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DAYTON, Ohio, February 3, 1976 --- Brother John George Geisler, S.M. a
teacher for 60 years who had among his students John Cardinal Dearden and John
Cardinal Krol, died Tuesday, February 3, 1976 at the University of Dayton at
the age of 90.

A native of Baltimore, Brother Geisler came to Dayton in 1900, professed
first vows with the Society of Mary in 1903 and began his teaching career two
years later at old St. Mary's in Cincinnati. He received a degree in Science
at UD in 1918 and taught school in Brooklyn and Erie.

At the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Brother George earned the degree
of Licentiate in Science in 1924, returning to become Vice President of Cathedral
Latin High School in Cleveland. Among his students at Cathedral Latin were the
late Archbishop Hallinan of Atlanta, Bishop Floyd Begin of Oakland, John Cardinal
Dearden of Detroit and John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia. Brother George
also served as Cathedral's Athletic Director.

Following four years of teaching at Our Lady of the Seminary in Cleveland,
he was assigned in 1931 as professor of Organic Chemistry at Trinity
College, Sioux City, Iowa. Ten years later, he returned to the University of Dayton to
head the Chemistry department.

In 1950, suffering from asthma, Brother Geisler was transferred to Ponce,
Puerto Rico where he established a Chemistry department at the Catholic
University of Puerto Rico.

Returning finally to the University of Dayton in 1958, he taught a chemistry
course in German to students preparing for graduate studies. In 1965, as
Professor Emeritus, he retired.

In April of 1972, the University of Puerto Rico held a banquet honoring
Brother Geisler as the founder and organizer of the Chemistry department. A
plaque was affixed to the wall of the Chemistry Building to recognize his
outstanding contribution to Catholic education on the Island.

In Jubilee Ceremonies in 1973, Brother Geisler joined forty other religious
from four American provinces to celebrate Mass and a renewal of vows.

In his retirement, he remained active. A sports enthusiast, he followed the
Cincinnati Reds and the UD Flyers. He shared his room with 80 "roommates"
eight tanks of fish and a parakeet who greeted visitors in English, German,
French, Spanish, and Latin.

A funeral Mass will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 A.M. in the University
of Dayton Main Chapel. Visitors will be received Friday between 4 and 9 P.M.
in the Alumni Hall Chapel.