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DAYTON, Ohio, May 13, 1989—The University of Dayton's Board of Trustees today reappointed Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., to a third five-year term as UD president.

The reappointment is effective in May 1989, at the completion of Fitz's present term.

"I appreciate the confidence that the board has expressed in the joint efforts of our faculty, administration, staff, students and alumni to create an agenda for excellence that is enabling us to emerge as one of the outstanding private universities in the Midwest and one of our nation's finest Catholic universities," Fitz said.

"In the last decade we have developed a positive momentum in the quality of our teaching, our faculty scholarship and research, our leadership in advanced technology, and the strength of our enrollment position," he said. "During the years ahead we must continue and intensify this momentum and focus our efforts on what will truly make a difference in the excellence of our programs."

Fitz, 47, became the 17th president of UD on August 15, 1979 after serving a year-long administrative internship under the Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, former president of UD.

Under Fitz's leadership, UD recently raised a record $43 million in a five-year capital campaign. In other notable accomplishments during Fitz's tenure, UD refined its undergraduate core requirements, constructed the William S. Anderson Information Sciences Center, started its Honors and Scholars program, dedicated four laboratories...
to Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacturing, increased its endowment for academic scholarships and financial aid grants, initiated a program in professional ethics and began a major renovation of campus facilities.

Prior to his appointment as president, Fitz spent a decade in a variety of University-related positions ranging from a professor in the School of Engineering to the executive director of UD's Center for Christian Renewal. An Akron native, Fitz entered the Society of Mary (the Marianists) in 1960. He received a B.S. in electrical engineering from UD in 1964 and an M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

Fitz is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio. He is also a member of the American Council on Education, the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education, the Marianist Foundation and the Bishops and Presidents Committee, which serves as a liaison between Catholic universities and American bishops.

Within the Dayton community, he serves on the Dayton Area Council on Youth, New Futures Initiatives, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Community Affairs Committee, Dayton Performing Arts Steering Committee, Womanline Board, Gem Savings Board and the Miami Valley Research Foundation.

The University of Dayton is Ohio's largest independent university and the nation's ninth largest Roman Catholic university. Approximately 11,400 graduate and undergraduate students currently attend UD.