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REVEREND LAWRENCE W. MONHEIM, S.M.
1905 - 1985

DAYTON, Ohio, September 16, 1985 -- Reverend Lawrence W. Monheim, S.M., founder of the University of Dayton Marian Library, died September 14, at the UD Marianist Assisted Living Center. He was 80 years old and suffered from cancer.

A native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Father Monheim took his first vows on October 2, 1923, at Mt. St. John's. After taking his final vows at the UD Chapel, in 1928, he was ordained in Fribourg, Switzerland, on March 8, 1936. He also received his M.A. in Sociology from the Catholic University of America, in 1943.

Father Monheim founded the world's largest Marian Library, the UD Marian Library, in 1943. He left UD in 1944, but returned in 1949. He initiated a variety of projects at the Library, including publishing reprints and inviting Marianist experts to speak at UD. In 1954, he received a Special Mariological Award, from the Mariological Society of America, of which he was a member.

In 1955, Father Monheim ended his tenure with the Marian Library, but remained at UD as head of the Theology Department, and Chaplain of UD. During the 1960's he also acted as a substitute priest in many Dayton area parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Father Monheim is survived by a sister, Frances Monheim, and two brothers, Louis and Robert, all of Pittsburg.

The viewing will take place on Tuesday, September 17, from 4 - 7:15 p.m., in the UD Alumni Hall Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 7:30 p.m., in the UD main chapel, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Internment will take place on Wednesday, September 18, at 10 a.m., at Queen of Heaven Cemetery at Mt. St. John/Bergamo.