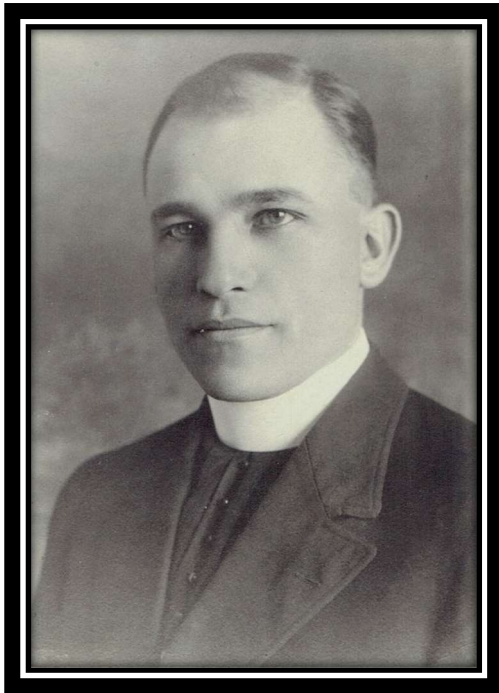




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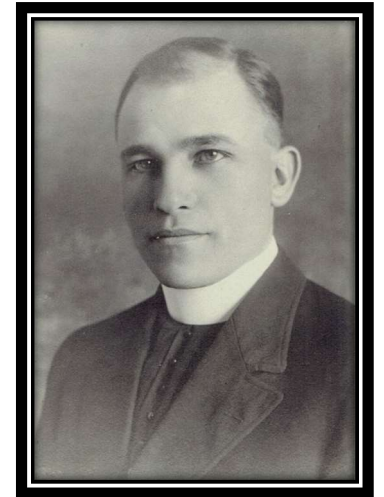


May 24, 1891 – January 15, 1961

Ordained June 8, 1924

FATHER JOSEPH MELCHIOR FELDMANN

Father Feldmann was born May 24, 1891, in Evansville, Indiana the son of Joseph M. and Walburga Maria (Weber) Feldmann. Father Feldmann was the grandson of Joseph and Katherine Weber. His siblings included Charles, Albert, Emma (Reichardt), Leo, and Theresa (Schaeffer).



Around the time Father Feldmann was 3 years old his family moved to the Wendelin area where his mother Walburga and her family had immigrated to in 1872 when they arrived from Germany. The family would later move to the St. Louis area.

During his teenage years, Father Feldmann served as a grocery clerk in St. Louis, Missouri. Father Feldmann was a graduate of Saint Louis Roman Catholic Theological Seminary (also known as Kenrick-Glennon Seminary) in Shrewsbury, Missouri.

Rev. Joseph M. Feldmann was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on June 8, 1924, by Most Rev. Henry J. Althoff, Bishop of Belleville.

After ordination, he served for a short period at St. Peter's Cathedral. Father Feldmann served as Pastor of St. Leo's Church in Modoc, Illinois.

Father Feldmann was a frequent visitor to Holy Cross and the Wendelin area often staying with relatives and maintaining close ties with his many family members.

Ill health caused Father Feldmann to retire early, and he took up residency at the Providence Home in Jasper, Indiana.

Father Feldmann passed away on January 15, 1961, in Jasper, Indiana. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville, Illinois with burial in Saint John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Redbud, Illinois.