

Father Jerome Pohle

August 5th is the anniversary of the death of Father Jerome Pohle. Carl Pohle was born in Staunton, Illinois, on November 21, 1886. When he was still a small boy, his family moved to Muenster, Texas. He attended Sacred Heart grade school in Muenster before coming to Subiaco on August 14, 1905, to continue his education.

Carl Pohle professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on September 16, 1906, receiving the name Jerome. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John B. Morris at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Little Rock on June 18, 1912.

Following ordination, Father Jerome taught in our school until 1927. During this time he directed and produced stage productions of classical drama, including a series of Shakespearean plays. In 1928, Father Jerome was assigned to the faculty of Laneri High School, Fort Worth, Texas, and in 1941, he went to south Texas to teach at Corpus Christi Academy. One year later he returned to Arkansas where he was assigned as pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Clarksville.

In 1951, poor health forced his retirement from active parochial work. He then returned to Texas to be chaplain at Refugio County Hospital in Refugio, Texas. A chronic heart and kidney condition recurred in late July, 1959. Father Jerome died on Wednesday, August 5, 1959, at Refugio County Hospital.

A Mass for Father Jerome was said on Friday, August 7, in Our Lady of Refugio Church.

At the time of his death, Father Jerome was 72 years old and in the 52nd year of his monastic profession, the 47th of his priesthood. He is buried in our cemetery.

