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**NEWS RELEASE**

**UD'S E-MAIL LISTSERVE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATORS OFFERS CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH PEERS AROUND GLOBE**

DAYTON, Ohio — Some of the past headlines on the daily messages sent through the University of Dayton's Center for Catholic Education's e-mail listserve for Catholic educators included: "No More Excuses for Missing Sunday Mass," "The School Yard Bully" and "Can Non-Catholics Receive Communion at Mass?"

The Rev. Ron Nuzzi, an associate of the Center for Catholic Education who moderates the list, said he tries to keep the information diverse. He regularly includes stories about legal issues and educational policy questions, statistical reports on schools, current research, news, prayers, papal statements and pithy quotes.

The UD center began the free e-mail listserve, called Centernet, more than four years ago. The list has grown to include about 710 addresses in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, England and Italy as well as a few in Puerto Rico, the Philippines, India, Singapore, Thailand and China. Nuzzi said that every address can represent hundreds, even thousands of contacts when the messages are passed along from the original recipient. "I estimate that we are reaching in the neighborhood of 10,000 people," he said.

"Our primary purpose is to provide a venue for the quick publication, dissemination and discussion of issues vital to Catholic education," he said. "A week doesn't go by where I don't hear from somebody about how much they appreciate what we send them or what they are doing with the information," Nuzzi said.

When the list began it was separated into different lists for teachers, administrators, counselors and clergy. However, the center decided to make the list all inclusive — educators,

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parents, clergy, teachers, professors, bishops, pastors, principals and superintendents now receive the same information. "We hope to build some community by connecting various people in various fields," Nuzzi said.

Nuzzi said the list is also "a high-profile, high-visibility approach to keep the University of Dayton in the minds of Catholic educator's every day."

There are no daily messages posted during the summer months, but the network is used to post job openings and information about members' job changes and relocations. "We're trying to be helpful to people who want to work in the Catholic schools or who are looking for Catholic schools. We've had more success with this job market than I had initially anticipated," Nuzzi said.

To subscribe to the listserve, call Colleen Wildenhaus at (937) 229-3741 or e-mail [wilden@keiko.udayton.edu](mailto:wilden@keiko.udayton.edu).

"The service is free, and if subscribers are unhappy, we take them off the list, no questions asked," Nuzzi said. "But so far, we've had a nearly 98 percent satisfaction rate with our subscribers."

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