

## Father Richard Eveld

April 24th is the anniversary of the death of Father Richard Eveld. Adolph Bernard Eveld was born in Altus, Arkansas, on December 14, 1895. Taking his early studies at St. Mary's School in Altus, he came to Subiaco on September 8, 1909, when he was 14 years old, to continue his education. He graduated from Subiaco Academy with the class of 1916.

Adolph Eveld professed his vows as monk of our monastery on October 7, 1917, receiving the name Richard. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John B. Morris here at Subiaco Abbey on May 28, 1922.

After he completed his theological studies, he was assigned to the staff of our academy where he served as assistant prefect of discipline, teacher of music and band director.

In 1928, he was made pastor of the two parishes of St. Ignatius in Scranton and St. Meinrad in Prairie View. During his pastorate, he served as the director of the public high school band and made many non-Catholic contacts and friends.

From August 20, 1940, until November of 1944, Father Richard served as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, Texas.

Father Richard was then moved from north Texas to south Texas where he was appointed chaplain of Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi, a position he held for nearly a decade until his sudden and unexpected death due to a heart attack on Friday, April 24, 1953.

For several years, Father Richard had suffered from a heart and diabetic condition, but he continued to carry on all the duties of his chaplaincy and to engage in many other priestly activities and ministries in the diocese.

The night before his death, Father Richard had been busy with duties until almost midnight. At 2:00 a. m. he called from the chaplain's quarters for a nurse, stating that he was suffering from a terrible headache. His doctor was called and the medicine prescribed was administered. At 3:00 a. m. he said that he was feeling better, and the nurse left. When they found him at 5:00 a. m., there was a rosary in his lifeless, but still warm, hand.

On Saturday, April 25, a Mass for Father Richard was held in Corpus Christi Cathedral.

At the time of his death, Father Richard was 57 years old and in the 35th year of his monastic profession, the 30th of his priesthood. He is buried in our cemetery.

