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News Release

UD'S RELIGIOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR PART OF INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS

DAYTON, Ohio, August 23, 1988--Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, founder and director of the University of Dayton's Center for Religious Telecommunications, has been invited to travel to Rome in February to meet with international experts in mass communications technology to update the Vatican's "Pastoral Instruction on Social Communications."

Part of a 19-member group of specialists, Zukowski is one of only three delegates from the United States. She is currently serving a three-year term as president of Unda-USA, a national Catholic association of communicators.

"The meeting is an attempt to give guidelines to the Catholic Church about how to use communications technology to further the ministry of the Church," said Zukowski, a member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart order. "So much has happened in communications technology since 1971 (when the document was written) that the Pontifical Commission felt it needed to bring together experts to update the pastoral and take the Church through at least the year 2000."

The meeting, set for Feb. 15-25, is expected to cover such topics as satellite communications, telecommunications and other technological advances.

Zukowski has served as director of the Center for Religious Telecommunications since its beginning in 1983. The University of Dayton, founded and sponsored by the Society of Mary (the Marianists), is the nation's ninth largest Catholic university.