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NEWS RELEASE

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NAMES EIGHT NEW TRUSTEES, OHIO SENATE PRESIDENT RICHARD FINAN CHAIRS THE BOARD

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton has named eight new members to the board of trustees.

Starting three-year terms:

- The Rev. Thomas A. Cardone, S.M., provincial of the Marianist province of Meribah.
- Dave Fitzgerald, president and CEO of Fitzgerald and Co., a large Atlanta-based ad agency with clients such as Coca-Cola and Ralston Purina Inc. He earned a bachelor's degree in management in 1971 and an MBA in 1973 from UD.
- Richard Finan, Ohio Senate president. He earned a bachelor's in business administration from UD in 1954.
- Brother Francisco T. González, S.M., assistant provincial for education in the Marianist province of New York.
- Colombe M. Nicholas, Internet consultant. She's the former CEO of Anne Klein Co. and former president and COO of Giorgio Armani Fashion Corp. She graduated from UD in 1964 with a degree in French.
- The Rev. Ralph A. Siefert, S.M., president and CEO of Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis.
- Daryl Ward, community leader and senior pastor of Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, which has grown from 100 to more than 4,000 members since he became pastor in 1988.
- Sue Wesselkamper, president of Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Finan returns to UD's board of trustees as chair after serving 18 years as a trustee (1978-1987, 1989-1998). He has served as a member of the Ohio Senate since 1978 and became president in January 1997. Previously, he was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1973-1978 and served as mayor of the village of Evendale, a suburb of

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Cincinnati. Throughout his legislative career, he has been involved with some of the toughest issues that have faced Ohio — from workers' compensation to school funding to the legislation bailing out Ohio's state-chartered savings and loans.

"Dick Finan is an excellent choice as chair of UD's board of trustees," said Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president. "When he was on the board in the past, he chaired the academic policies and programs committee, so he knows our academic programs well. As president of the Ohio Senate, he is a consummate statesman. He will have the board focused on important long-range challenges for the University of Dayton."

Stepping off the board are Mervyn L. Alphonso, Brother Stephen M. Glodek, S.M., the Rev. Paul Marshall, S.M., Clayton L. Mathile, the Rev. John J. Moder, S.M., David C. Phillips and Thomas M. Roberts.

Founded in 1850, the University of Dayton is the largest independent university in Ohio and ranks among the largest Catholic universities in the nation.

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For digital photos of the new trustees, contact **Teri Rizvi** at (937) 229-3241 or rizvi@udayton.edu