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Joseph P. Geiger (1909-1987)



Joseph P. Geiger, Director of the Inland Children's Chorus from 1955 to 1970. See also the 1955 summer issue of *The Inlander* on the appointment of Joseph Geiger on the "articles" page and his obituary on the following page.

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Rites Saturday for J. Geiger, longtime St. Mary's organist

For 40 years, organist Joseph P. Geiger played the organ for thousands of Masses, weddings and funerals at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, the Dayton church will be the site of a funeral service for Mr. Geiger, who died Wednesday at age 78 while staying at the home of his daughter in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Born in Dayton, Mr. Geiger received his musical training at the Cincinnati College of Music. He returned to Dayton in 1927 to become the organist for St. Agnes Catholic Church, where he played for 15 years before moving to St. Mary's.

He also took outside jobs directing the 200-member Inland Children's Chorus, the St. Joseph Commercial High School Chorus, the St. Elizabeth and the Good

Samaritan Nurses choruses. He also taught 50 piano and organ students each week.

In 1977, while celebrating his 50th year as an organist and choirmaster, Mr. Geiger estimated he had played for 2,000 weddings, 2,000 funerals and 58,000 Masses during his career.

Mr. Geiger, who lived in Kettering before moving to North Olmsted in July, retired as organist in 1980. A reception was attended by many of his former students.

Mr. Geiger was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise, in 1986. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Agnes Howard, and two grandchildren.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Westbrook Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.