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DAN SADLIER TO CHAIR UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TWO OTHER HIGH-PROFILE ALUMNI JOIN BOARD

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton has named R. Daniel Sadlier, civic leader and president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank of Western Ohio, chair of its board of trustees and appointed two other high-profile alumni to the board. Sadlier's three-year term begins July 1.

The new members are:

• The Rev. James Fitz, S.M., assistant provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Dayton in 1968 and a master's degree in historical theology from St. Louis University in 1973.

• Vicki Giambrone, vice president of marketing and development for Children's Medical Center and president-elect of UD's National Alumni Association. She's a two-time University of Dayton graduate, with a bachelor's degree in communication in 1981 and a master's in public administration in 2001.

A 1970 business management graduate and a former Flyer basketball star, Sadlier has been a member of UD's board of trustees since 1997. He replaces Richard Finan, retired president of the Ohio Senate, who returns to the board as a trustee after a three-year term as chair.

A force behind downtown redevelopment, Sadlier is co-chair of the Downtown Dayton Partnership's board of trustees. He worked to bring minor league baseball to Dayton and is currently first vice chair of Inventing Flight 2003 and part of a 12-member advisory panel to oversee how millions in state and local funds will be spent on the Dayton Public Schools' proposed 10-year construction project.

At his alma mater, he has served as president of the National Alumni Association and
served on the School of Business Administration's business advisory council. He received the business school's alumni lifetime achievement award in 1999.

"As a trustee, Dan Sadlier has offered strong guidance to his alma mater and helped us position the University of Dayton in the region," said Daniel J. Curran, president. "He's an extraordinary servant-leader."

Trustees stepping off the board include Richard Abdoo, president and CEO of Wisconsin Energy Corp.; Mary Mathews, executive director of Carillon Historical Park; and Joseph Spadaforo, vice president of AXA Client Solutions and president of UD’s National Alumni Association.

With the exception of the two-year term of the National Alumni Association president, trustees serve three-year terms.

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.