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Future teachers, pastoral ministers and musicians in need of help to fund their University of Dayton educations will receive a boost thanks to a generous gift that will fund scholarships in those areas.

The anonymous donor's contribution establishes an endowed scholarship fund in honor of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, who are based in Dayton and many of whom received University of Dayton degrees in teacher education, pastoral ministry and music.

"The donor wishes to publicize this gift to generate awareness throughout the region in the hope others interested in supporting Catholic education and students' access to high-quality programs in teacher education, pastoral ministry or music will contribute to the fund," said University of Dayton Provost Paul Benson.

The scholarships are need- and merit-based, and renewable as long as students stay in good academic standing.

"The Sisters of the Precious Blood have long recognized the transformative power of education in people's lives. To have our name associated with an endowed scholarship for education, music and pastoral ministry, especially at the University, is indeed an honor," said Sister Joyce Lehman, president of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. "Our long history of involvement with the University makes this so very fitting."

The University of Dayton's undergraduate program preparing future high school teachers is among the best in the nation, ranked in the top 10 percent by the National Council on Teacher Quality. College Choice ranked the school's elementary education program as one of the 30 best bachelor's programs in the nation. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized the University for offering one of the best online graduate education programs in the nation.
The music department offers Bachelor of Music degrees in music composition, music education, music performance and music therapy, and a Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations in ethnomusicology, jazz studies and music studies. The department also offers all UD students opportunities to participate in instrumental and vocal ensembles that regularly perform publicly. Many faculty perform regularly with the Dayton Opera and Dayton Philharmonic, among others.

The University's pastoral ministry program offers graduate students a comprehensive introduction to theological, ethical, historical and Biblical resources that ground Christian ministers' work and introduces them to principles of pastoral theology and pastoral skills applicable in most ministerial settings.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood was founded in Switzerland in 1834 by Maria Anna Brunner, whose devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, Eucharistic adoration and meeting the needs of the poor of the area inspired a small group of women to embrace that charism.

Ministering in the United States since 1844, and now based in Dayton, Ohio, the Sisters serve throughout the United States, Chile and Guatemala in a wide variety of ministries — education, pastoral ministry, administration, domestic services, home and foreign missions, hospital chaplaincy and retreat work.

To learn more about the Sisters of the Precious Blood Scholarship at the University of Dayton and how you can support it, please contact Chris Morrison, associate vice president of university advancement, at 937-229-2859 or cmorrison1@udayton.edu.

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