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PRAISED FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP, "CONTAGIOUS" ENERGY

DAYTON, Ohio — Marianists, administrators, faculty and students give Daniel J. Curran, president-elect of the University of Dayton, high marks for his experience in Catholic higher education, collaborative style and "contagious" energy.

Here’s what they’re saying about the first lay leader in UD’s history:

**Brian Conniff, president of the academic senate and chair of the department of English**

"The executive committee of the academic senate found that Dr. Curran’s views on Catholic higher education and his commitment to social justice resonated deeply with the University of Dayton’s mission. He has considerable experience with multiple strategies for increasing diversity as well as practical experience and a thorough understanding of *Ex corde Ecclesiae* (the apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education). I am confident that he and the faculty will work together effectively.

**Patrick Donnelly, professor of sociology, anthropology and social work at the University of Dayton and Dan Curran’s college classmate and friend**

"I love the guy. He’s got great energy. He takes on a job like a Marianist. He says yes to everything. He’s got a great demeanor, a great style in dealing with people, a great sense of humor. He’s a very, very hard worker, a real go-getter. We just sent our first-born son out to St. Joe’s largely because of Dan and Claire being there.”

**Richard Finan, chair of the presidential search committee; chair of the board of trustees; president of the Ohio Senate**

“He will fit the Marianist culture like a glove.”

**Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of the University of Dayton**

“Dan Curran should be a great fit with the UD culture. He will bring new energy and focus to our efforts to become a national leader in Catholic higher education. He has a very good understanding of the importance of connected learning on the UD campus and will provide

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excellent leadership on and beyond the campus. Dan’s family will be a welcomed addition to our UD family. I look forward to working with him on the transition of leadership.”

Brother Joseph Kamis, S.M., provincial, Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary; chair of the members of the corporation; vice chair of the board of trustees; and member of the presidential search committee

“I think Dan is a good fit for the University of Dayton. I am impressed with his energy and desire to be a servant-leader in the tradition that Ray (Fitz) has established. I think he will carry the Catholic and Marianist tradition forward well.”

Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk, Archbishop of Cincinnati

“It was my pleasure to speak by phone this morning with Dr. Daniel J. Curran, the president-elect of the University of Dayton. I offered Dr. Curran my congratulations and best wishes. I said that I have always been grateful to have the University of Dayton here as our local church and that I hoped that, under his leadership, the University would continue to participate deliberately and generously in the church’s life. May God bless the new president. May God bless the University.”

The Rev. Nicholas S. Rashford, S.J., president of Saint Joseph’s University

“I’m a little sad, but happy for him. We worked together for almost 16 years. I have the highest confidence in him, and I’m very proud of his accomplishments. We will miss him.”

Kate Ruda, president of the Student Government Association

“Students will feel comfortable with him as the first lay president. He fits the mold because of his charism and understanding of our history. His energy is contagious.”

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