



Ordained a priest in his home diocese of Fulda

1865



Assistant pastor in the city of Louisville, Ky. at St. Patrick's and then Immaculate Conception.

1869

Organized the German American Catholics in urban Owensboro into a parish since they were excluded from Irish American parish life.

1871



Built St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Austria, St. Sylvester, and St. Mildred's Church.

1885

Named pastor of German & Swiss farmers in Lincoln and Boyle counties; helped town name change to Ottenheim, after its founder.

1885-88

He built a church for Swiss-German settlers in Laurel County, receives permission from Bishop of Louisville to serve as a missionary in the Diocese of Portoviejo, Ecuador, learned Spanish and built 4 churches.

1888

Bishop McCloskey called Fr. Volk back to Ky., serves St. Peter and Paul Church, built St. Nicolas, St. James Churches, and new altar for St. Andrew church.

1893



He retired to become chaplain at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, Ky.

1915



Retires again to Mount Saint Joseph where he died November 2.

1919

1841

Born near Frankfurt, Germany



1866

Decides to follow dream and become missionary and to focus on the German settlers in the USA

1866-69

Studies Theology and English at the American College in Louvain, Belgium.

1870-74

Pastor at St. Alphonsus Church in rural Owensboro, Ky. Rebuilt church and St. Joseph Academy for Girls that had burned down. He rebuilt convent and recruited Ursuline Sisters from Louisville to staff school.

1884

Pastor of St. Alphonsus, chaplain of Mount Saint Joseph, built churches in McLean County, ministered in Webster and Henderson counties.



1886

Bishop Camillus Maes of the Diocese of Covington asked Fr. Volk to organize a parish among immigrants working in coal mines and built a church in Jellico, Ky.



1891

Civil war drove missionaries out of Ecuador, stopped in Panama on the way back, met Bishop, and joined priests in Panama.

1895

Returned to Panama (Ky. climate was conducive to pneumonia) for two years



1895-1915

Served among Native Americans in Panama mountains and jungles, ministered with Spanish and black people in urban areas, chaplain at hospital serving 30,000 people laboring in the canal, begged and labored to raise money, built church in Colon (7 total).

1918

At request, he was pastor at Peonia in Grayson County, he built one last church in Annetta, Ky.

