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The schedule will be packed with events on Thursday, Dec. 8 as the University of Dayton celebrates Christmas on Campus. Held each year on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the event offers UD students a chance to "adopt" inner-city underprivileged children and senior citizens as guests for the celebration. More than 1,000 children from City of Dayton recreation centers and several hundred senior citizens will come to campus by bus to participate in a massive candlelight procession, lighting of the Kennedy Union Plaza Christmas tree and a re-enactment of the Nativity.

The media is invited to cover all events, some of which are listed below. For further information, call the Office of Public Relations and University Communications at (513) 229-3241.

NOTE: Photographers who would like access to the roof of Kennedy Union for coverage of the candlelight procession should meet Ellie Kurtz, founder of the Christmas on Campus tradition, at 5:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Director's office, Room 241.

OPENING EVENTS

4:00 Open house at McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St.
5:00 Campus neighborhood residents light luminaries
5:00 Buses with "adoptees" arrive at Parking Lot C to meet students
5:45 Candlelight procession forms at 10 campus locations
6:00 Candlelight procession leads to Kennedy Union Plaza
6:15 Re-enactment of Nativity Scene in Kennedy Union Plaza
6:30 Kennedy Union Plaza Christmas tree is lit by UD President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M.
6:35 Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive

CONTINUOUS EVENTS

Santa and Mrs. Claus
Carriage Rides (every 10 minutes)
Model Trains
Children's Carnival by Circle K
Kennedy Union Pub
Parking lot outside union
Kennedy Union 331
Physical Activities Bldg.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

6:35, 7:30, 8:25 Dayton Contemporary Dance Company - Boll Theatre
7:00 to 7:45 Synchronettes, synchronized swimming - PAC Pool
7:30 "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens - Miriam 106
8:30 Christmas Concert with the University Chorale, Orchestra, Brass Choir - UD Chapel
9:30 UD Choir and Gospel Choir - Fieldhouse
10:00 Poinsettia procession begins Mass - Fieldhouse

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For further information or assistance in scheduling interviews, contact Public Relations and University Communications, (513) 229-3241.