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Brother Leo Sieben, S.M., Dies at 86

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DAYTON, Ohio, October 5, 1970 --- Brother Leo Sieben, S.M., who gave 68 years of his life to the Society of Mary, and spent 52 of them at Mount St. John, died Sunday, October 4, at 6 a.m. He was 86.

He professed his first vows March 30, 1902, the year after he came here from his native Chicago. He made his perpetual vows in 1908 at Villa Maria, San Jose, California.

Brother Sieben spent his last 52 years at Mount St. John, which now is also the University's East Campus. Since 1952, he had been the archivist of the Society's Cincinnati Province.

One might say there is already a memorial to him at the Mount, the Marianist complex on Patterson Road. The gymnasium auditorium is known as Sieben Hall.

Interim assignments took Brother Sieben to Louisville, Kentucky; San Francisco, Rutherford, California, and Detroit, Michigan, as a school teacher. For two years he was principal of Detroit's Holy Redeemer high school. Immediately prior to that, 1916 to 1924, he was assigned to the Mount St. John scholasticate, for the formation of young religious.

The long-time Marianist, for whom death ended a lingering illness, is survived by a brother, Herman, in Skokie, Illinois, and a sister, Miss Clara Sieben. He also leaves a niece, Sr. Ann Clara Sieben, in a Dixon, Illinois, convent, and a nephew, Fred Sieben.

Brother Sieben will be buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery at Mount St. John. Requiem Mass will be sung in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at UD on Wednesday, October 7, at 3:30 p.m. Friends may pay their respects at the U.D. Chapel on Tuesday, October 6, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.