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## NEWS RELEASE

### UD'S DEVOTIONAL IMAGES OF MARY ON DISPLAY IN MARIAN LIBRARY EXHIBIT

DAYTON, Ohio — Before holy cards became popular, colored engravings were used in schools to illustrate sacred stories and to make saints better known. They were also displayed in homes, with texts printed in the margins to help people pray.

Thirty-four lithographs, pulled from the collection of the University of Dayton Marian Library, are on display through April 20 in an exhibit called "Art for the Heart: Devotional Images of Mary." The exhibit is featured in the Marian Library gallery, located on the seventh floor of Roesch Library on campus. Admission is free and open to the public, and the gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Special arrangements to view the exhibit may be made by calling (937) 229-4214.

The display is one of three available for loan from the Marian Library. An Old Masters series of block prints can be loaned as an exhibit, as can a collection of paintings by German artist Anton Mutter on the Book of Revelation. Inquiries may be directed to the Rev. Johann G. Roten, S.M., or Sister M. Jean Frisk.

"These are framed prints representing scenes from the lives of Jesus and Mary," said Roten, director of the Marian Library-International Marian Research Institute at UD. "Named after the French town of Epinal, they can be dated to the second half of the 19th century. At one time widely disseminated, images of Epinal were the big brothers and big sisters of what are commonly designated as holy cards."

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Images in the exhibit focus on the madonna and child. "Madonna and child is the Christian icon par excellence. In this mother and this child we contemplate the loving union between God and humanity," he said.

The Marian Library contains the world's largest collection of printed materials on Mary, the mother of Jesus. The exhibit can also be viewed online by following the Gallery link from the Mary Page, located at <http://www.udayton.edu/mary/>.

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