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DAYTON, Ohio, August 2, 1967 --- Rev. Thomas A. Stanley, Director of the University of Dayton's East Campus for the past two years and a native of Cleveland, has been elected to the General Administration of the Society of Mary in Rome, Italy. Father Stanley, who was Provost of UD from 1961 to 1965, becomes assistant to the Society's General Superior for matters pertaining to ZEAL.

As head of the ZEAL program, Father Stanley will be concerned with the spiritual life of the entire Society of Mary in 29 countries throughout the world. He will be directly responsible to Very Rev. Paul J. Hoffer, Superior General in Rome.

Father Stanley had gone to Europe this month with five other members of the Cincinnati Province to attend the General Chapter meeting on the reviewing and revision of the Society of Mary Constitution in accordance with the spirit of Vatican II. His elevation to the general administration came as a complete surprise.

Father Stanley, who was ordained to the priesthood in Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1950, received his bachelor of arts degree from UD in 1952 and his bachelor of Sacred Theology, Licentiate in Sacred Theology, and Doctor of Sacred Theology from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1952. He also took postgraduate studies at the Athenaeum Pontificium Angelicum in Rome in 1953.

He taught theology at UD from 1952 to 1955 and for one school year, 1955-56, was Director of the Marianist Retreat House of UD's East Campus, then known as Mt. St. John's. He was transferred to the Catholic University of Puerto Rico as vice-rector for the 1956-57 school year and then was appointed rector, a post which he held until 1961. He became Dean of UD in 1961. The name of the position was changed to Provost during Father Stanley's tenure in that position.

In Cleveland, Father Stanley, who was born December 19, 1921, attended St. Timothy grammar school and Cathedral Latin High School.

During his tenure at UD in the 1950s and 1960s he was a member of many religious and secular organizations and worked with groups dedicated to the study of Mary, the Mother of God. He has written several articles for religious publications about the study of Mariology.

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