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### FAITH IN ACTION HOSTS LITERACY PRESENTATION

DAYTON, Ohio, February 1, 1988--More than 23 million Americans cannot read or write well enough to perform daily tasks. On Sunday, Feb. 7, "Faith in Action," an interfaith fellowship of disabled adults, will address the growing problem of illiteracy with two presentations.

Free and open to the public, the program begins at 1 p.m. at the South Park United Methodist Church, 140 Stonemill Rd. in Dayton. Refreshments will follow. Faith in Action is sponsored by MORES Ministry With Handicapped People at the University of Dayton.

Lila Spetts, the administrator of a newspaper reading service called WORDS, will open the presentation with a discussion of the service. WORDS, Western Ohio Reading and Development Services for the print handicapped, is broadcast from WQRP-FM (88.1) in the Hills and Dales Shopping Center. As part of the service, Dayton Daily News is read over the airwaves daily at various times.

In the second half of the program, Sister Miriam Joseph Reichert, SND, will talk about the reading program she runs at the Belmont Library. Reichert is certified as a reading specialist through the St. Vincent de Paul outreach program and has taught elementary school for more than 45 years. As part of Belmont's program, she is currently teaching a 53-year-old grandmother to read.

MORES, the acronym used for UD's Office of Ministry and Religious Education Services, won the 1987 Award of Excellence from Ohio Public Images, a statewide organization founded to improve how the media portray people with disabilities.

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