Emmanuel, God is Still With Us!

During this season, we celebrate Emmanuel, literally "God with us." We don't only celebrate the incarnation of Christ over 2,000 years ago, but also recall how Christ remains incarnate with us today.

Christ's incarnate presence has recently been seen in the donations, volunteering and prayers that the UD community provided to over 500 financially-strapped families in the Dayton area through the Thanksgiving food basket drive. The UD community clearly showed the hands and feet of God Incarnate, Emmanuel, to many people, and they are very grateful.

The following is a letter from Good Neighbor House:

Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards you provided for our clients. The joy they brought to our families was incredible and gave many a family a holiday where they were not expecting one! It is through acts of kindness such as yours that we are able to provide the much needed programs to the underserved in our community.

The University of Dayton students may change from year to year but their message of hope and love to those in our community remains the same.

You have made a difference!

The following is a sample of personal thank you notes from families served by Building Bridges:

Thank you for the Thanksgiving basket, our family is very grateful for your generosity.

I would like to thank you for the Thanksgiving basket you gave my family. Our family is experiencing some very difficult times and your generosity is going to make this Thanksgiving better for us. So thank you from all of us.

I cannot begin to express how thankful we were for Thanksgiving. Truly we would like to express our thanks for what you have done for our family for Thanksgiving.

I want to thank you all for the feast this year!!!! Thank you for being nice and blessing us with a holiday gift.

You don't know how much this has helped our family.

We really appreciate all that you have done.

Thank you for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner you provided my family. We really appreciated it and we are very thankful.

Thank you for making my Thanksgiving!

The Dayton community is still in great need. The child born in Bethlehem is calling each of us to answer the need and to continue to bring His message of hope and love to our world in 2011.
Campus Ministry Calendar

December
12  Third Sunday of Advent
17  Winter Baccalaureate Mass
19  Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19-Jan. 17  Christmas Break
24  Christmas Eve
10pm Carol: 10:30pm Mass

January
7-17  Winter Breakouts
15-17  MLK Retreat
28-30  Couples Retreat
29  SERVICE Saturday

UDSAP 2011!!!
All students interested in this summer service program can pick up an application packet at the information sessions or from the Center for Social Concern in Liberty Hall RM 107. UDSAP applications will be due on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at noon. Please go to http://www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc/UDSAP.php for more information and to print an application for this great summer service program.

2011 UD Miryam Award
Campus Ministry's Center for Social Concern is now taking nominations for the 2011 Miryam Award. This award recognizes the efforts of people on our campus to change the atmosphere and the potential for women's achievements here at the University of Dayton. We need your help nominating individuals or groups of UD people (faculty, staff, or students). Nomination forms can be found on our website at www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc and are due by Friday, January 28.
Questions? Contact Kelly Bohrer at 229-2516.

Couples Retreat
January 28-30, 2011
Take some time away to learn and grow in your relationship. Join other UD couples for a fun and relaxing weekend along with plenty of opportunities for prayer, reflection and discussion on relationships, dating, communication, spirituality and sexuality. Couples in all stages of their relationship are encouraged to attend. Only one member of the couple must be a UD student. For more information and to register visit ministry.udayton.edu. Questions? Contact Dave Conard at conarddg@notes.udayton.edu

Mark your calendars!
The Marianist Family around the world is planning a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marianist Founder Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, beginning on Chaminade's feast day.

Please mark your calendars now: Saturday, January 22, 2011, UD will host a special Mass and Reception for the Marianist Family of the Dayton/Cincinnati area beginning at 4:00 pm in the RecPlex. (The Mass on Saturday evening will observe the following Sunday's liturgy, and the Mass schedule on Sunday, January 23 will be abbreviated, with Masses at 10am and 8pm only)

Other campus events planned include lectures, reading groups, art displays, a conference on lay ministry, and the commissioning of a statue of Blessed Chaminade for the Central Mall. On Friday, April 8, 2011, (Chaminade's birthday) Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at 12:05 pm, followed by a reception in Kennedy Union with lots of birthday cake!

The Marianist Family (lay communities, sisters, brothers and priests) in the US and around the world has grown tremendously in the last 50 years, and this occasion finds us at an exciting point in our history. Come gather on January 22 with others who have been touched by the Marianist spirit or have committed themselves to the Marianist mission.

Please watch your e-mail for further announcements and invitations.