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MONDAY, JULY 21, 1975, Bro. Charles Leonard Zwiesler, S.M., native
Daytonian, died in Santa Cruz, California, July 13 at the age of 79. His death
followed a massive cerebral hemorrhage suggested 34 days earlier.

For an eleven-year period, 1936-1947, Bro. Leonard held the dual positions
of office manager and director of maintenance at the University of Dayton.

Under the successive presidencies of Rev. Walter Tredtin and Rev. John
Elbert, Bro. Leonard directed the acquisition and erection of the engineering
building from the government, he was responsible for the construction of faculty
homes bordering Union Avenue, the remodeling of the old gym to provide shower
and locker rooms for the women students, the lounge rooms in Chaminade Hall
for the women, and the installation of the Guidance Center in Albert Victor
Emanuel Library.

Following his years at the university Bro. Leonard moved to Honolulu where
he continued his office administration work at St. Louis High School. When Chaminade
College of Honolulu opened in 1955 he became purchasing agent for the newly formed
St. Louis-Chaminade Education Center. Deteriorating eyesight forced his retirement
in the late 60's, and when blindness developed in 1972 he was placed in the Marianist
infi rmary in Santa Cruz, California.

There he retained his remarkable mental alertness, "reading" three or four
books for the blind every week and keeping abreast of current events via radio and
television. His retentive memory was the admiration of nurses and patients.

Bro. Leonard, known locally as Charles Zwiesler, was born to August and
Philomena Zwiesler in north Dayton. He attended Holy Rosary School and St. Mary's
Institute, now the University of Dayton. As a member of the Society of Mary he
taught for 23 years in the Catholic schools of Louisville, Cincinnati, Covington,
Brooklyn, Long Island, San Francisco, and San Jose.

Bro. Leonard is mourned by three brothers and one sister: William Zwiesler
of Dayton, Rev. Angelo of the Franciscan Order in Springfield, Ill., Bro. Ignatius
of the Franciscans in Oak Brook, Ill., and Sister Angelita of the Franciscan Sisters
of Oldenburg, Ind.

Other brothers and sister of his very religious family who preceded him
in death were Rev. Humilis, Franciscan, Bro. Edmund of the Trappist Order, and
Sister Mary Paschal of the Poor Clares.

Interment was in the Marianist section of the Gate of Heaven Cemetery,
Los Altos, California.