years.

Due to his great love for the Traditional Latin Mass, he became a member of the religious order of the Fraternity of Saint Peter in 1999. Father Goodwin was the assistant chaplain in Pequannock, New Jersey (1999-2000), then he taught at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska (2000-2013). In addition to his teaching duties, Father Goodwin was the spiritual director to many seminarians at the seminary in Denton. He later became the Director of Priest Training for those priests wishing to learn the Traditional Latin Mass.

In 2013, he retired in order to assist his mother in Lewiston, Maine, while continuing to collaborate with Latin Mass Magazine and serve as a retreat preacher. Father Goodwin suffered a serious stroke in 2016, and after a long illness, died peacefully on January 22, 2021.

The funeral Mass and burial took place on January 29, 2021 at Saint Mary Church in Norwalk, Connecticut.
Clarence C. Stirn was born on April 5, 1901 in Lansing, Iowa. He studied at Columbia College, Dubuque, Iowa; St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; and St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado. On April 11, 1936, he was ordained in Saint Mary Cathedral, Lincoln, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

After serving for short periods of time at St. Mary Cathedral, Lincoln; Saint Andrew Church, Tecumseh; and Saint Mary Church, David City; Father Stirn was given charge of Saint Mary Parish in Wallace and Resurrection Parish in Elsie. Other assignments included Milligan and Tobias 1944-1952, Ashland and Greenwood 1952-1960, Imperial and Wauneta 1960-1964, and Campbell and Harvard 1969-1975.


Father Tuchek’s article in the Southern Nebraska Register stated: “He was a good pastor and teacher. He had the rare distinction of being a teacher in a public school. He shared his knowledge of crafts with students in shop class. He was unpretentious, friendly, pious.”

“I have filled him with a divine spirit of skill and understanding and knowledge in every craft.” Ex. 31:3.
Father Casimir was born on March 9, 1871 in Mount Healthy, Ohio. He studied at Fidelis College in Summit Pennsylvania, and at the Franciscan seminaries in Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; and Oldenburg, Indiana. He was ordained on June 14, 1901, by Bishop Denis O’Donaghue, as a member of the Franciscan Order.

Father Casimir’s first assignment was as assistant at Saint Francis de Sales Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1901 to 1907. His provincial then transferred him to Calumet, Michigan, and later to Lafayette, Indiana.

In 1910, Father Casimir was appointed pastor of Saint Patrick Church in Havelock. The combination church and school had been started before his arrival. Father Casimir continued the construction and finished the interior in 1913. When the number of parishioners at Saint Patrick’s increased and the parish was capable of supporting a resident pastor, the Franciscans were requested to leave in 1915.

Two years later, Father Casimir returned to the church where he began his priestly apostolate – Saint Francis de Sales Church in Lincoln. During his pastorate the parish debt was liquidated and a sum of $5000 was saved for future development. Father Casimir served as pastor until 1924.

It was on January 23, 1948, in Mount Healthy, Ohio, that God summoned Father Casimir from his priestly pilgrimage.

Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life’s work, in thorough-going service.” II Timothy 4:5.
Edward Szczech was born October 9, 1919, in Syracuse, New York. He began studying for the priesthood at Saint Bernard Seminary in Rochester, New York. In 1945, when Bishop Kucera accepted his petition to study for the Diocese of Lincoln, Edward transferred to Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan. May 6, 1948, he was ordained in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, New York, by the Most Reverend Walter A. Foery.

Father Szczech's first assignment was Saint Cecilia, Hastings. Two years later he was transferred to Sacred Heart Parish, Lincoln. While there he participated in the Diocesan Mission Band. This group was organized by Bishop Kucera to conduct missions in all the parishes of the diocese on the occasion of his silver jubilee as Bishop of Lincoln.


God called Father Szczech to his eternal home on the feast of St. Francis de Sales, January 24, 1992. He was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Syracuse, New York, January 29.

"In you, Lord, is our hope. We shall never hope in vain." Responsory, Office of the Dead.
In the last paragraph of his classic, *Introduction to a Devout Life*, St. Francis de Sales wrote:

LOOK UP TO HEAVEN, and

DO NOT FORFEIT IT FOR EARTH.

Reverend Anton Morgenroth was born to a Jewish family in Berlin, Germany, on July 2, 1912. He attended high school at Arndt Gymnasium and graduated in 1930. Three years later, during an apprenticeship, he was dismissed from the program for being non-Aryan. He moved to London, England; then Johannes burg, South Africa; and finally to Oakland, California.

While in California in 1938, he was received into the Catholic Church. A few months later, he began his seminary studies at Saint Mary College, Saint Mary, Kentucky. In 1939, he entered the Holy Ghost Fathers’ novitiate in Ridgefield, Connecticut. He continued his studies at Saint Mary Seminary, Norwalk, Connecticut and was ordained a priest on March 8, 1945.

Following his ordination, Father Morgenroth served as a missionary, teacher, and headmaster in several locations in Tanzania, the United States, and Germany. He earned a Masters in Education (1953) and a Doctorate in Education (1962). Father Morgenroth was a talented author. Some of his published works include Meditations on the Rosary, Meditations on the Sermon on the Mount, Splendor of the Faith, The Priestly Prayer of Christ. Many religious and priests benefited from his deeply inspiring retreats.

Father Morgenroth served the Diocese of Lincoln from 1980 to 1992. He conducted theology programs for adults and teachers of religion, gave spiritual conferences to religious Sisters, served as an assistant at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, and taught at Pius X High School. In 1992, he moved to Saint Joseph Parish, Conway, Arkansas where he worked at the parish and school until his retirement in 1994. Upon the decline of his health, Father Morgenroth moved to Houston, Texas and later to Hemet, California.

Father Morgenroth was called to the “Bosom of Abraham” on January 24, 2004. He is buried in the Holy Ghost Fathers’ Cemetery in Hemet, California. A memorial Mass was celebrated for Father’s soul on May 5, at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln. In the homily at that Mass, Father Perkinton described Father Morgenroth as a cultured gentlemen who, despite his granite exterior, had a deep lightheartedness, kindness, and compassion in imitation of Christ. Father Morgenroth will be remembered by many for his perseverance in the face of persecution, faithfulness to the truths of the Catholic faith, his gift of spiritual insight, his virtuosic mastery of the piano keyboard, and his delightfully dry wit.
“As faith, hope, and charity lay hold of more and more of our lives, of our thoughts, actions, resignations, crosses, as our relations to God and neighbor are being transformed by the wisdom of God, ... all of these become treasures we store up in Heaven.”

(Rev. Anton Morgenroth. “Meditations on the Sermon on the Mount.” Southern Nebraska Register October 5, 1984.)
James G. Creede was born on November 19, 1884, in Ireland. He was educated at Saint Francis Seminary in Cork, Ireland, and was ordained by Archbishop Walde in Cork, Ireland, for the Diocese of Cork.

Father Creede came to the United States and was accepted temporarily by Bishop Charles J. O’Reilly on November 3, 1923. He served at Saint Mary in David City and at Saint Cecilia in Hastings.

In February of 1923, Monsignor Michael A. Shine, the Administrator of the Diocese of Lincoln after the death of Bishop O’Reilly, informed Father Creede that his faculties would not be renewed. On February 26, 1923, Father Creede left the diocese.

To demonstrate his displeasure with the dismissal, Father Creede asked the Episcopal Bishop of Western Nebraska to receive him into the Episcopal ministry. His request was granted. Without any further study or ordination, he was appointed pastor of the Episcopal Church in Grand Island.

After four or five months he left that assignment and went East. Eventually he returned to Ireland. Meanwhile, the prayers of his brother priests in the Lincoln Diocese and the prayers of his relatives and friends were being offered incessantly for Father Creede. In 1936, he cooperated with God’s grace and returned to the Church. He spent the last three years of his life in a monastery in Dublin where God called his prodigal son to his eternal inheritance on January 25, 1939.

Father Creede’s cousin, Sister Regina, a Sister of Charity stationed at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City, Montana, informed Bishop Kucera of Father Creede’s death and requested prayers for him.

"There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance." Luke 15:7.
January 25, 1958     Rev. Paul Berens, O.S.B.

Father Paul Berens, O.S.B. was chaplain of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital in Falls City from 1950 to 1955 when the hospital was closed. He died at Saint Benedict Abbey in Atchison, Kansas on January 25, 1958.


Jerome Boyle was born in North Platte, Nebraska on July 20, 1904. He studied at Regis College in Denver, Xavier University in Cincinnati and Saint Louis University. He was ordained for the Jesuit Order in Saint Mary’s, Kansas on June 21, 1939.

On July 13, 1971, he was appointed assistant pastor at Saints Peter and Paul in Falls City. He also served at Saint Cecilia in Hastings and Saint Joseph in Auburn. Father Boyle died in North Platte on January 25, 1972.


Father Hubert was born on April 2, 1893. He studied at St. Fidelis Capuchin College in Hermann, Pennsylvania and at the Capuchin House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He was ordained on June 24, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland.

He came to the Diocese of Lincoln on December 31, 1937 and was named administrator of St. Vitus in Touhy. On May 15, he was transferred to Blue Hill and served there until June 9, 1939.

Father Hubert died on January 25, 1968 at St. Augustine Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
John Meinrad Hebert was born on June 10, 1921 in Vincennes, Indiana. He studied philosophy at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, and theology at Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri and Saint Meinrad’s Seminary in Saint Meinrad, Indiana. He was ordained on May 15, 1951 by Archbishop Paul Schulte of Indianapolis for the Diocese of Lincoln.

While in the Diocese of Lincoln, Fr. Hebert was an assistant from 1951 to 1955 at various parishes and mission band work. He worked in the Archdiocese of Omaha and then entered the military in 1960. Upon leaving the military in 1961, he returned to serve in a number of parishes across the diocese. At his request, Father retired from active ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln in September of 1986, and took various assignments in the Archdiocese of Omaha, in Iowa, California, Illinois, and Arkansas.

Father Hebert died on Friday, January 26, 2013 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. A funeral Mass was offered in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas on February 1, 2013, with burial at Cedar Vale Cemetery. A Memorial Mass was celebrated in San Diego, California, by his nephew, Father Jacob Bertrand.
“I have fought the good fight, I have run the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth a crown of justice awaits me, and the Lord, who is a just judge, will give it to me on that day.”

2 Timothy 4:7-8
Raphael J. Collins was born on July 31, 1914, in Waseca, Minnesota. He studied at Saint Mary College in Winona, Saint Thomas College in Saint Paul, Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, and Saint Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained on March 20, 1943 at Saint Francis Seminary by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Collins was assistant at Saint Mary Cathedral from 1943 to 1944 when he was sent to The Catholic University of America. In 1945 he was named Diocesan Director of Charities and associate editor of the Southern Nebraska Register. In addition, he served as chaplain of the State Penitentiary and Reformatory. He also published an English translation of the Roman Martyrology.

In 1947, Father Collins resumed his studies at The Catholic University of America. After completing his studies, he was named Director of Saint Thomas Orphanage and Director of the Catholic Social Service Bureau. From 1949 to 1959, he was pastor of Saint Mary Church in Denton.

On December 22, 1949, he was named a papal chamberlain and invested on January 30, 1950. In 1959, Monsignor Collins was relieved of his duties as Director of Catholic Social Services and was appointed pastor of Assumption and Kenesaw. In 1963 he was transferred to Syracuse.

Monsignor Collins died on January 25, 1975, in Washington while attending the funeral of his brother, Father Joseph Collins, S.S., the famous religious educator.
Julian Voskuhl was born on July 29, 1898 in Saint Wendelin, Ohio. He studied at Saint Mary Preparatory Seminary in Burketsville, Ohio, and at Saint Charles Seminary in Carthagena, Ohio. He was ordained as a member of the Precious Blood Order on May 17, 1928, at Saint Charles Seminary in Carthagena.

On July 13, 1971, Father Voskuhl was appointed assistant pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Nebraska City. In 1976, he was transferred to the Seminary in Carthagena.

Four months before Father Voskuhl would have celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, God called him to the eternal jubilee on January 27, 1978.

"ALL OF YOU MUST DRINK FROM IT", he said, "FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD."

Mt. 26:28.
January 30, 1996

Monsignor Daniel Cooper

Daniel Erwin Cooper was born in Ames, Iowa, on March 25, 1904. He attended Columbia College in Dubuque and Saint Paul Seminary in Minnesota. On May 25, 1937, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Kucera in the Cathedral of Saint Mary, Lincoln.

His first assignment was as an assistant at the Cathedral from 1937 to 1941. Other assignments included Presentation in Bellwood, 1941-1959; Wahoo, 1959-1968; Sacred Heart, Lawrence, 1968-1971; Palmyra and Douglas, 1971-1973; Orleans and Oxford, 1973-1976; Beaver Crossing and Utica, 1976-1984; and Davey from 1984 to his retirement in 1985. While pastor in Bellwood, he was named a Domestic Prelate on June 2, 1955.

The efforts Monsignor made for Catholic education were remarkable. At his request, parishioners furnished room and board for young people who wished to attend Marietta High School. Here Monsignor wished to offer an excellent Catholic curriculum including music. There were no funds to pay a music director, hence Monsignor prepared himself for that position.

During the summer evenings, in the yard of his isolated rectory, with light provided by a lantern hanging from a tree, and armed with lotion to keep the mosquitoes at a distance, Monsignor Cooper taught himself to play all the instruments needed for a band. Then, in addition to his pastoral duties, his schedule included teaching, coaching and directing the band.

After retirement, Monsignors Cooper and Wageman became the first residents of Bonacum House. Monsignor was living there when God called him to join the choirs of angels on January 30, 1996.

All those who played the trumpet, or who sang, united in giving praise and glory to Yahweh. Lifting their voices to the sound of the trumpet and cymbal and instruments of music, they gave praise to Yahweh, for he is good and his mercy is everlasting.

2 CH 5:13.
"It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing thy name, O most High; to proclaim your love at daybreak and your faithfulness throughout the night to the music of the zither and the lyre, to the rippling of the harp."

Psalm 92
August Rausch was born on April 27, 1847, in Falkenbert, Germany. He began his studies for the priesthood in Breslau, Germany. Because of the disturbances caused by the Kulturkampf August came to the United States in 1876. He completed his preparation at St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained on April 4, 1877 for the Vicariate of Nebraska.

Father Rausch served for a few months in Fremont before being named pastor of Rulo on October 28, 1877. On January 1, 1881, he was appointed pastor of Table Rock with its missions which included Humboldt, Turkey Creek, Balls Branch, Plum Creek and Liberty. On October 4, 1881, Wymore and Odell were added to his charges. He boarded with the parishioners until the spring of 1882, when he built a house and used one of the large rooms as a chapel until November 9, 1886, when a church was completed.

Other places where Father Rausch served were Hebron 1889-1891, Roseland for a few months in 1891, Hebron 1891-1892, Orleans with all the stations between Superior and Oxford 1892-1895, Fairbury 1895-1897, and Campbell from March 3, 1897 to the time of his death on January 30, 1904.

He who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side.” II Cor. 4:14-15.
Richard Fitzgerald was born in Clayton County, New York. He was ordained on June 21, 1893, in Cincinnati, Ohio by Bishop William Elder for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Fitzgerald’s first appointment was as assistant pastor at Saint Theresa Pro-Cathedral. He served there until August of 1894, when he was appointed chaplain of Visitation Academy in Hastings.

After only two and one-half years of priestly ministrations, Father Fitzgerald was summoned to his heavenly home on January 31, 1896. He was buried in Highland Cemetery.

Erasmus Gengler was born on September 2, 1900, in Bryant, Indiana. He was ordained as a member of the Precious Blood Congregation on February 19, 1929 in Carthagena, Ohio.

Father Gengler was sent to the Diocese of Lincoln on August 6, 1933. He was pastor of Holdrege and Smithfield until February 1, 1937, when he was transferred to Saint Benedict Church in Nebraska City.

In October of 1937, he was recalled from the Diocese of Lincoln. At the time of his death on January 31, 1978, Father Gengler was pastor of Saint Charles Church in Carthagena.