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The University of Dayton

**BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY AND RELIGION LEADERS
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News Release

DAYTON, Ohio, April 14, 1989--Three leaders from the worlds of business, technology and religion will receive honorary degrees at the University of Dayton's commencement exercises on Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at UD Arena. They will be joining nearly 1,000 recipients of bachelor degrees and more than 250 recipients of graduate degrees.

Dayton business leader John W. Berry Sr., former chairman of the board and chief executive officer of L.M. Berry & Co., will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. He has served UD as a trustee, as a member of the executive committee of the board and as chair of the Committee on Trustees. His leadership has benefitted scores of schools, hospitals, churches, museums and causes both in the Dayton area and across the nation.

Berry will be cited as a "businessman, philanthropist and patriotic citizen." The citation says that "this institution, this community and this nation face a better future because of John Berry Sr. His commitment to those basic values of liberty and public service has helped to ensure that Americans of the future will continue to enjoy both freedom and opportunity."

Julien M. Christensen, a leader in the field of human factors psychology, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. A resident of Bellbrook, he currently serves as chief scientist of human factors and logistics for Universal Energy Systems. His creative efforts led to the invention of the Air Force B-2 Navigation Plotter which served as the standard for the Air Force for 25 years, as well as his co-invention in 1965 of the Space Balloon for the protection and increased effectiveness of extra-vehicular space workers.

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His citation says that "the Dayton area is a pantheon to creative technological minds -- Kettering, Deeds, the Wright Brothers. Julien M. Christensen has not only kept alive that creative tradition but has advanced it by striving to keep us masters of what we have made."

Delores Leckey, executive director of the newly established Secretariat for Laity and Family Life of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will receive a Doctor of Humanities honorary degree. A resident of Arlington, Va., she served for 10 years as executive director of the Bishops' Committee on the Laity of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Leckey is the author of three books on the laity and spirituality and is also a contributing author to several other books, an executive editor of numerous publications and a featured columnist for "Faith Today."

She is being honored as an educator, communicator and lay leader in the Roman Catholic Church. According to her citation, "The American church is fortunate to have its bishops being advised by a person so insightful and so articulate as Delores Leckey. She has devoted her career to serving her church effectively and with distinction."

In addition to the commencement exercises, UD graduation weekend activities include a graduation Mass on Saturday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the Arena and a reception immediately following the Mass.