

John Harrington

The Rev. John "Jack" Harrington, 66, Topeka, former assistant pastor at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, was found dead Friday at his home in Topeka. He had emphysema. Dr. Robert D. Jensen, Shawnee County deputy district coroner, said Father Harrington died of natural causes on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Name Catholic Church, Topeka. A graveside service was Wednesday in Okmulgee Cemetery, Okmulgee, Okla.

He was born May 1, 1920, the son of Louis Vincent and Pauline Florence Powers Harrington. He graduated from Maur Hill High School at Atchison in 1939 and from St. Benedict's College, both at Atchison. He also graduated from St. Stanislaus Seminary, Society of Jesus, Florissant, Mo.

He was ordained a priest May 31, 1947, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Kansas City, Kan. He served as assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kansas City, Kan., after his ordination and also taught classes in religion at Ward High School there. After serving at St. Gregory's, he was at Emerald, Greeley and Paola churches. He was chaplain at Stormont-Vail Hospital and later at St. Joseph's Home in Kansas City before retiring a few months ago.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.