The Divine office was conducted 11 September 1959 for Father O'Donovan who died a few days earlier in his home in Lyons, Kansas. He had been on sick leave for several years from the Diocese of Wichita.[7] Due to a muscle ailment of the throat, Fr O'Donovan retired early from active parochial work in 1951.[8]

Date of Death: 9 September 1959
Place of Death: Lyons KS
Age of Death: 55
Cause of Death:
Funeral Celebrant: Bishop Mark K. Carroll, celebrant and Father John Moeder, homilist[9]
Burial[10]: St John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery, Hoisington, KS

[1] Catholic Diocese of Wichita Kansas *Necrology* and *Curriculum Vitae* shared by Tracy Winslow, Executive Secretary to Bishop Carl A. Kemme on August 11, 2021.

[2] Ibid.

[3] *The Catholic Advance*, "Ten Priests Affected by Clergy Changes," Wichita, KS., 2 October 1942, page 1. Downloaded on 24 January 2022 from 17 Jun 1935, 1 - Council Grove Republican at Newspapers.com.

[4] *Council Grove Republican*, "Leaves for Ireland," Council Grove, KS., 17 June 1935, page 1. Downloaded 24 January 2022 from 17 Jun 1935, 1 - Council Grove Republican at Newspapers.com.

[5] *The Catholic Advance*, "Bishop Blesses Parish Rectory at McPherson," Wichita, KS., 12 February 1938, page 1. Downloaded on 24 January 2022 from 1 2 Feb 1938, Page 1 - The Catholic Advance at Newspapers.com
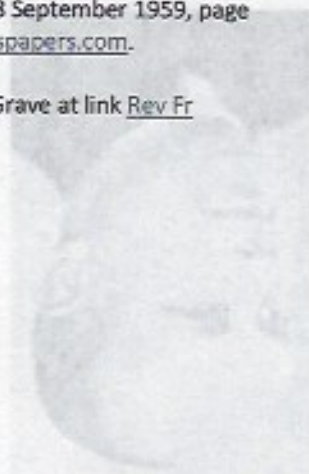
[6] Ibid., page 6.

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[8] *The Catholic Advance*, "Retired Priest, Native of Eire, is Given Burial," Wichita, Kansas, 18 September 1959, page 1. Downloaded 24 January 2022 from 18 Sep 1959, Page 1 - The Catholic Advance at Newspapers.com.

[9] Ibid., page 4.

[10] Grave marker picture downloaded by Renee Hanrahan, research volunteer from FindAGrave at link Rev Fr Michael O'Donovan (1904-1959) - Find a Grave Memorial.