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JULY 5-8: 'FLYING PADRES' MEET AT UD TO STUDY DAYTON'S AVIATION HISTORY

About 40 priests who are also pilots, nicknamed the "Flying Padres," will be meeting at the University of Dayton from Monday, July 5 to Thursday, July 8.

The priests will have their 36th annual convention of the National Association of Priest Pilots. Members, who also include deacons and lay people, come from throughout the United States as well as Australia, Brazil and countries in Europe and Africa.

The organization was formed in 1964 to promote the use of the airplane in evangelization and mission work. "As we grow older, some of us, like myself, are not flying any more, but we enjoy the meeting very much," said the Rev. John Bellon, a charter member.

About 20 of the pilots are scheduled to arrive by plane at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport, 10600 Springboro Pike, on Monday, July 5.

They will tour the Carillon Historical Park at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, and will tour the U.S. Air Force Museum at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7. They will leave Dayton after 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 8.

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For more information, call the **Rev. John Bellon** in Detroit at (313) 842-3450. While in Dayton, the priests will be staying in UD's Kettering Residence Hall at (937) 229-4563.