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The Senseless Killing of Dr. Martin Luter King Jr. Shocks University of Dayton Family

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Statement by Bro. Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., Vice President for Public Relations, University of Dayton, acting for Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., President, who is in Europe.

The entire University of Dayton family is shocked at the senseless killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose brave and great leadership was leading his people out of a wilderness so long forced upon them.

His influence was long a source of strength for members of his race for whom he was pointing the way.

We regret his passing and pray that the cause he espoused so fervently be realized in the near future.

It is our feeling that the memory of this man's search for complete equality should be preserved. Therefore, the University of Dayton Administration is establishing the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship to be given to a deserving Negro student(s) attending the University of Dayton.

This scholarship has met with the full approval of the school's administration, the Faculty Forum, the Student Government and individual members of the faculty and the student body.

The University also is preparing to participate in services to memorialize Dr. King. A special ecumenical memorial service will be conducted for people of the entire Dayton community and the University family. A memorial mass also will be celebrated for members of the University of Dayton community.

The time of these services will be set as soon as funeral services for Dr. King have been revealed in Atlanta.

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