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# *The University of Dayton*

## *News Release*

### JUSTICE MONTH SPEAKER TO FOCUS ON CENTRAL AMERICA

DAYTON, Ohio, February 23 -- The Rev. Alan McCoy, O.F.M., special representative of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops and a frequent visitor to Central America, will give the Justice Month keynote address at the University of Dayton on Thursday, March 1.

In his talk, entitled "1984's Gospel Ministry: The Poor Among the Rich," McCoy will discuss the Kissinger Commission Report and its recommendations regarding United States policy in Central America. Campus Ministry is sponsoring the lecture, which will be held in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union Ball Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

McCoy is president of the English-speaking Conference of Franciscans and has testified before several groups in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as to the U.S. Bishops. He celebrated Mass with Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador the day before Romero's assassination.

On Friday, March 2, McCoy, William H. Wild, The Journal Herald Editorial Page editor, and UD History Department Associate Professor Bruce M. Taylor, specialist in Latin American History, will be panelists in a seminar focusing on U.S. and Latin American relations. The seminar will be in Kennedy Union 211 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Other Justice Month activities at UD include a day-long regional conference on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Hispanic Ministry on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union 310. Then on Tuesday, March 13, the Rev. James Russell, S.M., of Campus Ministry, will present "The Draft and

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You: What Are Your Options?", an information session on Selective Service procedures, deferments, and options within the law, including conscientious objection. And on Tuesday, March 20, UD Plowshares will sponsor a tax-resistance workshop in Kennedy Union 207 at 7:30 p.m.

The month will conclude with a Social Justice Symposium on Wednesday, March 28, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The day will feature university faculty and staff presentations dealing with various aspects of the 1983 National Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response."

All of the Justice Month activities are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Campus Ministry Office at 229-3339.