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— 2015 Year of Consecrated Life —



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Year of Consecrated Life

The University of Dayton joins Catholics worldwide in honoring vowed religious by celebrating a Year of Consecrated Life.

The University of Dayton is taking a year to celebrate the impact vowed religious men and women have on campus, in our lives and in the world, joining celebrations of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Catholic Church worldwide.

"Marianists and other vowed religious have been a tremendous influence on the university and the greater Dayton community," said Crystal Sullivan, director of campus ministry. "It is a privilege to celebrate their witness to faith and their example of service in the community."

The celebration is in response to Pope Francis' declaration that 2015 be a Year of Consecrated Life, honoring those who have made a vow to become members of the Consecrated Life of the Church. The year began Nov. 30, 2014, and will close on the World Day of Consecrated Life Feb. 2, 2016. The year highlights the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Perfectae Caritatis*, the decree of the Second Vatican Council on the renewal of religious life.

The University is planning a variety of events to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, including discussions, films, speakers and art exhibits. The University of Dayton was founded by the Society of Mary (also known as the Marianists). More than 60 members of the Consecrated Life of the Church (vowed religious) either work or live in the campus community, including Marianist priests, brothers, sisters and students from Ivory Coast, Togo, Korea, India and Haiti, and other vowed religious.

The events below kick off the celebration. For more details and events, visit <http://go.udayton.edu/consecratedlife>.

MLK Lecture: Sister Jamie Phelps

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26

Kennedy Union Ballroom

Sr. Jamie T. Phelps O.P., former director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies and the Katherine Drexel Professor of Systematic Theology of Xavier University of Louisiana, will speak on "The MLK Legacy and its Contemporary Implications for the Social Justice Mission of the Local and Global Church." Br. Joseph Kamis S.M., will give a tribute to the Rev. Paul Marshall, S.M., former rector of the University, who died in July. This event is free and open to the public. The lecture is part of the University of Dayton Speaker Series and Phelps is the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Speaker. For more information, visit https://www.udayton.edu/provost/speaker_series.

"Character, Charism, and Calling: The Year of Consecrated Life Exhibit"

Feb. 6 through March 31, Library hours

Roesch Library, second floor

This multimedia exhibition celebrates the vocations of men and women from the University of Dayton and beyond through artifacts, photographs and personal stories. The exhibit includes video and photo profiles of Marianists at the University of Dayton and other local vowed religious. Artifacts and art in the exhibit, such as a quilt, poem, sketchbook and painting, came from donations by Marianists and the University Libraries collections. This event is free and open to the public.

UD Speaker Series: Sister Helen Prejean

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26

University of Dayton RecPlex

The internationally known death penalty activist and the author of *Dead Man Walking*, Sister Helen Prejean divides her time between raising awareness about the death penalty and counseling death row prisoners. The lecture is part of the University of Dayton Speaker Series. For more information, visit https://www.udayton.edu/provost/speaker_series.

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