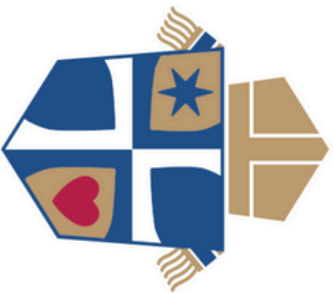
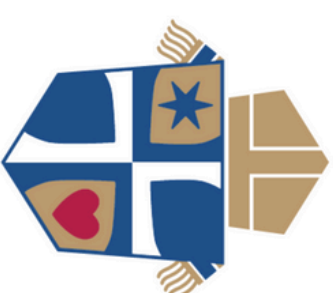


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The German-speaking priest was sent to Hays, which was being settled by ethnic Germans emigrating from the Volga River region of Russia. Father Sommerreisen took up residence in Hays City in 1876, where he was the first resident pastor. Bishop Fink invited the Capuchin Franciscans to take over the parishes in the region in 1878 and assigned Father Sommerreisen to Cottonwood Falls, where he again was the first resident pastor. He resigned from active ministry in 1879 and retired to a farm he had purchased near Hays.

He is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

JAN. 27, 1954

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He married Judy K. Giebler on June 11, 1977 in Hays. He was a 1961 graduate of St. Joseph's Military Academy, joined the Air Force after graduation and was stationed in Korea and Okinawa during the Vietnam era. He was a City Commissioner 1975-79, received his degree in Criminal Justice and worked at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility as Staff Development Specialist. He worked in Pest Control, Farmers State Bank Loan Officer and many different jobs.

His memberships included Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, St. Marys Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council #6984, and the Bishop Cunningham Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly. His careers in law enforcement were: Sergeant with Staff Development at Larned Mental Health Correctional Facility, Police Officer with the Hays Police Dept., Sheriffs Deputy with Ellis County Sheriffs Dept.

On January 3, 2009, he was ordained a Permanent Deacon with the Salina Diocese under Bishop Paul Coakley. He served at Immaculate of Heart Mary Church in Hays, KS until his retirement.

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## Rev. James Grennan



Rev. Grennan was born on December 28, 1924, in Jewell County, Kansas, the son of William J. and Mary Agnes (Doyle) Grennan. He grew up in Jewell County north of Beloit, Kansas and also lived in Cloud County west of Jamestown, Kansas. He attended high school for 2 years at Jamestown High School before going to the seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. As a young man he worked summers custom cutting wheat harvests for his brothers John and Michael, traveling from Texas to Montana.

He was ordained on May 13, 1951, and that same year took his first assignment as parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish in Collyer, Kansas. He served 70 years as a priest for the Catholic Diocese in Salina. He served in Wakeeney, Hill City, Delphos, Glasco, Esbon, Mankato, Smith Center, Oakley, Manhattan and Plainville. He was assigned to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell, Kansas from 1983 to 1993 and later served in Stockton and Logan. In 2001, he retired and moved back to Russell.

Even though he had officially retired, his great passion was to serve the Lord and the church. He continued to serve by helping at the St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell. He ministered at nursing homes, hospitals as well as traveling the diocese helping serve other parishes as needed. He is buried in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Russell.

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FEB. 26, 2022

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## Rev. Beryl L. Gibson



Rev. Beryl Gibson was born Dec. 22, 1930 to Lester and Alma (Gaines) Gibson. He attended Phillipsburg Grade School and High School. He attended Miltonvale Wesleyan College and he received a bachelor's in chemistry from Fort Hays State University. He served in the military, with the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army from 1954-1959. He received his bachelor's and master's in German and German History from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He taught at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. and high school at St. Mary Academy.

He attended seminary at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc. He was Ordained May 18, 1996 by Bishop George Fitzsimons at SS. Philip and James Church in Phillipsburg at age 65. He was parochial vicar at the following parishes: St. Francis Xavier in Junction City, St. Thomas More in Manhattan, Sacred Heart in Colby and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. He was pastor of St. Francis Parish in St. Francis, St. Joseph Parish in Bird City and St. John Nepomucene Parish in Beardsley. He retired to Phillipsburg in 2005.

FEB. 26, 2022

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MAY 29, 2004

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## Rev. Maurice Bruno Dion



Rev. Dion was born Jan. 17, 1917, in Manchester, N.H., to Cleophas and Clara (Mailhot) Dion. He attended Maryknoll Seminary in Maryknoll N.Y., and completed studies at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. He was ordained by St. Louis Archbishop John Glennon for the Diocese of Concordia on June 4, 1944, at Kenrick Seminary Chapel.

He was an assistant pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton (1944-47) and St. Peter Parish in Aurora (1947-50).

He was pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale and St. Peter Parish in Meredith (1950-60), St. John the Baptist Parish in Clyde (1960-66), Immaculate Conception Parish in Leoville (1966-70), St. Edward in Belleville and St. George in Munden (1970-76), St. John the Baptist in Hanover (1976-80) and SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center (1980-82).

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He served five years in Newport, Ky., then was given permission to serve in the Diocese of Leavenworth at the invitation of Bishop Louis Fink.

He was pastor of Seven Dolours Parish in Manhattan (1882-86) and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence (1886-94.) After a visit to Italy, he stopped in Kentucky, where the bishop asked him to serve his diocese again. He was pastor in Maysville, Ky. (1894-1902), then served at St. Mary Cathedral and St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. (1902-05), at the invitation of the Nashville bishop.

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He served as an assistant at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph, St. Michael Parish in Chapmanand St. Columba Parish in Elmo until November 1901, when he was appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton, where he had responsibility for missions in Colby, Goodland, Esbon, Formoso, Jewell City and Oberlin and attended to stations in Burr Oak, Mankato, Smith Center, Agra, Phillipsburg, Marvin, Long Island, Norcatatur, Kanorado, Burlington, Colo., and Limon, Colo.

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Fr. Steier studied at St. Mary College in St. Mary, Kentucky; Immaculate Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri; and Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained on June 8, 1973, by Bishop Cyril Vogel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia.

He began his first assignment as a parochial vicar from 1973 to 1977, at St. John the Baptist in Beloit and later at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. Beginning in 1977, he went on to lead numerous parishes as a pastor, including St. Joseph in St. Joseph; St. Isidore in Cuba; Saints Philip and James in Phillipsburg; St. Mary in Smith Center; St. Francis in Claudell; St. Bernard in Ellsworth; St. Ignatius in Kanopolis; St. Mary in Holyrood; St. Mary Queen of Angels in Russell; and St. Mary Help of Christians in Gorham. His service as a pastor concluded in 2024 at Christ the King Parish in Wakeeney and St. Michael Parish in Collyer.

Fr. Charlie also served as the State Chaplain for the Kansas Knights of Columbus, Diocesan Moderator, Vicarate Moderator, and was a member of the Catholic Charities Board for many years. He was also elected to the Priests Council and the Personnel Board.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Russell, on Friday, September 27, 2024, with interment at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery, Clara (north of Clifton).

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OCT. 22, 2021

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From 1959 – 1961 he was assistant at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe, Salina, and taught at Sacred Heart High School. 1961 – 1962 he moved and was assistant at Sacred Heart, Plainville. Then 1962 – 1963 was the administrator at St. Wenceslaus, Wilson. From 1963 – 1967 he was the administrator at Sacred Heart, Esbon, and St. Mary's, Smith Center. 1967 – 1973 Fr. Meitl was administrator at St. Mary the Assumption, Clifton, and St. Bernard's, Clara, as well as administrator of the mission, St. Michael Parish, Kimeo. From 1973 – 1982 he was moved and was pastor at Sacred Heart, Colby. In 1982 – 1984 he was pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays; also, pastor of the mission church, Our Lady, Help of Christians, Antonino. After that he was Pastor at St. Mary's, Russell from 1984 – 1987. Next, he was Assistant at St. John the Baptist, Beloit, and pastor at the mission parish St. Mary Church, Jamestown (until it closed in 1989), and chaplain at Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia, St. Joseph's Hospital and Mount Joseph Senior Village in Concordia (1987-1993). He was then the Pastor at St. Joseph's, Oakley, Immaculate Conception, Grinnell, and St. Paul's, Angelus (1993 – 2005). From 2000 – 2002 Fr. Meitl was Canonical pastor at St. Frances Cabrini, Hoxie, and St. Martin of Tours, Seguin (oversight of international priests). 2002 – 2003 he was the Canonical pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Goodland (substituting for pastor on sabbatical). From 2003 – 2006 Fr. Meitl was Canonical pastor at Sacred Heart, Oberlin, Sacred Heart, Selden, and Immaculate Conception, Leoville (oversight for international priests). His final assignment was Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis, and St. Joseph's, Bird City (2005 – 2006). He moved to assisted living in Wichita in 2006. Fr. Meitl celebrated his 50th jubilee in 2009. He was buried in the adjacent church cemetery next to his parents in Leoville, KS at the Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery.

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DEC. 20, 2011

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In 1991 John was ordained as a Deacon in the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico by Bishop Donald Pelotte, SSS.

He began serving as Pastoral Minister to the Sick at Seven Dolors Parish in Manhattan in 1997. He was incardinated in the Diocese of Salina on Apr. 20, 2002 and was assigned to St. Patrick's in Ogden on Feb. 16, 2007.

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