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REVEREND FRANCIS A. LANGHIRT, S.M.
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Reverend Francis A. Langhirt, S.M. died suddenly of natural causes on December 9, 1983 at the University of Dayton Alumni Hall. He was 85.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Father Langhirt was 13 years old when he entered the Society of Mary in Dayton. He professed his first vows in 1915 and was ordained to the priesthood in Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1927. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. Mary's Institute in 1918. He then taught in Hamilton, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan.

Fr. Langhirt taught in the University of Dayton Preparatory School and served as chaplain at Catholic High School (Chaminade-Julienne) in Dayton in the early 1920s. From 1929 until 1933 he taught at the Marianist Preparatory School in Beacon, NY. In 1933, he taught briefly in St. Louis.

From 1934 until 1940, Father Langhirt taught philosophy and Latin at UD. During that time he became known as "the campus radio priest," as he obtained his amateur radio license and conducted a student radio club.

Fr. Langhirt served as an assistant pastor and later as administrator of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dayton from 1940 until 1956. From 1956 until 1961 he was as assistant pastor at Emmanuel Catholic Church in Dayton.

From 1961 until 1971 Fr. Langhirt taught theology part-time at UD and served as a chaplain. He also served as chaplain at Miami Valley Hospital.

For many years, Fr. Langhirt maintained and operated the clock and chimes of Miriam Hall on the campus. He took on this job when they were installed. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 13, at 8 p.m. in the University of Dayton Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Hall Chapel on the campus. Burial will be on Wednesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Bergamo.

Father Langhirt is survived by one brother, John Langhirt of Baltimore; a cousin, Redemptorist priest Father Carl Langhirt, C.S.S.R.; six nieces, and two nephews.

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