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The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is a sign of Christ's victory over death.
Thomas Merton

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent are upon us. Typically, we do not equate "something new" with Lent. For many of us, Lent can be routine. Get the ashes, do the fasting, give up something dear as an experience of self-discipline. Today, Isaiah reminds us to forget the events of the past and notice that God is doing something new with us. Not later, right now. We need to remember that God carves paths in the desert, turns wastelands into rivers, and brings us life in the midst of our challenges. Most importantly, Isaiah reminds us to stop shouldering the guilt of our past regressions. Our sins are forgiven, as is proclaimed to the paralytic in the Gospel.

We approach the season of Lent with an attitude of hope, expecting to be changed, even as we humble ourselves to journey with Christ through His passion to celebrate His resurrection and the commitment of our baptism at Easter. God is preparing to do something new with us. Not later, but right now.

We observe the season of Lent with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As you consider how you will live the season this year, allow yourself to respond with something new. Change up your prayer, fast from something different - not as an experience of self-discipline, but to be reminded of the grace of God working on you. Be generous with your time and money. Observance of these practices form us as true disciples.

Take the routine out of Lent and do something new. God will show up. He promises.

Crystal Slaughter, Director, Campus Ministry
Volunteer with other UD students to engage with our Dayton community. Join the Center for Social Concern for service projects. Transportation is provided. Visit www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc for more details and stop by Liberty Hall 107 to register! Questions? Contact Kelly Bohrer at kbohrerl@udayton.edu.

Table of Plenty
February 28, Noon-1:15, Liberty Hall Rm. 08
Come and join the Center for Social Concern staff for lunch (provided) and discussion of the Occupy Movement, centered on the distribution of wealth within a capitalist democracy and the social justice realities that exist. There will be representatives from the local Occupy Dayton group to share their experiences. RSVP by February 24 to Sue Terboy at sterboy1@udayton.edu.

UD's Consciousness Rising Conference
Saturday, March 10, 12-6pm, River Campus
Want to know more about human trafficking/modern day slavery and what you can do to stop it? Join students, faculty and staff and the Dayton community to collectively move toward ending modem-day slavery. There will be many awareness raising activities, a fair trade market sale, a prayer station, and more! Admission is $5 for students and adults. In lieu of the $5.00 donation, please bring a “basic necessity” item to donate (toiletries, sheets, etc.). Questions? Contact Erin Quinn at quinne1@udayton.edu.

Substance-Free Housing Application Deadline Extension!
Campus South Substance-Free housing is provided for sophomores who are interested in both creating a safe, social environment and in living a substance-free lifestyle within their residence and throughout campus. The deadline for next year has been extended to Feb. 20. Questions? Go to http://campus.udayton.edu/~club6/NewClub6/housing2011.html. Groups ranging from 1 to 6 people are welcome to apply!

Gathering to Pray During Lent
Friday mornings, 8:30-9am, 1617 Frericks Way
Please join us as we set aside a few moments out of our busy day for prayer and reflection this holy season of Lent. Coffee and tea provided.
Questions? Contact Lauren Farrell at farrell11@udayton.edu.

Ash Wednesday Services
February 22
Mass Times
Immaculate Conception Chapel
8am, 10am, 12:05pm, 4:30pm, 6pm and 8pm
McGinnis Center
9pm
Interdenominational Worship
 Marianist Hall Chapel
Noon and 7pm
Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. For information on fasting and abstinence from meat, and other Lenten prayer resources, please go to usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/lent/

Road Less Traveled Retreat
February 24 & 25 or March 30 & 31
Open to all first year students, this retreat will focus on how the themes of identity, journey, and discipleship are present in our lives. This retreat will strengthen your faith, rejuvenate your spirit, and give you time to look deeper into the values that guide who you are. Registration is happening now for both weekends!
Register online: http://www.udayton.edu/ministry/retreats_list.php or fill out a registration form in Liberty Hall 101 or the Campus Ministry office in your building: Marycrest 264, Stuart 139, Founders 150, Marianist 117. Questions? Contact Bro. Tom Pieper at tpieper1@udayton.edu or 229-2211 or Jen Williamson at morinwilliamsonj1@udayton.edu or 229-3310.

More to Life Retreat
March 23-25
Come spend the weekend away from campus at Glen Helen exploring relationships with God, others, and yourself during the retreat. The cost is $55 and scholarships are available. Register today on the UD Campus Ministry website. Questions? Contact Katrina Hamilton at hamiltonk3@udayton.edu.

Catholic Social Action Office Conference
Imago Dei: Proclaiming Our Human Dignity Through Solidarity
Saturday, March 3, 9am-4:30pm Kennedy Union
Do you desire a greater understanding of seeing the Image of God (Imago Dei) in each person? Do you want to know how to support human dignity in our society and the world? Check out this conference. For more information and to register, go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction

IMPACT Conference
March 29-April 1, Stetson University of Deland, Florida
Interested in meeting with other college students nation-wide regarding Community Service, advocacy, and social justice work? RSVP by Monday, February 20 to join a UD group of students attending this conference. Financial assistance available. Contact Chase Jones, Center for Social Concern Graduate intern, at chase200517@gmail.com or 229-2524.