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PROPOSED VATICAN NORMS FOR CATHOLIC COLLEGES "A LEAP FORWARD,"
ACCORDING TO U.S. DELEGATE BOUND FOR ROME MEETING

A revised Vatican draft on proposed norms for Catholic higher education is "a great improvement" and will serve as a "direction-setting piece" for discussion in Rome next week, according to University of Dayton President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M.

Fitz is one of 18 delegates the U.S. Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities selected to attend the April 18-25 meeting in Rome. Approximately 230 delegates from Catholic colleges and universities worldwide are scheduled to meet with Pope John Paul II and Vatican officials to discuss the identity and mission of Catholic higher education, the teaching of theology, the relationship of theologians and bishops, and other issues.

For more information about the meeting, contact Teri Rizvi at (513) 229-3241.

HOW CAN MARRIED COUPLES FIGHT MORE FAIRLY, COMMUNICATE MORE OPENLY?
COUPLE DRAWS ON EXPERIENCE TO OUTLINE STEPS FOR A MORE INTIMATE MARRIAGE

That's the best tip Bill and Challon Roberts can give couples seeking an intimate, meaningful marriage in today's "divorce culture." Bill, a professor of religious studies at the University of Dayton, and Challon, an Alter High School teacher, have drawn on their own relationship to co-author the book, "Partners in Intimacy: Living Christian Marriage Today." The book offers the following seven guidelines for good communication in marriages:

1. Be in possession of yourself, what the authors define as "knowing who you are; feeling good about who you are; and being so secure in your self-identity that you are not threatened by what other people think."
2. Engage in dialogue, not monologue.
3. Make the time, choose the opportune moment for communication.
4. Be honest—but in the spirit of love.
5. Share your feelings.
6. Criticize constructively.
7. "Fight" fairly.

"The book does not pretend to be the last word," said Bill Roberts. "We look at it as a beginning, trying to plant the seeds in other people's minds."

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