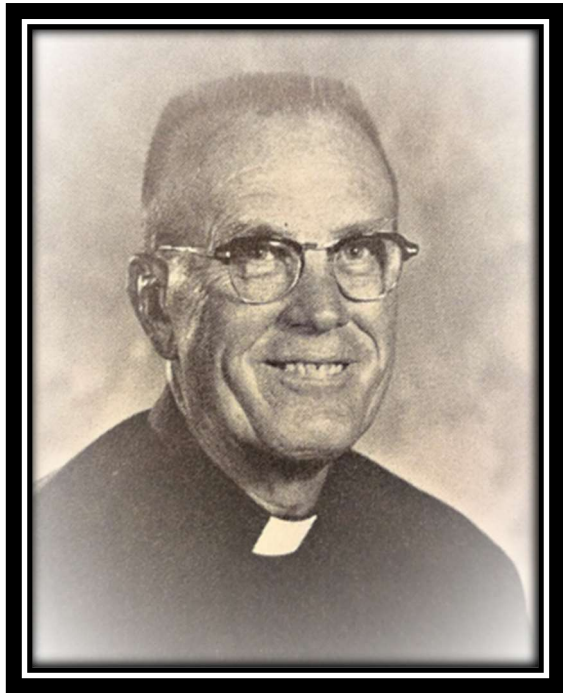




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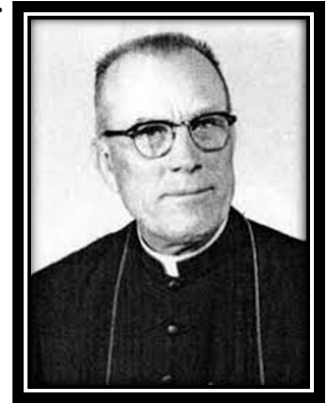


March 4, 1908 – December 9, 1988

Ordained May 1, 1938

FATHER URBAN OTTO IFFERT, C.P.P.S.

Father Iffert was born March 4, 1908, in Wendelin, Illinois the son of Kilian and Rosalia (Kuenstler) Iffert. He grew up with his siblings Anne (Uebinger), Katie (Kuhl), Pauline (Kessler), Rosalia (Rudolphi), Bertha (Dunnigan), Leo, and Sister M. Josephine in the Holy Cross Parish. He would make his First Communion on June 12, 1921 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 12, 1921 conferred by Bishop Henry J. Althoff at Holy Cross.



Father Iffert entered the seminary and on December 3, 1933, Father Iffert was incorporated as a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.). Rev. Urban O. Iffert was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on May 1, 1938, by Most Rev. George Rehring, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, at the St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio. The Holy Cross Parishioners honored him by celebrating his ordination with a large first Mass and Dinner.

Father Iffert served as Assistant Pastor at St. Thomas in Memphis, Tennessee, and St. Mary's in Centerville, Iowa. He was named Pastor at St. Frances of Rome in Holly, Colorado for 7 years before returning to St. Mary's in Centerville. In 1958, Father Iffert was appointed as Chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kansas.

On May 24, 1958, Father Iffert sent Bishop Franz the following note: "I am grateful for the faculties of the Dodge City Diocese and I am happy to be approved by your Excellency as Chaplain of St. Catherine Hospital. This appointment is exactly what the doctor prescribed for the present. I am happy with everything here. The Sisters 'murder' me with kindness."

Father Iffert's pastorates included: St. Ludger's, Germantown, Missouri; Immaculate Conception in Montrose, Missouri; and St. Michael's in Collyer, Kansas.

In 1981, he took up residence at St. Peter's Rectory in Marshall, Missouri, as a retiree and ready to help when needed. The following year he moved to Carthage, Ohio.

Father Iffert passed away on December 9, 1988. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio with burial in the community cemetery.