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DAYTON, Ohio, November 29, 1983 -- This year marks the 20th time University of Dayton students, faculty, administrators, and staff will share with the Dayton community Christmas on Campus. The celebration on December 8, 1983, begins with a candlelight procession from various locations on and off campus at 5:30 p.m. followed by the official lighting of the Christmas tree at 6:15 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Plaza.

Approximately 700 senior citizens and children from the Dayton area will be adopted by University students for the evening, and will visit the campus to share in the celebration. Activities include carnival games at the Physical Activities Center, and puppet shows, performances by the Dayton Contemporary Dance group, bell choirs, choral groups, a ventriloquist, a mime group, a variety show, and a children's play at Kennedy Union. Santa Claus will be present, as well, and there will be hot chocolate and cookies for all.

In accordance with the tradition that began 20 years ago, the theme for Christmas on Campus 1983 is "A Christmas for all Generations...The Dream Continues."

Co-chairmen of the event, Mike Haverland and Heather Bersch, juniors at UD, have been working on the celebration since August and feel that this gift to the community "spreads the feelings of goodwill and the joy of giving of oneself, and exemplifies what Christmas truly is."

The evening culminates with a special University Mass in the Fieldhouse at 10 p.m.

For more information on Christmas on Campus contact Mike Wagner at 229-4114.

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