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Brother Francis W. Schneider, S.M., Pronounced Dead After Heart Attack

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DAYTON, Ohio, February 7, 1973 --- Brother Francis W. Schneider, S.M., Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Dayton, was pronounced dead in his Alumni Hall room on the UD campus this morning by Dr. John H. Dirckx, University physician. Brother Schneider, who had been assigned to the University since 1953, had apparently succumbed to a heart attack late yesterday, according to Dr. Dirckx.

Brother Schneider, who also was serving as the organist in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, would have been 69 years old on March 25. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1904, Brother Schneider had joined the Society of Mary in 1923. He was attached to Mt. St. John, now the Marianist/Bergamo Center on Patterson Road.

He received his B.A. degree in English from the University of Dayton in 1927, and his Masters degree in Music Education in 1948 from Ohio State University. Brother Schneider briefly taught English and History at UD’s Preparatory School (1933-34) and was Choirmaster of the Student Choir. After 17 years at Purcell High, Cincinnati (1934-49, 1951-53) as teacher and band director, Brother returned to UD as the Assistant Librarian. A year later, in 1955, he became Instructor of Music, and in 1960, an Assistant Professor of Music.

Brother Schneider had several articles published in Catholic magazines, and was a member of the National Catholic Music Educators Association 1952-60. Earlier, Brother taught at Chaminade, Dayton (1927-29); Cathedral Latin, Cleveland (1929-32); and Chaminade, Mineola (1949-51).

Visitation will be held in the Alumni Hall Chapel on Friday, February 9, from 4-9 P.M. The Mass will be on Saturday, February 10, at 10:00 A.M. in the Main Chapel. Fr. Stephen Schneider, O.P.M., Pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Cincinnati and Brother Schneider’s brother will be the celebrant of the Mass.

Brother Schneider leaves behind four other brothers, Edward, Bruno, and Aloysius Schneider, Jr., all residing in Hamilton; Andrew Schneider and his sister, Mrs. Donald Ogg, of Cincinnati.