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DAYTON, Ohio, January 20, 1984 -- The Province of New York of the Society of Mary has pledged two gifts totalling $300,000 to the University of Dayton. The Province has issued a $250,000 Challenge Grant toward establishing an endowed Chair in the Humanities and committed $50,000 to the John G. Dickson Marianist Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of the University of Dayton, at today's meeting of the University's Board of Trustees, announced the two gifts and noted that, as part of the Challenge Grant commitment, the University has pledged to raise $250,000 from alumni and other friends of the University to create an endowment fund of at least $500,000.

According to Brother Fitz, "The Chair in the Humanities will be established to provide leadership in the University's effort to offer a common curriculum of essential knowledge or 'general education' as a part of every program of study. The Chairholder will teach, serve as a consultant to faculty members teaching general education/common curriculum courses, and provide leadership in scholarly research."

The Dickson Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 with a gift of $50,000 from the New York Province. The fund honors the first Provincial of the New York Province, the Reverend John G. Dickson, S.M., professor emeritus at the University of Dayton. "We have been very pleased with the way the scholarship fund has been -more-
managed during this first year," commented the Very Reverend John A. McGrath, S.M., the Provincial of the New York Province.

In reporting the action of the Provincial Chapter in making the two commitments, Father McGrath wrote: "We believe in and support the goals chosen by the University especially the buildup of an endowment to help students in need of financial aid. We see that the University has taken strides in deepening its character as a Marianist and Catholic center of higher learning. We strongly support education in religious values, liberal education, and a lively and generous Christian campus life where the Christianity of the classroom becomes an operative and effective dimension of public and private everyday life."

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