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PRESIDENT-ELECT CURRAN RECEIVES ETERNAL FLAME AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

DAYTON, Ohio — Daniel J. Curran, who will become president of the University of Dayton this summer, has received the 2002 Eternal Flame Award, an international award given for "exceptional contribution to the field of Holocaust education."

He received the award this week at the 32nd Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches at Kean University.

Curran, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs at Saint Joseph's University, chaired the 30th anniversary Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches at Saint Joseph's University. The event attracted scores of the world's foremost Holocaust and genocide scholars, including Nobel Laureate Elie Weisel. Weisel is a past recipient of the Eternal Flame Award.

"The award recognizes one whose efforts serve to assure that the flames of memory of those who perished will glow forever," according to the citation. The award is an original design by Michel Schwartz of New York — a flame symbolizing the 6 million Jews who died.

The interfaith, interdisciplinary conference is devoted to remembering and learning the lessons of the Holocaust in tandem with the study of the churches' struggle and failure to confront Nazi anti-Semitism.

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