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NEWS TIPS
SATURDAY, SEPT. 25: FROM MASS TO FIREWORKS, UD CELEBRATES ITS 150TH

It's not every day you can celebrate a 150th birthday. So when the University of Dayton started planning its sesquicentennial, one focus was clear — the community had to be invited.

The University's celebration will kick off at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, with a Mass in the Humanities Plaza, to be celebrated by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk. Events, all of which are free and open to the public, will end with a low-rising fireworks show at 10 p.m.

All visitors will receive a free St. Joseph medal in honor of the medal given to Dayton landowner John Stuart by Father Leo Meyer, the first president of UD, as temporary payment for the 125-acre Dewberry Farm. The Marianists pledged \$12,000 at 6 percent interest for the land, and they paid the debt.

Highlights of the celebration include:

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| 2-4:30 p.m. | Kennedy Union Plaza | Free samples of the ice cream flavor specially created for UD's sesquicentennial by Young's Dairy will be distributed |
| 2:15 p.m. | Law School Amphitheater, Chapel, Humanities Plaza | Jazz Combos, Hands in Harmony (an ensemble that uses sign language), Pride of Dayton marching band and University Chorale will perform |
| 2:30 p.m. | Kennedy Union Plaza | Dick Ferguson, assistant to the president, will lead a campus tour that focuses on the historical events that have shaped UD |
| 2:30 p.m. | Kennedy Union Boll Theatre | Herbert Woodward Martin, English professor, will perform as poet Paul Laurence Dunbar |
| 3:30 p.m. | Kennedy Union Lobby | The winner of the "Name the Ice Cream" contest will be announced and a brass wall logo will be unveiled |
| 4:30 p.m. | Humanities Plaza | Sesquicentennial convocation with an address by Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president; a procession of faculty in academic robes; and proclamations from local and state governments as well as President Bill Clinton |
| 6 p.m. | Humanities Plaza | Reception |
| 7:30 p.m. | Humanities Plaza | UD Jazz Ensemble and Woody Herman band |

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