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## **UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NAMES DEAN OF ENGINEERING**

DAYTON, Ohio — Joseph Lestingi, dean of engineering and a professor of mechanical engineering at Manhattan College, has been named dean of the School of Engineering at the University of Dayton. His appointment is effective July 1.

A native of Long Island City, Lestingi has been at Manhattan, a Catholic university located in Riverdale, N.Y., since 1983. He saw UD's emphasis on its Catholic and Marianist natures as his "first, very important attraction" to the school.

Lestingi received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Manhattan College in 1957; his master's in applied mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1959; and his doctorate in engineering from Yale in 1966. He's served on the faculties of the General Motors Institute, the University of Akron and Battelle Memorial Institute.

He was selected from among 63 applicants for the dean's position, vacated when Gordon Sargent was named vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of graduate studies in April 1991.

Several other factors also drew him to UD, including the school's general education requirements, which he called "a very important part of every person's education. At Dayton ... it's better done than most places in the U.S. I look at it as a marketing tool. It's a niche Dayton has that others don't."