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NEWS

Monday February 27, 2017

Hunger for Compassion

University of Dayton Campus Ministry encourages all to hunger for compassion during Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, March 1.

"During the season of Lent, we make an effort to commit to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This year, we encourage the community to practice acts of compassion as a form of almsgiving and to pray for a greater spirit of compassion in our lives and in our world," said Crystal Sullivan, University of Dayton director of campus ministry. "I encourage people to take advantage of the many opportunities through campus ministry to grow spiritually and seek to represent the merciful and compassionate face of Christ, one of faith, hope and love."

The University of Dayton will mark the beginning of Lent with four Ash Wednesday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

and 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. A Christian service with distribution of ashes will take place in Marianist Hall at noon.

In addition to Ash Wednesday Masses, the University of Dayton Office of Campus Ministry will offer the following free, public activities during Lent, which runs through Wednesday, April 12.

* Stations of the Cross are each Friday at 3:30 p.m. beginning March 10 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Romero Stations of the Cross will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the Nazareth Courtyard.

* Sacrament of Reconciliation from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday when classes are in session; and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays throughout Lent, when classes are in session, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. There also will be a Taizé reconciliation service at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Taizé refers to the reflective music style of the monks of Taizé, France.

* Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at vespers (evening prayer) each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Compline (night prayer) at 10:30 p.m. throughout Lent in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception beginning March 8.

* Parishes and churches around the country will open their doors for an evening of individual confession, reflection and prayer Tuesday, March 14. The University of Dayton event is 7-9 p.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

This Lenten season, campus ministry and the Office for Mission and Rector also will be collecting money to send to Marianist mission programs overseas — health clinics in Togo, West Africa, and India; and Marianist schools in India, Kenya and Malawi. Each serves the needs of the poor through education, encouragement and meeting basic needs.

Once again, campus ministry will be taking to Twitter — @UDCampMin and #UDLent2017 — and Facebook — University of Dayton Campus Ministry — for reflections and to offer suggestions for prayer, service and sacrifice.

For a complete list of University Dayton Lenten events and programs, visit the related link.

For more information, please contact the University of Dayton Office of Campus Ministry at 937-229-3339. For interviews, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of news and communications, at 937-229-3391 or srobinson@udayton.edu. Tripods are prohibited in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.