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FATHER CHARLES L. COLLINS
1905-1984

DAYTON, Ohio, May 9, 1984 -- Father Charles L. Collins, S.M., former vice president and dean of the University of Dayton died today at Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, Florida. He was 78 years old.

Collins, a native of Oxford, Pennsylvania, came to UD in 1941 and held numerous important positions including director of admissions, director of the guidance center, dean of students, administrative official in charge of the research program, and vice president. Before going to UD, he began his career teaching at Chaminade High School in Dayton. He also taught at Hamilton Catholic in Hamilton, Ohio and at Cathedral Latin in Cleveland.

In 1965 Collins was appointed as assistant to the president of UD, and in 1967 was elected to the UD Board of Trustees. During his tenure with UD he also served as the chairman of the UD Athletic Board and is credited as having been a "motivating force in the growth of the UD athletic program." He was considered to be the "man who perpetuated the future of football at the University of Dayton." And, in recognition of his many years of leadership and service to UD, the Collins Gymnasium in the Physical Activities Center was named for him.

Collins received his B.A. degree from UD in 1926, his M.A. from Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1936, and his Ph.D. in Psychology in 1941 from Fordham University. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1936.

A member of the Society of Mary for more than 60 years, Collins retired from the University in 1975 and moved to Hollywood, Florida, where he lived with the Marianist Community and served as Catholic chaplain at Memorial Hospital.

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Father Charles Collins is survived by a brother, Arthur, in Secane, Pennsylvania and two sisters, Florence McKenna and Mariam Collins of Havertown, Pennsylvania.