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THURSDAY, OCT. 22: UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE CALLS FOR END TO VIOLENCE, INTOLERANCE, HATRED

In response to the murder of Matthew Shepard, the gay University of Wyoming student who was kidnapped, beaten, tied to a fence and left to die by his attackers last week, the University of Dayton community will hold a candlelight prayer service at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, to encourage an end to violence, intolerance and hatred toward people in minority groups.

The service will take place on the bricked Nazareth Courtyard between St. Joseph Hall and the Immaculate Conception Chapel. The 30-minute candlelight ceremony will include an opening song, student reflections on violence, and prayers and readings led by faculty members.

The offices of campus ministry, the counseling center, educational and special programs, and residential programs have invited all students, faculty and staff to show support for anti-violence by attending. Faculty members have made classroom announcements to encourage attendance.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Kennedy Union Torch Lounge.

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