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UD PRESIDENT INVITED TO ROME FOR DIALOGUE ABOUT VATICAN DOCUMENT ON CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

DAYTON, Ohio, August 19, 1988—University of Dayton President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will meet with representatives of Catholic universities from around the world in Rome next April to engage in dialogue with the Pope and Vatican officials on an apostolic letter the Pope is preparing on Catholic higher education.

Fitz is one of only 18 American delegates chosen from among the country's 231 Catholic colleges and universities. He was selected by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to attend the gathering, which is scheduled April 18-25.

"What is being sought is a consensus on the challenges that Catholic higher education confronts worldwide and how we can bring the resources of a 2,000-year-old Catholic intellectual tradition to bear on these challenges," Fitz said. "What I and others, who will be part of the delegation, will want is to find a way that we can be truly Catholic in the tradition of American independent higher education."

In 1985, the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education prepared a "schema" on the nature and purpose of Catholic universities. That schema, which drew negative reactions from many college presidents, is expected to be revised before the meeting in Rome.

Fitz has served as president of UD, the nation's ninth largest Catholic university, since 1979. He is a member of the Bishops and Presidents Committee, which serves as a liaison between Catholic universities and American bishops, and is a past member of the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A complete listing of the ACCU Rome delegation is attached.
ACCU ROME DELEGATION

1. Brother Raymond Fitz, SM
   President, University of Dayton

2. Dorothy Brown
   President, Rosemont College

3. Rev. William J. Byron, SJ
   President, The Catholic University of America

4. Brigid Driscoll, RSHM
   President, Marymount College

5. Magdalen Coughlin, CSJ
   President, Mount Saint Mary's College

6. Patrick Ellis, FSC
   President, LaSalle University

7. Kathleen Feeley, SSND
   President, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

8. Sally Furay, RSCJ
   Vice President and Provost, University of San Diego

9. Alice Gallin, OSU
   Executive Director, American Catholic Colleges and Universities

10. Joseph Hagan
    President, Assumption College

11. Dorothy Ann Kelly, OSU
    President, College of New Rochelle

12. Francis Kerins
    President, Carroll College

13. Rev. Edward Malloy, CSC
    President, University of Notre Dame

14. Very Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ
    President, Boston College

15. Joseph A. O'Hare, SJ
    President, Fordham University

16. Paul Reiss
    President, Saint Michael's College

17. Thomas Scanlan, FSC
    President, Manhattan College

18. Rev. William Sullivan, SJ
    President, Seattle University