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DAYTON, Ohio, July 31, 1970 — Rev. James W. Bartholomew, S.M., 64, who spent 28 years of his religious life in Dayton, died suddenly in Loughlinstown, Ireland, early this week, the Cincinnati Province headquarters of the Society of Mary in Dayton learned today. Father Bartholomew, who had graduated from the University of Dayton in 1929, had been serving as chaplain at Laurence O’Toole College in Shankill, Dublin, Ireland, since August of last year.

A funeral Mass was read for Father Bartholomew at the college on Thursday. According to Bro. John Jansen, S.M., Acting Cincinnati Provincial during the illness of Rev. William Ferree, S.M., the body will be returned to Dayton. Burial will be in the Queen of Heaven Cemetery on UD’s East Campus, formerly Mt. St. John’s.

Father Bartholomew, born and raised in Philadelphia, entered the Society of Mary at Beacon, New York, in 1922. He took his first vows on August 15, 1925, at Mt. St. John’s and his final vows at the University of Dayton, August 11, 1930. He was ordained to the priesthood at Fribourg, Switzerland, on March 13, 1937.

He taught at Marianist high schools, Purcell in Cincinnati, Cathedral Latin in Cleveland and Hamilton, Ohio, Catholic, and at Mt. St. John’s during the 1930’s and 1940’s. He joined the faculty of Trinity College, Sioux City, Iowa, in 1943 and remained until 1948 when he was transferred to Cathedral Latin. He returned to Mt. St. John’s in 1949 and was a staff member until his Ireland assignment last August.