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FEB. 16: UD COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ASH WEDNESDAY

Every Mass celebrated at the University of Dayton's Immaculate Conception Chapel on Ash Wednesday will be filled with students and faculty ready to begin the season of Lent.

UD's campus ministry office estimates that about 2,000 students will attend the Wednesday, Feb. 16 Masses at 10 and 11 a.m., noon, and 4:30, 7, 8:30 and 10 p.m. People attending Mass will receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of cross. While the priest places the ashes on their foreheads, he will say a prayer such as, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

For Catholics, Ash Wednesday represents the beginning of Lent, a new liturgical season, a season of renewal and repentance for sins. Lent is an activity celebrated by the community, says the Rev. Gerald Chinchar, S.M., of UD's campus ministry. "We do Lent together. Because we belong to a Christian community, we experience Lent with each other, and it is not an individualistic experience."

For more information, contact UD's campus ministry office at (513) 229-3339.