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DAYTON, Ohio, February 17, 1984 -- To introduce the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Hispanic Ministry, "The Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment," to the Catholic community in the Dayton area and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, a day-long regional conference will be held at the University of Dayton on March 10.

The conference, to be held in Room 310 of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will highlight the main themes of the Bishops' Pastoral Letter and place it in the context of Hispanic ministry within the Church of the Midwest.

The keynote address will be delivered at 10 a.m. by Vicente Lopez, O. Carm., associate director, Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs, Washington, D.C., followed by a panel discussion at 10:45 a.m. with James Gaynor, C.PP.S., director of Hispanic Catholic Ministry in Dayton for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Rita Bowen, administrative assistant, MORES Center for Creative Ministry at the University of Dayton and instructor in the UD Religious Studies Department, and Susano Mascorro, member of St. Helen Parish, Dayton.

After a break for lunch, from noon to 1:30 p.m., small group discussions led by panelists will focus on the following themes:

- "Hispanic Families and Youth: Adapting Pastoral Practice to Needs," with Mascorro leading the discussion;

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"Catholic Education and Catechesis: Openness to Cultural Variety," with Bowen leading the discussion, and

"Ministry: Training Hispanic Lay Ministers and Fostering Priestly and Religious Vocations," with Gaynor leading the discussion.

At 2:45 p.m. Olga Villa Parra, executive director, Midwest Institute on Hispanic Ministry, Notre Dame, Indiana, will deliver the closing remarks: "Working Together: Hispanics and Non-Hispanics Inaugurate a New Era in the Church."

The conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; UD's Campus Ministry, MORES Center for Creative Ministry, and Strategies for Responsible Development; the Marianists of the Cincinnati Province; the National Migrant Worker Council, and the Sisters of Charity and Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton. The conference is open to the public. Donations to cover expenses are requested.

For more information, contact UD's Strategies for Responsible Development at (513) 229-4641.