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DAYTON, Ohio, May 23, 1967 — A concelebrated mass by eight priests, who were part of an ordination ceremony 25 years ago in Louisville, Kentucky, will be held in the Alumni Hall chapel, University of Dayton, this Thursday, May 25, at 4:30 p.m. Attendance, because of the size of the chapel, is limited to the Society of Mary religious community on campus.

The eight priests—five from the Passionist order and three from the Society of Mary—are coming from such cities as Dayton, Des Moines, Chicago, Warrenton, Missouri; St. Meinrad, Indiana; and Cincinnati. Behind the silver jubilee, actually August 10, is a fascinating story which started in Fribourg, Switzerland; moved to Washington, D.C., and ended in Louisville from 1939 through August 10, 1942.

The three Marianists, Rev. Philip Hoelle, Rev. Ralph Gorg, and Rev. Adrian McCarthy, all at UD now, enjoyed this unique experience due mainly to the outbreak of World War II. The three men had been sent to Fribourg in 1939 to study for the priesthood. World War II broke out two days after their arrival but the trio remained in Fribourg until 1941 when the United States entered the war.

They were called home and continued their seminary training at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of their studies the three men had to find a diocese in which to be ordained. The matter came to the attention of Rev. Marcellus McCarthy, a Passionist priest and uncle of Rev. Adrian McCarthy. He suggested Louisville where the Passionist were being ordained on August 10.

Father McCarthy's suggestion initiated a request by the three for permission to be ordained in Louisville. The communication went to Fribourg, Marianist seminary; to Nivelles, Belgium, Marianist Provincialate; back to Fribourg, then to Rome and finally to Fribourg. Permission was granted.

The three priests-to-be then had to get permission from Bishop Floersch of Louisville, who told them to get the necessary clearance from the archbishop of Washington since they represented a canonical domicile. When all had agreed to the ordination the three priests had two days to inform their families and then went to Louisville for the six-day pre-ordination retreat. The ordination followed on August 10 with the Passionists. The Passionists coming to Dayton Thursday for the unique mass are Rev. Canute Horack, Des Moines; Rev. James Busch, Chicago; Walter Kaelin, Warrenton, Missouri; Rev. Thomas More Newbold, St. Meinrad, Indiana; and Rev. Lucian Hogan from Cincinnati.