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News Release

FAITH IN ACTION RECEIVES OHIO PUBLIC IMAGES AWARD

DAYTON, Ohio, April 6, 1989--Faith in Action (FIA), an interfaith fellowship of physically disabled adults sponsored by the University of Dayton's Ministry with the Handicapped, recently received an Ohio Public Images' "Overall Awareness Efforts" award of merit. The group received recognition for its programs that bring able-bodied adults and adults with handicaps together in church activities.

The Ohio Public Images awards are designed to honor individuals and organizations throughout Ohio who, through their exceptional communications efforts, have succeeded in creating a greater understanding of people with developmental disabilities.

Frank Wiley, chair of FIA and an Englewood resident, accepted the award at an Ohio Public Images Awards ceremony in Columbus last month.

Many of UD's Faith in Action members are active in disabilities task forces in area parishes. The task forces are a cooperative venture between the able-bodied and disabled, which provides for the needs of parishioners with handicaps and raises the awareness of the community to the gifts of people with disabilities.

"Each year, task force groups organize 'access' church services that showcase the unique gifts that those with developmental disabilities have to offer their parish and demonstrate that these individuals are only limited by the clouded images that the public has of the handicapped," said Lynn Berlon, projects coordinator for the Office for Ministry and Religious Education