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**BIO-ETHICS DEBATE THE FOCUS OF SPEECH
DURING UD'S SCHOLARS SYMPOSIUM**

DAYTON, Ohio — As a Catholic priest and professor of medicine and philosophy, the Rev. Kevin Wildes, S.J., is familiar with both sides of the debate about recent research in human cell biology.

Wildes, an ordained priest since 1986, is the associate director and senior research scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University. He is also an assistant professor of philosophy at Georgetown as well as an assistant professor of medicine at Georgetown's School of Medicine.

Wildes will be the featured speaker during the University of Dayton scholars symposium at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 22, in the Sears Recital Hall of the Jesse Philips Humanities Building on campus.

Admission to his speech, "The Storm over Stem Cells: The Ethics of Bio-Engineering," is free and open to the public. Wildes is expected to talk about the continuing division between the religious and medical communities as well as the potential health benefits and problems associated with genetic research.

Wildes speech is coordinated in conjunction with UD's Center for Social Concern in the campus ministry office.

Wildes wrote the book, *Moral Acquaintances: Methodology in Bioethics*. He is also the editor or co-editor of several books including *Birth, Suffering and Death: Catholic Perspectives at the Edges of Life*; *Critical Choices and Critical Care: Catholic Perspectives on Allocating Resources in Intensive Care Medicine*; and *Infertility: A Crossroad of Faith, Medicine and Technology*.

He is the associate editor for the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, among other journals, and was the founding editor of the *Journal of Christian Bioethics*.

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For media interviews, call the **Rev. Kevin Wildes, S.J.**, at (202) 687-7509. For information about the scholars symposium, call **Alan Kimbrough**, director of UD's honors and scholars program, at (937) 229-4615.