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### "CATHOLIC TRADITION TODAY" LECTURES SLATED AT UD

DAYTON, Ohio, August 25, 1988--The Orthodox Church in Russia and the inner journey of spiritual growth are two topics slated for discussion during September in the University of Dayton's Catholic Tradition Today lecture series. The series is sponsored by UD's religious studies department.

"The Orthodox Church in Russia Today" will be presented by Dimitry V. Pospelovsky on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union's room 222. The lecture will address what it means to be a practicing believer in a country that is atheist and will trace the history of the Orthodox Church since the 1917-18 Local Council. Pospelovsky will also talk about the state of the Orthodox Church today under the government of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Pospelovsky is a professor at the University of Western Ontario where he teaches Russian and European history. His most recent publication is a three-volume set titled A History of Soviet Atheism in Theory and Practice, and the Believer.

"Parsifal, the Grail, and the Spiritual Quest Today" will be presented by Conrad L'Heureux on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union's West Ballroom. The Parsifal myth is the earliest version of the medieval legend of the quest for the holy grail. With insights from the psychology of Carl Jung and the studies of Joseph Campbell (seen in a highly acclaimed PBS series this summer), the myth can be understood as a metaphor for the inner journey of spiritual growth. This presentation will include a guided imagery process to

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help members of the audience reach a deeper awareness of their own inner quest.

L'Heureux, a professor of religious studies at UD since 1970, is the author of "Life Journey and the Old Testament." He gives experiential workshops on myth and holistic spirituality across the U.S. and in Canada. He is also a member of a team of scholars working to update the language of the Bible. The updated Revised Standard Version of the Bible is expected to be published in 1990.

Both lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on the Catholic Tradition Today lecture series, contact the UD Department of Religious Studies at 229-4321.