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DAYTON, Ohio, January 28, 1988--The University of Dayton today bestowed the Marianist Award, UD's highest religious honor, on Dr. O. Timothy O'Meara, provost at the University of Notre Dame and a nationally recognized mathematician.

The annual award, which carries with it a $5,000 stipend, honors a Roman Catholic for achievement in scholarship and the intellectual life.

"Dr. O'Meara was selected to receive the Marianist Award because of his important groundbreaking work in mathematics and for the leadership he has exercised in Catholic education," said Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., UD president. O'Meara accepted the award during an afternoon presentation at UD.

A native of South Africa, O'Meara has served as provost at the University of Notre Dame since 1978. Besides Notre Dame, he has taught at the University of Otago in New Zealand and Princeton University as well as held visiting positions at American, Canadian and European universities. From 1960 to 1963, he was awarded a Sloan Fellowship. He twice chaired the Department of Mathematics at Notre Dame and was named the Howard J. Kenna Professor of Mathematics there in 1976.

O'Meara has visited China the last five summers to lecture on mathematics and establish relations with Chinese universities. He has published numerous research articles, and his fourth book on mathematics is expected out this year.

The Marianist Award caps off the third annual Marianist Heritage Week, a celebration of UD's religious roots. UD is a private university founded and sponsored by the Society of Mary (the Marianists), a Roman Catholic teaching order.

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