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09.18.2008 | President, Students, Campus and Community A letter from President Daniel J. Curran:

Dear Members of the University of Dayton Community:

During the past several days, the best of the Catholic, Marianist charism became evident on our campus. In the aftermath of an unprecedented windstorm, students, faculty, staff, parents and others who care about the University rose unselfishly and tirelessly to devote time, talent and resources to assure that the University remained operational. Thank you for your support,

compassion and patience.

As you looked out for one another, you ensured the safety of student neighborhoods and other campus areas. Collectively, the campus has remained calm and patient as efforts are being made by the utility company to restore power as quickly as possible. While there are still outages, closures and inconveniences, we hope to return to normal operations soon. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available, and we will continue to reach out to help the estimated 500 students still without power. For the latest update, see UD's emergency update Web site. (url: <http://emergency.udayton.edu/Situation+Updates/>)

I witnessed so many examples of compassion on campus this week. This is a community that supports each other and, in the Marianist spirit, carries out God's will in service to others. For example, the Roesch Library has remained open nearly around the clock with staff present to help students who were studying. RecPlex offers a place to sleep and take showers. The Student Government Association and neighborhood fellows have passed out flashlights and passed the word about support services, such as free meals in the dining halls. A number of faculty and staff have offered food and housing. Even those without electricity in their own homes traveled to campus to teach and offer support services to students. I thank each of you for all of the ways you cared for our University community.

As you showed the best of the Marianist community spirit — faith in one another and commitment to the mission — I believe God has been with us throughout these days. Thank you for being at your best, even in uncertain times.

May God continue to bless you,

Daniel J. Curran, Ph.D.

President