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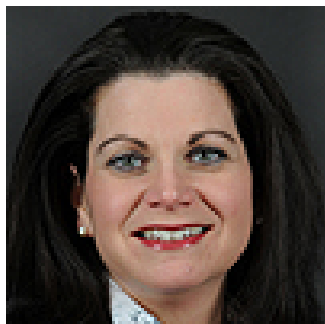
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02.17.2011 | Faculty, Catholic The University of Dayton will honor two employees with one of its highest honors for contributing over time to the Catholic, Marianist character of the University.

Nick Cardilino and Christine Schramm are the 2011 recipients of the Lackner Award, named in honor of Bro. Elmer Lackner, S.M., whose influence throughout 45 years of service permeated nearly all areas of University life. The award is given to full-time faculty or staff who are not vowed Marianists and who have made a noteworthy contribution to the Catholic and Marianist character of the University.

They will be honored at an invitation-only dinner on Feb. 25, sponsored by the Office of the Rector.

Cardilino, campus minister for 20 years and director of the Center for Social Concern, has worked to give students opportunities to put their faith into action in service to the community and through social justice initiatives in the U.S. and abroad. He earned a master's degree in theology from the University in 1989.

"I feel like I'm giving back to the Marianists as best as I can for all the many things that they've given to me over the years," he said. "In my spirituality, in how I think about community and how much I value community, so many Marianists have played a significant role in my life as friends and mentors."

The Kettering, Ohio, resident has also made his mark with music as a faith-inspired singer and songwriter. He co-wrote songs selected as theme songs for the 2011 and 2007 National Catholic Youth Conferences, which attract more than 20,000 young Catholics. He has recorded four CDs and frequently performs on and off campus.

Schramm, also of Kettering, started working at the University in 1989 and left after three years for a student life position at Michigan State University.

She returned to the University of Dayton in 1994, and moved through various positions in residence life, even living in the student neighborhood for seven years. She says she increasingly embraced the Marianist approach to education and student development.

In her current role as assistant vice president for student development and director of leadership formation, she continues to spread the Marianist charism, working to provide an educational experience for students incorporating their faith and spiritual formation.

"When students are sitting in front of you after making some really bad choices for themselves personally, to be able to say, 'How does that fit in your spiritual life?' 'Is that the person who you really are?' is an incredible learning moment for them," she said. "We're talking about a real whole education. I absolutely attribute those successes with students to what I understand to be the Marianist education and the work of Mary."

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