Father Gilbert, O.S.B., was born in Atchison, Kansas, on April 2, 1907, to Theodore and Nellie (Vandeloo) Wolters. In 1926, he graduated from Saint Benedict High School. He went on to study at Saint Benedict College in Atchison, through his sophomore year. Then he entered and completed his novitiate at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He professed his first vows on July 2, 1929, and graduated from Saint Benedict College in 1931. Upon the completion of his seminary studies, Father Gilbert was ordained a priest on May 26, 1934.

Four years after his ordination, Father Gilbert earned a doctorate in sociology at the Catholic University of America. From 1938 to 1972, Father Gilbert served as chairman of the Sociology Department at Saint Benedict College which was later known as Benedictine College in Atchison. He also was the Athletic Director (1944-1945) and Academic Dean (1945-1951). In the early 1970’s, Father Gilbert served as Assistant Dean of the College. He retired from the college in 1977.

In his retirement, Father Gilbert was chaplain for the Benedictine Sisters in Glendora, California. Later he assisted at parishes in Kansas and Nebraska. One of the parishes he served was Saints Peter and Paul, Falls City, Nebraska.

After seventy-four years of faithfully serving the Lord as a priest, and nearly eighty years as a Benedictine monk, Father Gilbert was summoned to his eternal home on June 1, 2008. He passed away on the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Father Gilbert was the last surviving monk to have served Mass for the first abbot of Saint Benedict Abbey in Atchison, Kansas, Innocent Wolf, O.S.B. Father Gilbert’s funeral mass was at Saint Benedict Abbey Church and internment followed in the Abbey cemetery.
Leo Francis, son of John Shedivy and Mary Stedry, was born on February 22, 1913, in Richland Center, Wisconsin. He attended St. John's Academy in Dubuque, Iowa, and Crosier Seminary Junior College in Onamia, Minnesota.

In 1933, Leo began his novitiate at Immaculate Conception Monastery, Hastings, Nebraska. On the feast of St. Augustine, August 28, 1934, he had the distinction of being one of the first novices to make temporary vows as a member of the Crosier Order in the new monastery in Hastings. The vows were received by the Master General, Father William Van Pinter. He was ordained to the holy priesthood on June 3, 1939, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera in the Church of St. Cecilia in Hastings.

After ordination, Father Shedivy taught for nine years at Crosier Seminary, Onamia, Minnesota. He spent the remainder of his apostolic life in Hastings. During those 48 years, his priestly services were extensive. He conducted Forty Hours Devotion, helped on weekends in various parishes, visited the sick and worked with the Knights of Columbus. He could boast that he had served in all but three of the parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln.

When God called him home at age 83, he was the oldest Crosier Father in the United States. The Very Rev. James G. Moeglein, O.S.C. offered the Holy Mass of Christian Burial on June 4, 1996. The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskewitz was present for the Sacred Liturgy.

May God be praised for the legacy of selfless service that Father Shedivy gave to the Church.

"O the delight of that heavenly kingdom where there is no fear of death!
O the supreme and endless bliss of everlasting life!"

St. Cyprian
"Sermon on Man's Mortality"
William F. Bradley was born on December 2, 1866, in Oxford, England. He studied at Munpret College in Limerick, Ireland; Collegio Brignole Sale in Genoa, Italy; and All Hallows College in Dublin. He was ordained in Dublin by Bishop Patrick A. Ludden of Syracuse, New York, for the Lincoln Diocese.

Father Bradley came to Lincoln on August 16, 1895. He had charge of Exeter until January 1, 1896, when he was appointed chancellor and secretary to Bishop Bonacum. In addition he cared for the missions of Agnew and Cortland. His other assignments were: Tecumseh 1902-1903, Plattsmouth 1903-1908, and the cathedral in Lincoln from 1908-1918.

On July 14, 1918, Father Bradley resigned as rector of the cathedral. In a moment of weakness, after 23 years in the priesthood, he abandoned his priestly life. In less than a year he attempted to rectify his mistake.

He spent the last years of his life living in one miserable room. Deprived of all material comfort, he spent his time in prayer and penance. One of the priests in Denver visited him in his poor hovel. When his heart ailment became critical, he was moved to St. Joseph Hospital in Denver. There he could not understand the kindness and solicitous care given to him by the members of the staff.

There must have been great joy in heaven when Father Bradley understood fully the meaning of “You are a priest forever”. He died June 2, 1941 and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Denver.
In 1902, Father Maurice Rippberger, O.F.M. was transferred by his Provincial from Saint Bernard, Ohio, to Lincoln. He was appointed pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Church in September of 1902. Father Maurice served as pastor of this national parish for German-speaking Catholics until August of 1906.

Father Maurice completed his earthly life on June 3, 1958, at Saint Francis Friary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Be Awake to All the Dangers;
Stay Firm in the Faith;
Be Brave and Be Strong.”

1 Cor. 16:13.
The Roncalli family welcomed Angelo, the fourth of their fourteen children, on November 25, 1881. They were farmers who lived near Bergamo, Italy. Angelo studied at the seminary in Bergamo and completed his studies at the Pontifical Seminary in Rome. He was ordained in 1904.

Father Roncalli became secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo in 1905, and taught at the Bergamo Seminary. In 1914 after the death of the Bishop, Father Roncalli continued teaching in the seminary and served as a parish priest. During World War I, Father Roncalli was drafted into the medical corps and was a chaplain to wounded soldiers. In 1919, he was appointed spiritual director of the seminary in Bergamo. Two years later, Pope Benedict XV named him the Italian President of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pius XI raised Father Roncalli to the episcopate in 1925. Bishop Roncalli served as the Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria, Apostolic Delegate to Greece and Turkey, and Apostolic Nuncio to France. He was created a Cardinal in 1953, and appointed Patriarch of Venice. Five years later, following the death of Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Roncalli was elected Pope and received the name John XXIII.

His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, “won over (many people) by his simplicity of heart, combined with a broad experience of people and things” (Pope John Paul II). He wrote Pacem in Terris and Mater et Magistra as guides to Christian living in the social realm. He also called the Roman Synod, began the revision of the Code of Canon Law, and opened the Second Vatican Council. Though his pontificate lasted but five years, it had far reaching effects on the life of the Church. The “good Pope John”, as many of the faithful affectionately called him, passed into eternal life on June 3, 1963. Pope John Paul II remembered him as “the Pope who impressed the world with the friendliness of his manner which radiated the remarkable goodness of his soul.”
John J. Loughran was born on July 12, 1858, at Edgerton, Wisconsin. He studied at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee; St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore; St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul; and Niagara University, Buffalo. He was ordained April 22, 1888, by Archbishop Lynch at Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Loughran was stationed for a few months in Hastings and Exeter in 1888. His other appointments were: Minden 1888-1902, McCook 1902-1908, Dawson 1908-1911, Seward 1911-1912, and Ulysses 1912-1938.

During the 14 years that Father Loughran was pastor of Minden, he drove a team or rode a horse to his stations that extended from Kenesaw to Holyoke, Colorado. He had 17 places where he celebrated Holy Mass, visited the sick, and presided at the burial of the deceased members of his scattered parishioners.

In McCook, Father Loughran did comparable missionary work. He also directed the construction of the church and was instrumental in getting money from the Carnegie Foundation for a pipe organ. He organized the first council of the Knights of Columbus and introduced the Daughters of Isabella into the State of Nebraska.

In 1935, Father Loughran retired in Sabetha, Kansas. He died there on June 4, 1938.
Father Benno Tushaus, O.F.M. was pastor of Saint Patrick Parish, Lincoln from September 3, 1958 to August 12, 1960. He had previously been stationed in Chicago.

While pastor of Saint Patrick’s, Father Benno started a building fund for a new school. He also acquired property for the proposed building.

On August 12, 1960, Father Benno’s provincial transferred him to St. Peter’s Church in the Loop, Chicago, where he had worked previous to his pastorate in Lincoln.

While engaged in his apostolate at St. Peter’s in Chicago, Father Benno suffered a heart attack and was summoned by his Creator on June 4, 1968.

“Priests should remember that in performing their tasks they are never alone. Relying on the power of Almighty God and believing in Christ Who called them to share in His priesthood, they should devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust, knowing that God can intensify in them the ability to love.”

Documents of Vatican II, Priests, No. 22.
Samuel J. Milner was born on February 1, 1877, in Baltic, Connecticut. He studied at Epiphany College in Maryland; Niagara Seminary in New York; and St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was ordained on May 24, 1902, in Philadelphia by Bishop Edmund F. Prendergast for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

During the 17 years that he served in the Diocese of Harrisburg, he had the opportunity to give missions in Nebraska. Therefore, he was acquainted with conditions when he asked to be accepted into the Diocese of Lincoln in 1919.

After serving for a short time at Saint Mary Cathedral, Lincoln, and at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Falls City, Father Milner was appointed pastor of Saint Ann Parish in Shubert in September of 1919.

Father Milner was incardinated into the Diocese of Lincoln on January 6, 1921. On January 1, 1922, he was transferred to Saint Joseph Church, Colon, with Mead as a mission.

At age 49, on June 5, 1926, Father Milner was called to his eternal home. He was in Saint Catherine Hospital in Omaha when he died.

"The Promises of the Lord are sure, like tried silver, freed from dross, sevenfold refined."  
Ps. 12:7.
William A. Murphy was born on October 26, 1896, in Falls City, Nebraska. He studied at Saint Benedict College in Atchison, Kansas; Conception College in Conception, Missouri; and Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained on May 29, 1924, in Falls City, by Bishop Francis J. Beckman.

Father Murphy was assistant at Falls City, Fairbury, and Saint Mary’s Cathedral until 1929. He served as pastor of Cedar Bluffs 1929-1933; David City 1933-1952; St. Francis, Center 1952-1956; Dawson and Shubert 1956-1958; Minden 1958-1963; and Ashland and Greenwood 1963-1966.

In 1949, Father Murphy celebrated his silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood at Saint Mary’s in David City. He supervised the remodeling of Saint Mary’s Church and was a leader in securing the establishment of Saint Joseph’s Villa in David City.

On August 2, 1955, he was invested as a Domestic Prelate at Saint Francis Church in Center. In his sermon at the Holy Mass, the Rev. Rawley Myers remarked that Monsignor Murphy was the first diocesan priest from Falls City and that he had been an inspiration to other young men from Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Monsignor Murphy died suddenly on June 7, 1966 in Ashland. An editorial in the Southern Nebraska Register stated: “Monsignor Murphy was a devout priest. He had that beautiful simplicity of a child in his approach to Our Lord and the Blessed Mother.”
June 6, 2013

Rev. John Peter Gadient

John Peter Gadient was born on June 9, 1920 in Belle Creek, Minnesota. He studied the Classics at Saint John Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota, philosophy for one year each at Saint Paul Seminary, Minnesota and Saint John, Collegeville, Minnesota. He also studied theology at Saint John Home Missions Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Father Gadient was ordained on October 18, 1945, in Saint Mary Cathedral by Bishop Louis B. Kucera for the Diocese of Lincoln. He enjoyed a very fruitful ministry during the years of his priesthood from 1945 until his retirement in 1997, touching many hearts and souls in over twenty parishes across the diocese.

Besides his work in the parishes, Father Gadient was very devoted to serving the people by his leadership as Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Spiritual Director for the Legion of Mary, member of the Building Commission of the Diocese of Lincoln, Spiritual Director of the Nebraska State Court of Catholic Order of Foresters, and was also a Confessor/Spiritual Director at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska.

Father Gadient retired from active ministry in 1997 to reside as Senior Priest in Residence at Saint Wenceslaus, Bee, Nebraska, from 1997-2005. During the later part of 2005, Father Gadient moved to Sacred Heart, Beaver Crossing, where he lived as Senior Priest in Residence until 2007. On January 22, 2007, he moved into Bonacum House in Lincoln. Also during the year of 2007, he was relieved of his duties as Diocesan Moderator of LDCCW, and in 2011 as Diocesan Director of the Legion of Mary.

In March of 2011, he moved to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, where he died on June 6, 2013. A Rosary was said for him on June 9, and funeral at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ on June 10, 2013. He was buried at Saint Columbkille Cemetery in rural Goodhue, Minnesota.
Clarence J. Riordan was born on October 6, 1902, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He studied at Saint Mary’s College, St. Mary’s, Kansas; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado. He was ordained March 31, 1934 in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Lincoln, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Riordan’s first assignments included assistant at Blessed Sacrament Church, Lincoln; news editor of the Southern Nebraska Register, Defender of the Matrimony Bond, director of Charities and diocesan master of ceremonies. From 1935-1937, Father Riordan did graduate work in Canon Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

From 1937 to 1955, he was pastor of Saint Mary Cathedral. On February 14, 1955, he was named a Domestic Prelate. In addition to his duties at the cathedral, Monsignor Riordan served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Lincoln from 1944 to 1956.

Due to ill health, Monsignor Riordan resigned as pastor of the cathedral December 11, 1955. He was appointed chaplain of Saint Elizabeth Hospital June 1, 1956.

Monsignor Riordan retired July 1, 1978. He answered God’s summons to eternity June 7, 1979. Monsignor had a convincing way of presenting the truths of faith. After a series of Lenten Sermons on Christian Marriage, Bishop Kucera remarked: “I have never heard such scholarly and yet simple discourses.”
June 8, 1974 — Rev. Patrick J. O'Leary

Patrick O'Leary was born July 4, 1891, in Killarney, Ireland. He studied at St. Brendan's, Killarney; Mungret College, Limerick; St. Peter's College, Wexford; St. Paul Seminary, Minnesota; St. Francis Seminary, Wisconsin; and Kenrick Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri. He was ordained September 21, 1924, in Lincoln, by Bishop Francis J. Beckman.


Speaking at the silver sacerdotal jubilee of Father O'Leary in 1949, Bishop Kucera stated that the ideal of priests of all ages has been love of Christ, of the Church and of souls. The Bishop added: "I think we can all agree that Father O'Leary exemplifies this ideal of the priesthood. Impelled by a love for Christ, he left his native Ireland to serve the Church in this land for the salvation of others."

This missionary priest saw God "face to face", June 8, 1974, in Bon Secours Hospital, Tralee, Ireland. Father O'Leary was buried in the family plot about 30 miles from Kenmare in County Kerry, Ireland.
Leonard Kalin, son of Benedict and Emma (Rucker) Kalin, was born May 17, 1930, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended Saint Mary Elementary School, graduated from Cathedral High School, and continued his studies at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. His pastor, Monsignor Riordan, strongly encouraged him to answer God's call to the priesthood. Monsignor Kalin pursued his seminary studies at Saint Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado, and was ordained by the Most Rev. John Paschang for the Diocese of Lincoln on May 10, 1956.

Following his ordination, Monsignor Kalin served as assistant pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish in Hastings (1956-1960) and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Lincoln (1960-1964). Later, while he was pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Davey (1964-1970), he also edited the Southern Nebraska Register (assistant, 1969-1970, editor, 1970-1976), served as chaplain for the Lincoln Job Corps Center (1967-1968), and taught at Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo (1964-1970). In 1969, he was appointed Diocesan Director of Vocations. One year later, he became pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish and Newman Center, Lincoln. During his time at the Newman Center, he was very instrumental in helping many young men and women discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. He also played a vital role in aiding the Most Rev. Glennon Flavin in the foundation of the School Sisters of Christ the King. Monsignor Kalin was invested as Honorary Prelate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II on June 1, 1991. In August of 1998, Monsignor Kalin retired from active ministry.

On June 9, 2008, Monsignor Kalin entered eternal life at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. On June 16, the Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz celebrated the funeral Mass at which Monsignor Nemec preached the homily. Monsignor Nemec said, "the theme that energized, motivated, and sustained Monsignor Kalin was the Body of Christ—the Eucharistic Body of Christ and the Mystical Body of Christ." Monsignor Kalin was laid to rest in the cemetery of the School Sisters of Christ the King.
Joseph A. Keany was born on February 21, 1899 in Manor Hamilton, Ireland. He studied at St. Kiernan’s College in Kilkenny, Ireland and at St. Francis Seminary in St. Francis, Wisconsin. He was ordained on February 2, 1924, in Washington, D.C. by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan.

The ordination of Joseph Keany was delayed for almost a year because the See of Lincoln was vacant after the death of Bishop Charles J. O’Reilly. On April 23, 1923, the Apostolic Administrator, Msgr. Michael A. Shine, told Joseph Keany: "I am sorry to state that during the vacancy of a See, students cannot be called to ordination (Canon 958, No. 3), unless the See has been vacant a year." While awaiting ordination, Joseph was sent to The Catholic University for a course in Catechetics and Sacred Eloquence.


On June 19, 1968, Father Keany retired for reasons of health and returned to Ireland. He lived with his widowed sister until his death on June 9, 1971.
Bartholomew Kuppenbender was born on August 14, 1849, in Lendersdorf Kreis Dueren, Prussia. He was ordained on December 31, 1877, by Bishop James O'Connor for the Vicariate of Nebraska. On March 1, 1878, Father Kuppenbender was appointed pastor of Saint Stephen's Church in Nuckolls County.

Father Kuppenbender was the first resident pastor of Saint Stephen's. He lived in a dugout about 12 feet by 14 feet. His missions included Alexandria, Fairbury, Hebron and Wheatland. In 1882, these missions were assigned to other parishes and four new ones were given to Father Kuppenbender: Blue Hill, Superior, Guide Rock, and Nelson.

During his pastorate at St. Stephen’s, Father Kuppenbender supervised the construction of a small frame school and a two-story pastoral residence. He enlarged St. Stephen’s Church and directed the construction of a church in Blue Hill.

On May 9, 1889, Father Kuppenbender was named pastor of the German National Church in Lincoln – Saint Francis de Sales. In 1892, he was named pastor of Roseland.

In 1902, Father Kuppenbender left the Diocese of Lincoln, and affiliated with the Diocese of Des Moines. He served as pastor of the church in Lacona, Iowa, until his retirement to West Point in 1929. He died there on June 11, 1930.
Engelbert H. Boll was born on December 3, 1872, in Meppen, Hannover, Germany. He studied in Meppen, Germany; St. Meinrad Seminary, Indiana; and St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained on June 17, 1897, by Cardinal Gibbons in the Baltimore Cathedral for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Boll substituted for the pastors in McCook and Orleans before being appointed pastor of Elsie and missions from October 15, 1897 to May 10, 1899. His other assignments were Shelby and missions 1899-1900, Assumption 1900-1912, Beatrice 1912-1916 and Exeter 1916-1940.

Father Boll celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination in 1922, while he was stationed in Exeter. God called him from this life on June 11, 1940, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln. He was buried in Exeter, adjacent to his predecessor, Father John Ekeler.

In his sermon at the Holy Mass, Msgr. Ferdinand Mock called attention to the missionary zeal of Father Boll’s early days when he established 20 missions and cared for them in the western portion of the diocese. He said that his work was largely unheralded, but it had proved to be the solid foundation for the flourishing parishes. Msgr. Mock concluded by saying that the guiding principle of Father Boll’s life seemed to have been, “Be merciful”.

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Edward Hagan was born on August 17, 1877 in Derrytresk, County Tryone, Ireland. He studied at Saint Patrick College, Armagh and Saint John's College in Waterford. He was ordained on January 6, 1907 at Clifton, Bristol, England by Bishop G. Ambrose Burton for the Diocese of Clifton, England.


On May 11, 1937, Father Hagan was invested as a Domestic Prelate. Just one month later, June 11, 1937, God called Monsignor Hagan to the blessed vision of peace for which he had been created. Funeral services were at Saint Mary Cathedral, Lincoln, and burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Monsignor Hagan was known as a priestly gentleman and scholar. On the day of his funeral, Bishop Kucera said: “As Christ was thought to be merely the son of a carpenter, but was truly God, so the priest, whom some consider to be nothing more than another man, participates in the Divine Life of Christ. It has been natural for us to refer to Monsignor Hagan as a holy priest and a scholarly gentleman. It was a joy to listen to him speak.”
June 12, 2023

Rev. Philip Rauth

Philip J. Rauth was born on April 24, 1933 in York, Nebraska. He studied Philosophy and Theology at Saint Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colorado, and also earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Counseling from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Father Rauth was ordained on May 19, 1959 at Saint Joseph Church in York by Bishop James V. Casey for the Diocese of Lincoln. He began his priestly ministry as Assistant Pastor of St. Teresa Church in Lincoln (1959-1963). During the years of 1963-1965, he was Assistant Pastor of Sacred Heart, Roseland, Assumption Church, Juniata, and served on the faculty of St. Cecilia High School in Hastings.

Taking a year off to attend Graduate Studies in Education at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., Father Rauth returned in 1966 as Principal of Neumann High School in Wahoo. In 1969, he became pastor of St. James Church in Mead while also taking the position of Guidance Counselor at Neumann High School, Wahoo until 1980.

The remainder of Father Rauth’s active ministry found him as pastor in Campbell and Blue Hill (1980-1983); St. Mary, Nebraska City, as well as, Chaplain of Emmanuel Court No. 1122 of the Daughters of the Americas (1983-1993); Peru, while continuing as pastor of St. Mary, Nebraska City (1992-2006); Auburn, while continuing as pastor in Peru (1993-2006).

Father Rauth retired from active ministry in 2006, residing in his private home in Omaha. He died at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha on June 12, 2023. A rosary was prayed for him on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Butherus-Maser and Love Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, followed by the burial in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln.
Eugene Joseph Feeny was born on November 20, 1871, in Grange, County Sligo, Ireland. He studied at Saint Joseph College, County Clark, Ireland; Seminaire Des Missions, Lyons, France; and All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained in Dublin on June 22, 1895, by Bishop P. Ludden for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Feeny's first appointment was as assistant at Saint Theresa Pro-Cathedral in Lincoln, from September 10, 1895 to November 20, 1895, when he was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Auburn.

In 1899, Father Feeny supervised the construction of a parochial school building in Auburn. He also directed the construction of a new brick church to replace the one that was destroyed by fire on August 17, 1907.

In 1917, Father Feeny took a leave of absence from Auburn to serve as United States Army Chaplain during World War I. Because of an accident in France, Father Feeny suffered a torn ligament in his left leg during February, 1919. His impaired condition prompted him to request a discharge.

In a letter written August 22, 1919, Bishop Patrick Hayes told Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly that Father Feeny's work as chaplain won the highest commendation from those who came within the sphere of his influence.

After serving as pastor in Auburn for 35 years, Father Feeny made the journey to eternity June 14, 1930.
William Byrne was born about 1844, near Lismore in Ireland. He studied at Mount Melleray in Ireland, and at All Hallows Seminary in Ireland. The latter seminary prepared priests for missionary work in countries where the dominant language was English. Father Byrne was ordained June 4, 1870, by Bishop William Lanigan.

Father Byrne came to Nebraska shortly after ordination. Bishop O'Gorman sent him to Cheyenne in April, 1871. He was transferred to the Cathedral in Omaha in September, 1873. After the death of Bishop O'Gorman, Father Byrne was chosen as the Apostolic Administrator of the Vicariate of Nebraska. He served from 1874 to 1876.

After the installation of Bishop James O'Connor, Father Byrne was named pastor of Saint Theresa Church, Lincoln, October 30, 1876. Although the debilitating effects of tuberculosis curtailed his activities, Father Byrne made every effort to attend to the spiritual needs of his parishioners.

Hoping to promote Father Byrne's recovery, Bishop O'Connor transferred him to North Platte April 19, 1879. His health, however, did not improve. Less than two weeks after he had observed the tenth anniversary of his ordination, tuberculosis claimed Father Byrne's life at age 36, on June 16, 1880.
Francis Charles Zalud was born on June 22, 1866 in Libicka Lhotka, Bohemia. He studied in Teltsch, Moravia; Brunn, Moravia; and Louvain, Belgium. He was ordained at the American College in Louvain, Belgium by Bishop Theophilus Merschwert on June 29, 1893 for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Zalud arrived in Lincoln on August 30, 1893. Bishop Thomas A. Bonacum gave him charge of Saint Ludmilla Parish in Crete and Saint Wenceslaus in Wilber. He served there until 1897.

From March 25, 1897 to July 25, 1897, Father Zalud cared for the Catholics in Plasi while Father F. X. Hovora made a visit to Bohemia. Father Zalud’s other appointments were Abie 1897-1902, Bruno 1902-1922, and Bee 1922-1927.

On June 29, 1918, Father Zalud quietly observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination without telling anyone of the event. But some of the priests of Butler County decided there should be a public demonstration showing appreciation for all that Father Zalud had done for God’s people. Father Gerard Boll organized the celebration. In the annals of Bruno it was considered to be a celebration never equalled in magnitude and solemnity in their parish.

After serving the Czech people of Southern Nebraska for 34 years, Father Zalud took a vacation to visit his sister in Scappoose, Oregon, in June, 1927. While there, his doctor informed Bishop Beckman that Father Zalud could not return to Nebraska because of the extreme heat in the summer and the intense cold during the winter. Father Zalud cared for a small Bohemian parish in Oregon until God summoned him to eternity, June 16, 1931.
John Valentine Hoffman was born February 14, 1889, in Hastings, Nebraska. He studied at Saint Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained December 21, 1912, in Saint Mary Cathedral, Lincoln, by Bishop J. Henry Tihen.

Father Hoffman served for a few months in Gilead, Alexandria, and Falls City before being appointed to Saint Peter Church in Bellwood. Other places where Father Hoffman served were: St. Germanus, Arapahoe; St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln; Saint Ann, Shubert; Saint Mary, Osceola; and Saint Joseph, Harvard.

In August, 1965, Father Hoffman retired to David City. Because of infirmities, Father Hoffman had permission to offer the Holy Sacrifice seated at a table in his home. Later, it was necessary for him to enter a nursing home in Columbus, Nebraska. He was in this home when God summoned him to his eternal mansion June 16, 1968. Funeral services were held at Saint Mary Church, David City and burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Lincoln.

You Will Receive
Power When the
HOLY SPIRIT
 Comes Down On
Edward A. Orzechowski was born on August 16, 1905 in Detroit, Michigan. He studied at Saint Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan. He was ordained on February 25, 1938 in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Lincoln, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Orzechowski's first assignment was as assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Brainard. His other appointments were Highland and Doniphan 1939-1942, Julian and Dunbar 1942-1951, Dwight 1951-1956, Seward 1956-1957, Aurora 1957-1969, and Cedar Bluffs 1969-1984.

On February 3, 1984, at age 78, Father Orzechowski was honored at a parish reception on his retirement as pastor of Saint Mary Church, Cedar Bluffs. On June 16, 1986, at Dearborn Heights, Michigan, God called his faithful servant to his heavenly home.

Father Edward Tuchek paid this tribute to Father Orzechowski: “A humble priest, a man of prayer and apostle of suffering. His familiar articles of devotion were the Breviary, the Rosary, and his Polish prayerbook. He was sensitive, loving, and charitable.”
John Lawrence O'Donnell was born on September 18, 1878 in Lansford, Pennsylvania. He studied at Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg. He was ordained on June 19, 1902 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, by Bishop Eugene A. Garvey for the Diocese of Altoona.

After serving 12 years in the Diocese of Altoona, Father O'Donnell came to the Diocese of Lincoln in 1914. He was stationed for a few months at the Cathedral in Lincoln, at Tecumseh, Burchard, Assumption and Odell before being appointed pastor in Alma on July 29, 1916. Father O'Donnell then served as pastor in Roseland 1920-1926, Minden 1926-1927, Beaver Crossing 1927-1929, Odell 1929-1931, and Saint Thomas Orphanage 1931-1935. Because of illness, he was given a leave of absence in 1936.

On June 17, 1939, Father O'Donnell died in the State Hospital in Lincoln. His brother, the Rev. Roger O'Donnell, of Altoona, Pennsylvania celebrated the Holy Mass. Monsignor Maurice W. Helmann delivered the sermon. In it he stressed the dignity of the priesthood. "The priest holds an exalted state in life, not of his own worth, but rather because, by virtue of his ordination, he is given the power to consecrate the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist."
Harold Henry Birkel was born on November 9, 1923 in Bellwood, Nebraska. He studied at Saint Benedict College, Atchison, Kansas; Saint Paul Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Conception Seminary, Conception, Missouri. He was ordained on May 19, 1956, in Saint Mary Church, David City by Bishop Paschang of Grand Island because Bishop Kucera was ill.

After substituting in Auburn for a few months, Father Birkel served as assistant in York 1956-1957, Saint Mary Cathedral in Lincoln 1957-1961, Sacred Heart in Lawrence 1961-1964 and as administrator of Imperial and Wauneta from January to June of 1964.

Father Birkel was pastor of Julian, Peru and Dunbar 1964-1966, Cedar Bluffs 1966-1969, Dwight 1969-1974, Steinauer and Burchard 1975-1981. Father Birkel also was a member of the faculty of Neumann High School in Wahoo.

God called Father Birkel from this life very unexpectedly on June 17, 1981. Father Tuchek commented: “His sudden death shocked his relatives and many friends. He was a country boy who became a good country pastor. He knew the land, he knew his people and he served them well. The young and the old found him a good listener, compassionate in his responses, and willing to shoulder whatever burden.”
John J. Hoffman was born on October 3, 1871 in Luxemburg, Europe. John studied at the Academy Belgique in Leige, Belgium; Gymnasium in Treves, Germany; St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, and St. John's Seminary in Minnesota. He was ordained on May 25, 1895 by Bishop Marty for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Hoffman's appointments were Rulo 1895-1900, Luxemburg 1900-1910, Falls City 1910-1936, and Manley with the mission of Elmwood 1936-1937, when he was transferred to Auburn on April 2, 1937. Two months later, June 18, 1937, Father Hoffman completed his earthly pilgrimage.

It was Father Hoffman's wish that the funeral services be held in Saints Peter and Paul Church in Falls City. He was pastor there for 26 years and he had directed the construction of the church.

In his sermon, Monsignor Thomas Barden said: "Father Hoffman was a practical preacher; he had good judgment; he was a big man intellectually as well as physically. He leaves to us the memory of his humor, his sincerity, his love for his friends."

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John Klaver was born on April 22, 1893, in Amsterdam, Holland. He was ordained on June 2, 1917, at Hertogenschbosch, Holland, by Bishop Diepen as a member of the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, commonly known as the Crosiers.

In 1933, Father Klaver was sent to the Diocese of Lincoln and named pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Friend. He began his pastorate on July 6, 1933. Two years later his parishioners at Saint Joseph’s suffered great losses because of the flood. Father Klaver participated in their sufferings and privations during those difficult times.

On July 15, 1940, Father Klaver was transferred to the Diocese of Saint Cloud in Minnesota. While he was pastor of Holy Family Church, Moose Lake, Minnesota, God summoned his faithful priest to his heavenly home on June 19, 1962.

"You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name."

John 15:16.
Father Walter F. Mack, O.M.I. was appointed pastor of Saint Patrick Church, McCook in 1928. The missions attached to the parish at that time included Hayes Center, Imperial, Palisade, Thornburg, Trenton, Saint Ann, and Wauneta. In addition to his duties as pastor of all these places, Bishop Louis B. Kucera on November 3, 1931, directed Father Mack to give weekly conferences to the Sisters at Saint Catharine Hospital in McCook.

After serving for four years in McCook with its missions, Father Mack was transferred in 1932, to Lowell, Massachusetts. He died June 21, 1971.

Edgar J. Hebert was born July 11, 1897 at St. Elzear, County Beance, Province of Quebec, Canada. He studied at St. Laurent College, Montreal, Canada; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland; and Sulpician Seminary, Washington, D.C. He was ordained June 14, 1925 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, New Hampshire, by Bishop George Albert Guertin for the Diocese of Manchester.

Father Hebert came to the Diocese of Lincoln on May 1, 1928. His appointments included Ursuline Academy in York, Alexandria, Benkelman, Stratton, and Bruno.

On October 13, 1930, Father Hebert returned to New Hampshire. He was pastor of St. Albert Church, Stewartstown, New Hampshire, when God called him from this life on June 21, 1945.
Reverend Polycarp Maria Long Tran was born in Thai Binh, Vietnam on September 8, 1933 to Tran Van Viem and his wife Nguyen Thi Thoan. At the age of eighteen, he entered the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix. He received his bachelor of arts from the University of Saigon in 1968 and completed his seminary studies at the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix Seminary in 1973. On February 2, 1973, Father Long was ordained a priest.

From 1973 to 1974, Father Polycarp Long served as a professor of philosophy. The next year he was principal of Dong Cong High School and Elementary School in Nha Da, Vietnam, and director of Nha Da House (1974-1975). Upon his immigration to the United States, Father Long became provincial councilor as well as parochial vicar (later pastor) of Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish in Port Arthur, Texas (1975-1977). He was director of the house of formation in Conception, Missouri from 1977 to 1981. Then he was assigned director of the house of formation and chaplain to the Vietnamese Catholic community in Springfield, Missouri (1982-1983). After completing his assignment in Springfield, Father Long moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for one year. Father Long led two hundred members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on a pilgrimage to Carthage, Missouri, to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption in August, 1983. The remaining years of his priestly apostolate were spent at Presentation Shrine in California and Presentation of Mary House in Conception, Missouri. On June 20, 2003, while at a hospital in Joplin, Missouri, Father Long entered into his eternal reward. Father Long has been described as “a good, happy, holy, and active priest who was loved by the people he knew.”
Ferdinand Lechleitner was born on April 24, 1844, in Nattenscheid, Prussia. He was ordained on August 12, 1869, in Omaha by Bishop James O’Gorman for the Vicariate of Nebraska. Father Lechleitner’s first assignment was St. Helena from September 8, 1869 to October 25, 1870.

During that first year, Father Lechleitner visited Yankton, Fort Randall, Brule, Grand River, Cheyenne and many other places. The missionary zeal of Father Lechleitner recognized no ecclesiastical boundaries.

In 1871, Father Lechleitner was in Rulo for six days and in Plattsmouth for two weeks. Beginning in January of 1872, he visited Falls City, Barada, and Dawson. He stayed in Falls City long enough to complete a church and rectory. In 1873, he was named the first resident pastor of Crete. He founded missions in Fairfield, Fairbury, Red Cloud, Orleans, Lowell, Beatrice, Aurora, and Kenesaw. He said that he built 40 small churches.

In 1876, Father Lechleitner reported that he had travelled more than 13,000 miles by train and wagon on his missionary trips. In April of 1881, he went to New York City as Commissioner of Catholic Immigration to Nebraska.

Father Lechleitner completed his missionary journeys on June 23, 1917, when God called him to the mansion prepared for this zealous apostle.

“We put up with all sorts of hardships so as not to place any obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.” 1 Cor. 9:12.
June 23, 1952 Rev. Joseph R. Sinkula

Joseph R. Sinkula was born on January 19, 1905, in Cleveland, Ohio. He studied at Saint Mary’s Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, and at Saint Benedict’s in Atchison, Kansas. He was ordained on April 15, 1933, in St. Mary Cathedral, Lincoln by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Sinkula’s assignments included being an assistant at David City and St. Mary’s Cathedral, Director of Knights of Guadalupe, Assistant Director of Catholic Charities, pastor of Colon, Wymore and Holy Rosary in Plattsmouth.

Father Sinkula spoke Bohemian, Polish, Italian and English. He was an excellent musician. For reasons of health, he went to California in 1950. He died there on June 23, 1952.

June 23, 1967 Rev. Norbert Schmalz, O.F.M.

Father Norbert Schmalz, O.F.M. was pastor of St. Patrick Church, Lincoln, from August 9, 1954 to August 29, 1958. He was superior of Good Counsel Retreat House from 1963 to 1965. Father Norbert died at St. Anthony Friary in St. Louis on June 23, 1967.
June 25, 1921  Rev. James Walter Hickey

James Walter Hickey was born on September 23, 1858 in Lowell, Massachusetts. He studied at Saint Joseph Seminary in Troy, New York. He was ordained on December 22, 1883 by Bishop Francis McNeirny for the Archdiocese of Boston.

Father Hickey was attracted by the propaganda distributed in the East promoting the advantages of moving to Nebraska. These advertisements stressed the healthful climate of Nebraska. Since he was not blessed with good health, Father Hickey asked Bishop Bonacum for an assignment in the Diocese of Lincoln.

On November 4, 1890, Father Hickey was named pastor of McCook with the missions of Benkelman, Stratton and Trenton. Under his leadership, the interior of the church in McCook was completed, the rectory was enlarged and the grounds were landscaped. At Trenton, Father Hickey directed the construction of a church. Crop failures and the depression of the 1890s caused about one-half of the parishioners to leave McCook.

After more than ten years of service in McCook, Father Hickey wrote a letter of resignation to Bishop Thomas A. Bonacum on July 22, 1901. He thanked the Bishop for permitting him to be in Nebraska and continued: “The opportunity to labor in the Lincoln Diocese has been for me the restoration of my health. It is not without many and heartfelt regrets that I tender you my resignation as pastor of McCook.” Father Hickey returned to the Archdiocese of Boston and died there on June 25, 1921.
Frederick Matthew Sperlein was born March 10, 1868, in Kleinbuchfeld, Oberfranken, Bavaria. He studied at the Royal Gymnasium in Bavaria, Saint Mary’s College in Pennsylvania, St. Mary’s University in Maryland, St. Francis Seminary in Wisconsin, and at the Seminary in Montreal, Canada. He was ordained July 1, 1892, by Bishop John Vertin for the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan.

On April 3, 1895, Father Sperlein came to Lincoln. Bishop Thomas A. Bonacum appointed him as pastor of Palmyra from 1895 to 1898. On December 7, 1898, Father Sperlein was transferred to Tecumseh.

After serving in the Diocese of Lincoln for five and one-half years, Father Sperlein returned to Michigan. He was pastor of Saint Bruno Church in Nadeau, Michigan, when he was called home to God on June 27, 1936.

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.”

Lk. 22:20
Aloysius Markus Faessler was born on July 23, 1877, in Horkenheim, Baden, Germany. He studied in Baden, Germany, and also in Freiburg. He was ordained on July 2, 1902, in Freiburg by Bishop Noerber for the Archdiocese of Freiburg.

Ten years after his ordination, Father Faessler came to Lincoln on October 28, 1912. He was appointed pastor of Valparaiso. Since there was neither a church nor a rectory, Father Faessler lived at the Arcade Hotel. Later he was given hospitality at the homes of Peter Rohman and W. C. Scott. Under his direction, the parish purchased a site for the church in 1913. The church was ready to be blessed by Bishop J. Henry Tihen on January 20, 1914.

Other appointments of Father Faessler were Saint Andrew’s, Osceola 1919-1925, Blue Hill 1925-1927, Minden 1927-1931, Paul 1931-1946 and St. Mary Hospital in Nebraska City from March 7 to November 21, 1946.

On November 21, 1946, Father Faessler accepted the Bishop’s suggestion that he retire from full-time duty. After suffering two heart attacks on successive days, Father Faessler went to meet his Creator on June 27, 1949. The funeral services were at Saint Mary Church in Nebraska City and burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Lincoln.

“Nothing can happen more beautiful than death.” Walt Whitman.
Robert Leonard Bickert was born on June 5, 1878, in Elmwood, Nebraska. He studied at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska; Kenrick Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri; and St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained on June 9, 1905, by Bishop Thomas A. Bonacum for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father had the distinction of being the first native Nebraskan to be ordained for the Diocese of Lincoln. His assignments were St. Theresa, Lincoln, from June to September of 1905; Dawson from September to October of 1905; and Hebron from October 18, 1905 to October 16, 1906.


On June 28, 1935, Father Bickert was on his way for a vacation in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He was traveling in his car near Eldon, Missouri, when he swerved to avoid hitting another car. Father Bickert’s car overturned and he died as a result of the accident.
Thomas Barden was born on April 22, 1878 in County Waterford, Ireland. He studied at the College School in County Kilkenny; St. John's College, Waterford; and Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained March 9, 1901, by Bishop Alfred A. Curtis for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Barden served at Beaver Crossing from April to August of 1901 and at Center from 1901 to 1904, before beginning his pastorate of more than 50 years at Tecumseh.

On December 22, 1949, he was named a Domestic Prelate. On May 1, 1951, Monsignor Barden observed the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. On that occasion, Bishop Louis B. Kucera remarked that Monsignor Barden was like an eagle who always flies high, and what he says is always heavenly. His knowledge of literature and history, as well as his reverence for the Church are reflected in his sermons. Paying tribute to the Irish people for their faith, patriotism, and humor, Bishop Kucera declared that he didn't know what the Church in the United States would have done without the Irish priests and sisters who came here.

Under the leadership of Monsignor Barden, the church and the rectory at Tecumseh were built. This true apostle of Christ went to meet his Creator on the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, June 29, 1955.

“Behold like an eagle he soars.” Jer. 48:40.
James Patrick Hennessy was born on March 18, 1897, in County Clare, Ireland. He studied at Mungret College and at Saint John’s College in Waterford, Ireland. He was ordained on June 15, 1922 by Bishop Hackett at Waterford, Ireland, for the Diocese of Lincoln.

Father Hennessy came to Lincoln on August 22, 1922. His appointments were: Sutton 1922-1925, Dawson from July to October of 1925, Geneva from October to November of 1925, Aurora 1925-1933, Campbell 1933-1937, Manley 1937-1959 and Shickley 1959-1964.

While Father Hennessy was pastor of Manley the church was destroyed by lightning in July, 1902. As soon as Father Hennessy returned from his visit to Ireland, he directed the construction of a new church, which was erected in the town of Manley.

Father Hennessy crossed the boundary between his earthly life and eternal life on June 29, 1964. Bishop James V. Casey, who officiated at the Holy Mass of Christian Burial said: “Father Hennessy loved his people and is now praying for you and for us. We come here to pray for this departed priest and to praise God for giving him to us. The emphasis on the day of the funeral of a priest is gratitude to God for the priest.”
Edmund B. Trayers was born on December 2, 1912, in Boston, Massachusetts. He studied at Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts; Oblate House of Studies in Newburgh, New York; and the Oblate Scholasticate in Washington, D.C. He was ordained on May 30, 1949, in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., as a member of the Oblate Order.

In September of 1949, Father Trayers was assigned as assistant at Saint Patrick Church in McCook. He served in McCook until his death on June 29, 1957. He had been a priest for just eight years, and all those years were dedicated to the Diocese of Lincoln.

The Very Rev. Raymond J. Hunt, O.M.I., Provincial of the Oblates, came to McCook to offer the Holy Mass for Father Trayers. He was buried in the Oblate Cemetery in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

As a tribute to his memory the Knights of Columbus Council, No. 1126 was named for Father Trayers.

"Heaven gives its favorites — early death!" Lord Byron.
John Prachar was born April 8, 1918, in Dlouha Lhota, Czechoslovakia. He began his studies for the priesthood in his native country in 1939. In his fourth year of theology, the Nazis closed the seminary and sent the young men to a forced labor camp. There John worked twelve hours a day until the inmates were liberated on May 9, 1945.

After completing his studies, Father Prachar was ordained July 7, 1946. He was pastor in Cerňa when Czechoslovakia fell to the Communists. After being warned that his arrest was imminent, Father Prachar fled on Holy Thursday of 1949.


In the summer of 1991, Father Prachar's relatives invited him to his native land to celebrate the 45th anniversary of his ordination to Christ's priesthood on July 7th. Before that celebration occurred he was fatally injured and robbed by an assailant. He died June 30, and was buried in his homeland.

*And everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children or land for the sake of my name will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life." (Mat. 19:29)*
Reverend Cornelius Holly was born to Maurice and Norah (Colbert) Holly on September 25, 1917, in Tarbert, County Kerry, Ireland. He attended N.U.I. University College in Dublin, Ireland, Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and the Holy Ghost College, Kimmage Manor, in Dublin, Ireland. Father Holly was ordained to the priesthood as a Holy Ghost Father by Bishop A. B. John Charles McQuaid on September 18, 1945, in Dublin, Ireland.

Following his ordination, Father Holly served as a Diocesan Supervisor of Schools and in the Diocesan Teacher Training College in the Diocese of Owerri, E. Nigeria from 1947-1967. From 1968-1977, he was stationed at the University of Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Before coming to the Diocese of Lincoln, Father Holly was assigned to teach at St. Pius X Seminary in Erlanger, Kentucky. In 1982, he came to St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, and served as a confessor, teacher, and chaplain until he retired to his native Ireland in 1993. On June 30, 2001, Father Holly passed into eternal life in Tarbert, County Kerry, Ireland.

Father Holly is remembered by Monsignor Myron Pleskac as a “devoted priest” and was identified as one who imitated the three-fold role of the Holy Spirit: “to announce, to guide, and to give glory to God.” Father Holly “announced God’s Word” through “one-on-one interactions with many people.” He was known as a “trusted friend” with “an exceptional sense of humor.” As a guide, Father Holly was a “good listener” who “gave sound advice.” Prayer filled Father Holly’s personal life and he glorified God by “including many people’s intentions as he celebrated Mass each day.”

“You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials, and now I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord. You will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.”

(Luke 22: 28-30)