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UD Hosts Spring Conference on Media and the Family

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 11, 1985 -- The University of Dayton Center for Religious Telecommunications will host a conference entitled "Using Media to Promote Knowledge and Skills in Family Dynamics," from May 2 to 4 in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union, on the UD campus.

The purpose of the conference is to initiate and contribute to an interdisciplinary dialogue on the media's role, impact, and potential benefit to familial relationships in American society. It will focus on policy implications and practical applications based on presentations by visiting academicians.

John Markus, writer and supervising producer of The Cosby Show, will deliver the keynote address for the conference on Thursday, May 2, at 8 p.m., in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre. The presentations during the conference will be based on four main themes: "Television and the Family: Critical and Symbolic Dimensions;" "Television and Family Relationships;" "Religious Television and Family Dynamics;" and "Practical Applications of Media in Family Dynamics."

The conference will end with an Applied Research Session on Saturday afternoon, May 4. It is designed to enable participants to make practical use of the information gained during the conference.

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NOTE: John Markus will be available to the media on May 2 at 7 p.m. Please contact Ro Nita Hawes-Saunders to schedule interviews.