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University of Dayton School of Education and Allied Professions Dean Thomas J. Lasley II has named Susan Ferguson director of UD's Center for Catholic Education.

Ferguson will work with Catholic school principals and teachers to help continue the Center's mission of evolving and enhancing the future of Catholic education.

She is no stranger to helping advance Catholic educators. Ferguson also is a consultant to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's St. Remy Initiative, a three-year program that helps Catholic school educators become spiritual, educational and managerial leaders. And, she worked with Best Practice, an initiative that brought Miami Valley Catholic school teachers and principals together to further curricular initiatives tied to effective teaching and learning.

Recently, she helped write a religious education textbook series for pre-school children.

Ferguson, as a Marianist Educational Associate, is committed to the Marianist educational tradition, which involves educating the whole person and to linking learning and scholarship with leadership and service.

"The Center for Catholic Education is vital to facilitating and nurturing students, families, faculty and administrators, the clergy, and the laity locally, regionally and nationally," Ferguson said. "My hope is to lead the Center for Catholic Education to support local Catholic schools and to employ the resources of the University to further the mission of the Center."

Ferguson has been an educator in the Miami Valley for 31 years, including the last 17 in UD's department of teacher education. Ferguson started as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Dayton Catholic Elementary school. She's also been a school psychologist in the Brookville, West Carrollton and Xenia school systems.

Ferguson, who has a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education and a master's of science degree in school psychology from the University of Dayton, lives in Beavercreek.

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