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The Center for Catholic Education at the University of Dayton will receive the national Learn. Lead. Proclaim. Award for its dedication and commitment to excellence.

The National Catholic Education Association will recognize the center for demonstrating “a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results” at its 2016
convention today in San Diego.

“We are grateful for the leadership of institutions such as the Center for Catholic Education, which serves as an ambassador of faith formation and academic excellence, and inspires Catholic educators across the world,” said Thomas W. Burnford, interim president of NECA, the largest private professional education organization in the world.

The center, established in 1996 and housed in the School of Education and Health Sciences, supports teachers and principals with professional development, including the annual Catholic Education Summit, supports beginning teachers in under-resourced Catholic schools through the Lalanne program, and provides resources to create healthy learning environments for more than 1,750 students each year through the Urban Child Development Resource Center.

“We are honored to be recognized by the National Catholic Education Association as we mark our 20th anniversary of partnering with schools to ensure Catholic education continues to transform the lives of students across the state, throughout the nation and around the globe,” said Executive Director Susan Ferguson, who will accept the award on behalf of the center.

Ferguson, now in her ninth year as the executive director, has worked to advance the national reputation of the center through the annual Catholic Education Summit, provided professional development opportunities for local Catholic schools, helped schools implement National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and communicated about the center’s work and issues facing Catholic schools through electronic media including a newsletter, digital sharing, Facebook and Twitter.

More information on the center is available at www.udayton.edu/education/cce.

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