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Archbishop Karl J. Alter Celebrant of 100th Anniversary Mass

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DAYTON, Ohio, June 18, 1969 — Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati will be principal concelebrant of the anniversary Mass marking the 100th anniversary of the University of Dayton chapel Tuesday, June 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Because of the limited capacity of the chapel, attendance will be by invitation.

Concelebrating with the archbishop will be Rev. Raymond Roesch, S.M., President of the University and Rev. Andrew L. Seebold, S.M., former president (1953-59).

At a dinner following the anniversary Mass, Monsignor Robert J. Sherry, pastor of St. William's church, Cincinnati will introduce the archbishop. Principal speaker at the dinner will be Rev. Charles J. Lees, S.M., University Provost.

At the time of its construction in 1869, the U.D. chapel was the highest structure in Dayton. With a seating capacity of 500, it is still larger than many area churches.

The structure was erected when Brother Maximin Zehler, first president of what is now the University of Dayton, was director of the school. Enrollment was 210. Brother Zehler was a member of the original band of the religious order known as Marianists that had come to the U.S. from France in 1849. He is regarded as first president of the University of Dayton, although the school was first known as Nazareth. Later it became St. Mary's Institute, St. Mary's College and finally, in 1920, the University of Dayton.

At the time the chapel was completed, Dayton had a population of 30,000. The first transcontinental railroad went into operation the same year. Other U.D. chapels are now on the East and West Campuses.