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DAYTON, Ohio, March 18, 1977 -- In an attempt to eliminate Christian prejudice against Jews, both Christian and Jewish scholars are gathering at the University of Dayton to explore the problem. They will discuss ways to teach the death of Christ without accenting Jewish involvement.

This discussion, entitled the "First Annual Mid-American Scholars' Dialogue," will take place in the West Ballroom of Kennedy Union, March 29, from 2:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This group is one of a number that have been meeting all over the country examining Jewish prejudice, according Rev. William Cole, S.M., the director of Judaic studies at the University of Dayton. These groups are looking for "ways of explaining and preaching the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus in a way that will be faithful to the biblical account, but yet will avoid the fostering of prejudice," Fr. Cole said.

Fr. Cole will serve as moderator, and participants include: Fr. Edward Brueggeman, from Xavier University; Very Rev. John McGill Krumm, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio; Dr. Irwin Batdorf, of the United Theological Seminary; and the Honorary Chairman, Dr. Samuel Sandmel of Hebrew Union College.

Audience participation is encouraged, however reservations are required for dinner, and the dinner dialogue.

The seminar is sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program and Religion in Life at the University of Dayton, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Department of Religion at Wright State University, and the United Theological Seminary.

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