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## *News Release*

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### **UD MINISTRY TO HOLD DINNER FOR PARENTS OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN**

DAYTON, Ohio -- Ross Maguire, project coordinator of the Center for Ministry with Disabled People at the University of Dayton, will present "Our Children Today Shaping the Church of the Future" at a dinner for parents of mentally retarded children at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Bergamo Center, 4400 Shakertown Road in Dayton.

The evening has been designed by Ministry with Disabled People to examine children with special needs and their right to live a normal life both in their community and in their church.

Maguire has a master's degree in special education and teaches mini-courses in religious education for special needs learners. He has lived in a Christian community with mentally retarded adults and works at integrating people with disabilities into more inclusive church and school communities. Maguire speaks about integration from both a personal and practical perspective.

The cost of the dinner and presentation is \$9. Registration is due by Feb. 4. For reservations, mail a check to Ministry with Disabled People, 300 College Park, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-0317. For more information, call (513) 229-4325.

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