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DAYTON, Ohio, June 26, 1968 --- The Reverend Dr. Rene Laurentin, professor of theology at the Catholic University of Angers, France since 1953, will lecture this Tuesday, July 2, on "Mary and Women," at the Boll Theater, 7:30 p.m., on the University of Dayton campus. The lecture, one of a series of three, is sponsored by the Marian Library on the campus.

Dr. Laurentin is currently teaching a course, "The Rise or Fall of Mariology," in the University's Graduate Program of Theological Studies. The French priest, who served as peritus at Vatican Council II, taught at UD two years ago and discussed Vatican II and Mary, the Mother of God, in a Religion in Life Series lecture.

Father Laurentin, who served in the French Army during World War II and was decorated with the "Croix De Guerre (two citations), was ordained a priest in 1946 and consecrated himself to the study of Marian Theology. He had begun the study of Mariology while a prisoner of the Germans in World War II.

He has a Doctor of Letters "Summa Cum Laude" from the Sorbonne and a Doctor of Theology degree, "Cum Singulari Prorsus Laude," from the Catholic Institute of Paris. He is a member of the International Marian Academy in Rome and was chosen consultor for the Preparatory Commissions of Vatican Council II. He also is a reporter on religious questions for the famous Paris newspaper, "Figaro."

Father Laurentin is studying the University's Marian Library, largest of its kind in the world. He will be in Dayton through July 19.

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