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Writing the Next Chapter

A new coffee table book captures the University of Dayton's story — one of boldness and possibility.

The University of Dayton Bookstore is accepting pre-orders for a new hardcover coffee table book, *Reading the Signs of the Times: The University of Dayton in the Twenty-First Century*.

Filled with bold, compelling photography and prose, the book touches upon the University's rich history and builds on the upward momentum that started during the tenure of Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M. and accelerated during Daniel J. Curran's presidency, according to Teri Rizvi, executive director of strategic communications, who led the project.

Priced at \$29.99, plus shipping and handling, the book will be available in the University of Dayton Bookstore just in time for graduation gifts and Reunion Weekend.

The special limited-edition 114-page book also will be available as a free e-book this spring.

"In the pages of *Reading the Signs of the Times*, you will discover how the University of Dayton community has seen the possibilities unfolding in a changing world and acted with a blend of boldness, pragmatism and humility," reads the dust jacket flap copy.

Sprinkled throughout the book are short first-person essays called "A Flyer's View," which relay touchstone moments in campus life — from a student's reflection about the joy of Christmas on Campus to a graduate's memories of living in the student neighborhood, described as "a constantly magical place."

Michele Cohen Marill, an award-winning freelance journalist whose work appears in national magazines and custom books, wrote the manuscript after a focus group and dozens of on-campus and telephone interviews with faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and community leaders.

"It was an honor to help with this book," said Rob Levin, president and editor at Bookhouse Group, an Atlanta publisher of custom books. "The story of the University of Dayton is one of the great stories of higher education in this country, a university deeply rooted in its history and yet never afraid to keep reinventing itself."

The University last produced a commemorative book to celebrate its sesquicentennial. *University of Dayton: 1850-2000 from Nazareth to the new Millennium* is now out of print.

For a sneak peek of the book, ordering information and how to download the free e-book later this spring, visit go.udayton.edu/book.

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