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DAYTON, Ohio, June 8, 1988--Sister M. Irene Fugazy of Yonkers, N.Y., will become the first woman recipient of the University of Dayton's Religious Communications Award on June 17 at a special ceremony to be held at UD. She is being honored for her work as administrative director of instructional television for the Archdiocese of New York.

"We are pleased to present the award for the first time to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to education and communication through her work in the television ministry," said Sister Angela Zukowski, director of UD's Center for Religious Telecommunications. "Sister Fugazy has demonstrated exceptional talent, professionalism and dedication to the mission of the Catholic Church in communications. She is highly respected and honored by her colleagues in the communication industry."

The annual award is named for Daniel J. Kane, former director of communications for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the first recipient in 1986. The Rev. Ellwood Kieser, executive director of Paulist Communications in California, received the award last year.

In addition to receiving a three-dimensional original wall sculpture, Sister Fugazy will be honored by a donation in her name to a scholarship fund for students participating in the Pastoral Communications Institute at UD.

A reception and dinner honoring Sister Fugazy will be held on Friday, June 17 at Kennedy Union on UD's campus, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The University of Dayton is a private, co-educational school founded and sponsored by the Society of Mary (Marianists), a Roman Catholic teaching order. UD is the largest independent university in Ohio and the ninth largest Catholic university in the nation. Approximately 11,400 graduate and undergraduate students currently attend UD.