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UD MARIANIST BROTHERS
CELEBRATE GOLDEN JUBILEE

DAYTON, Ohio, April 30, 1982 -- On Sunday, May 2, two University of Dayton Marianist (Society of Mary) brothers will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the first profession of their religious vows. Brother Edward A. Prochaska, S.M. and Brother Jerome McAvoy, S.M., along with the UD Marianist community, will participate in a special Mass in the University of Dayton Alumni Hall.

PROCHASKA

After completing studies at Cathedral Latin High School in Cleveland Brother Prochaska began studies for the religious life at Mount St. John in Dayton. In March 1932, he made his first vows and went on for further studies.

After his first teaching assignment at St. Mary’s School in Cincinnati, Brother Prochaska decided that teaching wasn’t for him and returned to Mount St. John where he worked in the printing department from 1934 until 1956.

Following this he assumed responsibility for the University of Dayton Building and Grounds Department until 1968. He then served at Chaminade High School in Dayton from 1968 until 1972. Upon returning to UD in 1972 Brother Prochaska began work at UD Press and is still working in that department.

McAVOY

Brother Jerome McAvoy, S.M., a native of Tipton, Indiana, and a graduate of the University of Dayton, professed his vows in August 1932 at the age of 32. He served as assistant treasurer for the University of Dayton from 1937 to 1939.

Brother McAvoy then served as chief financial officer of the University of Dayton for 10 years beginning in 1947. From 1958 to 1965 he was assistant provincial for temporalities for the Cincinnati province of the Society of Mary.

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Teaching assignments throughout Brother McAvoy's career included Purcell High School (Cincinnati) from 1936 to 1937, St. Louis College (Honolulu) from 1939 to 1941, Chaminade High School (Dayton) from 1941 to 1942 and North Catholic High School (Pittsburgh) from 1942 to 1947. In 1969 he retired to the Marianist community in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1975, in response to a request from Bishop Clarence Law of the Springfield, Missouri diocese, Brother McAvoy went to live with and train a refugee Vietnamese religious congregation of 165 priests and brothers in Carthage, Missouri.

Brother McAvoy retired to the University of Dayton Alumni Hall community in 1979.