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## NEWS RELEASE

### **BROTHER RAYMOND FITZ TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH**

DAYTON, Ohio – Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., past president of the University of Dayton, will receive an honorary degree from the College of Mount St. Joseph and deliver the commencement address at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 13.

Fitz, who stepped down as president in 2002 after serving a record 23 years, will be honored for his years of service to higher education and the Dayton community. He will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

"He's certainly been a leader in Catholic higher education," said Sister Francis Marie Thrailkill, O.S.U., president of the College of Mount St. Joseph. "In Ohio, he's been an outstanding leader for all private education."

During his tenure, the University of Dayton became known as one of the top Catholic universities in the country and locally as a partner in addressing issues ranging from child protection and neighborhood redevelopment to education reform and human services delivery. As the Ferree Professor of Social Justice at the University of Dayton, he's teaching classes and sharing the lessons he's learned with students and faculty working in UD's Center for Leadership in Community that bears his name.

Fitz also has received an honorary degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu. In 2003, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Dayton's National Alumni Association. In 2001, he was honored by the Presidents Club with the Citizen Legion of Honor Award, the Dayton community's top award for volunteer service. The Montgomery County Family and Children First Council gives the Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D. Award annually to a front-line agency worker or grassroots community member "who exemplifies Brother Ray's dedication and commitment to the cause of nurturing and protecting children as evidenced by his years of leadership and service."

The College of Mount St. Joseph is a small private college near Cincinnati founded by the Sisters of Charity.