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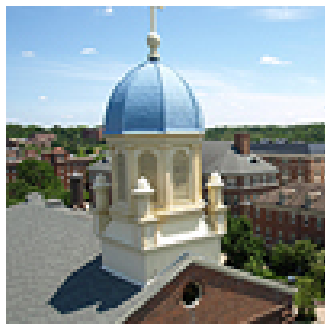
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University of Dayton School of Business Administration's Center for the Integration of Faith and Work will launch a new annual event to bring together students, faculty and business leaders to explore how faith and values can enrich work, life and career.

The inaugural Faith and Work Leadership Breakfast is scheduled for 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the 1700 South Patterson Building, formerly the NCR headquarters.

The breakfast is open to the public. The cost of individual attendance is \$30; corporate tables are available from \$150. Each table of six will include a University of Dayton student or faculty member. For reservations and information call 937-229-3798 (url: tel:937-229-3798) or email elkingml@gmail.com (url: mailto:elkingml@gmail.com) .

The breakfast will provide opportunities for networking and a way to learn about the resources available at the recently formed center, according to Rand Oliver, associate for public outreach for the center.

Peter Luongo, executive director of the University's Center for Leadership & Executive Development, will be the featured speaker for the breakfast.

Luongo, the former CEO of The Berry Company and author of the book, *10 Truths About Leadership*, is a dynamic motivational speaker and a nationally known and highly successful business professional.

"Our works, our occupations and our professional involvements can be looked at as a calling from God, the way we work in the kingdom here on earth," said center director Brother Victor Forlani, S.M., Marianist in Residence in the School of Business Administration. "In less exalted language, businesses work to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to heal the sick, to educate the ignorant. They're part of humane goals."

The center will also introduce its new website at the breakfast. Forlani said the website will offer resources to help those in the business community explore the issues of work as a calling and civic involvement in business.

Workshops and seminars will be available online, along with discussion groups to continue the conversations and connections formed at the breakfast, Forlani said.

Forlani said the inaugural breakfast will create a forum for business people in the Miami Valley who share interests in faith and values to come together and talk about their beliefs. It's a new initiative for the center, which will continue to offer the Business as a Calling Symposium each fall, featuring executives who speak about their faith and work journeys.

In preparation for the breakfast, the center is inviting business people to write essays about selected topics relating to values and work. Selected essays will be published, and others will be posted on the center's website. Anyone interested may submit an original essay of up to 300 words on topics that capture the essence of strong, humane leadership.

Oliver said the center is especially interested in essays that explore essential concepts and skills of leadership: integrity, character, faith and values, purpose and passion, humility, commitment, vision casting, innovation, decision making, problem solving, team building, communication, encouragement, exhortation, relationship building and servant leadership.

Essay submissions are due to Rand Oliver via email at roliver1@udayton.edu (url: mailto:roliver1@udayton.edu) by March 12.