

Sister Marie Veronica Janousek, C.S.J.

Sister Marie Veronica Janousek was the first Anglo baptized at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. She was born on January 8, 1935, the daughter of William and Marjorie Janousek. She is a convert to Catholicism and took instructions from Father Gilbert Herrman while attending Saint Mary of the Plains College as a nursing student.

Father Herrman, who was chaplain at the college at the time, baptized her in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on May 25, 1954. Sister Marie Veronica claims three churches (Saint Mary of the Plains, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Sacred Heart Cathedral) as they all played vital roles in her conversion and her religious vocation.

She entered the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1956 and received the habit the following year. Sister Marie Veronica made her final profession of vows in 1962. Her work experience throughout her religious life has been in nursing and pastoral ministry. She has worked in St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City; St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita; St. Joseph Medical Center in Ponca City, Okla.; Pratt Regional Medical Center and Halstead



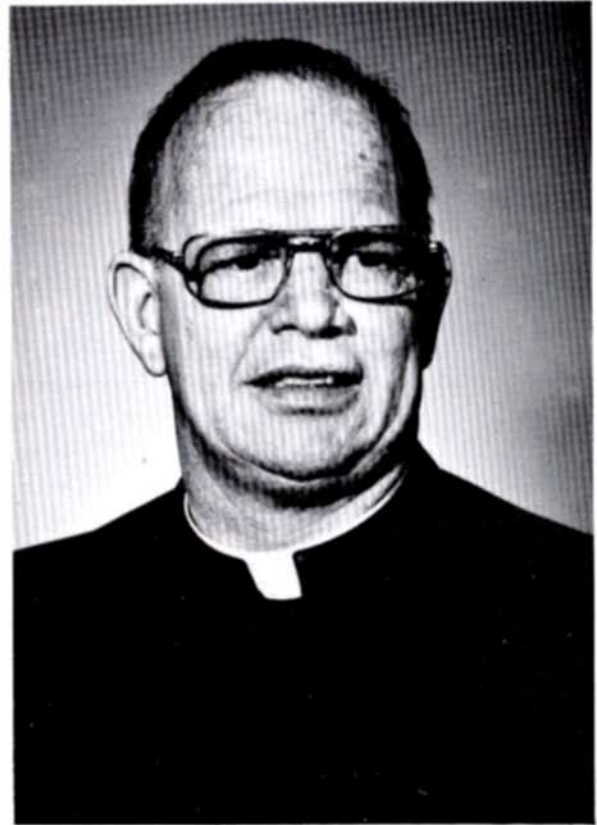
Hospital. Presently Sister Marie Veronica is the Administrative Coordinator of Pastoral Care at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita.

Father Patrick Downey

The first member of the parish to enter the priesthood is Father Patrick Downey. Father Downey, the son of the late Mr. Michael Downey and Mrs. Nellie Downey, was born in Wright on November 21, 1928. He began his seminary studies in the fall of 1975 at Conception College Seminary in Conception, Mo. In 1977, he transferred to St. Mark Seminary at South Union, Kentucky. He participated in an accelerated course throughout his seminary studies which is provided for belated vocations.

On June 2, 1979, he was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Eugene Gerber at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He returned to St. Mary Seminary where he completed his theology studies in 1979. He served Sacred Heart Parish in Larned as deacon from January to June in 1980. From June until August he studied at St. Joseph Hospital at Albuquerque, N.M., in a clinical-pastoral education program. Father Downey was ordained to the priesthood on September 20, 1980 in the Cathedral. He celebrated his first Mass in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church the following day.

On October 16, 1980, he was assigned to St. Dominic Parish in Garden City as associate pastor. Father Downey has a younger brother,



Brother David Downey, O.S.B., who entered the Benedictine order in 1966 as a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Brother M. Guadalupe, F.F.S.E.

Another parish vocation to a religious community came in 1977 when Richard Hardin entered the order of Our Lady of Mercy. However, after two years as a Mercedarian, Mr. Hardin entered the order of the Franciscan Brothers of the Most Holy Eucharist.



Richard Hardin was born on January 18, 1958, the son of Roy and Rebecca Hardin. He took his elementary education at Miller and Sacred Heart Cathedral Schools. He attended Thomas More Prep in Hays briefly and finished his secondary education in Dodge City's public schools. He has taken college courses at Saint Mary of the Plains College, Niagra University in Niagra Falls, N.Y., and St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He is presently pursuing a degree in occupational therapy at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

On August 23, 1981, Mr. Hardin made his simple promises before Brother M. Clement Francis, guardian of the monastery, at a Mass celebrated at St. James' Church in Kenosha, Wis. At this time he chose the name Brother M. Guadalupe. In recalling his decision to take his name, Brother Guadalupe said, "I was not sure what name to take until my uncle came to visit with a surprise gift: a small plaque of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a quote from her message, 'What more do you lack? Am I not here, who am your mother? What more do you need?' This convinced me."

The Franciscan Brothers of the Most Holy Eucharist is a new religious community founded to preserve our Catholic heritage through the traditional apostolates of teaching, nursing, social work and various other trades and talents. A special emphasis is placed on preserving the traditional music of the Church. Brother Guadalupe teaches students with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders.