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## PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M. will be the 17th President of the University of Dayton.

Reverend Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., the 16th President of the University, has served nineteen years as president to this date, the longest term in the history of the university.

Before Fr. Roesch, the longest term was served by Reverend Bernard P. O'Reilly in two terms - 1908-18 and 1923-32.

The average term for a president is about seven years.

Brother Maximin Zehler was the youngest President in office, at age 33, when he became President in 1860.

Past outstanding accomplishments by Presidents:

- eleven buildings and some additions to buildings were done under the auspices of Fr. Roesch totaling over \$50 million.
- largest enrollment ever at UD - under Fr. Roesch in 1967 - over 10,000.
- St. Mary's Institute became the Saint Mary's College during the first of two terms served by Reverend Bernard P. O'Reilly - 1908-18 and 1923-32.
- College of Engineering and Law College were opened under Fr. O'Reilly.
- Graduate School opened under Reverend John A. Elbert during his 1938-44 term.
- In 1920 the University of Dayton was incorporated under Rev. Joseph Tetzlaff.

### Past Presidents

Very Reverend Leo Meyer, S.M. 1850-60

Brother Maximin Zehler 1860-76

Reverend Francis Feith 1876-79

Reverend George Meyer 1879-87

Reverend John Harks 1887-89

Reverend Joseph Weckesser 1889-96

Reverend Charles Eichner 1896-1902

Reverend Joseph Tragesser 1902-08

Reverend Bernard P. O'Reilly 1908-18

Reverend Joseph Tetzlaff 1918-23

Reverend Bernard O'Reilly 1923-32

Reverend Walter Tredtin 1932-38

Reverend John A. Elbert 1938-44

Reverend George J. Renneker 1944-53

Reverend Andrew Seebold 1953-59

### Brother Raymond Fitz

Born: August 12, 1941

Parents: Raymond L. Fitz, Sr., a 1939 graduate of University of Dayton  
Mary Louise Fitz

Brothers and Sister: Thomas E. Fitz, a graduate of Ohio State  
David A. Fitz, a graduate of Northwestern  
Reverend James Fitz, S.M., a graduate of University of Dayton  
(1968)  
Mary Ann Fitz, a graduate of University of Dayton (1971)  
Michael Fitz, high school

Brother Fitz attended St. Vincent's High School in Akron, Ohio, graduating in 1959. He was the All City and All District athlete in football.