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OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS AUTHORIZES NEW PH.D. PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1989—The Ohio Board of Regents today approved a new doctoral program in educational leadership in the University of Dayton's School of Education. Scheduled for January, it is the first such program in the Dayton area and one of the few nationally with a special track in Catholic school administration.

In a 1986 UD survey of more than 1,000 Dayton-area educators, nearly 70 percent indicated a need for a doctoral program in Dayton, and more than a third expressed a desire to pursue a Ph.D. For the past five years, UD has offered national workshops for leaders in Catholic school administration.

"Data from the field indicate an increasing need for well-prepared professional personnel to assume leadership roles," said Ellis A. Joseph, dean of the School of Education. A recent study by the American Association of School Administrators indicates 70 percent of the country's school superintendents will retire within 10 years and half the principals are expected to retire in the next six or seven years.

"The need for leadership preparation is particularly acute in the Catholic school sector," Joseph noted. "According to the National Catholic Education Association, lay teachers now make up 81 percent of Catholic elementary schools and 77 percent of secondary schools. The NCEA has called for programs to educate Catholic school teachers who will be attentive to preserving the Catholic character of the schools."

UD's School of Education ranks 10th among almost 1,000 private liberal arts colleges and universities in the number of undergraduates in teacher education who later earn a doctoral degree. The National Institute of Education has listed UD's teacher education program as one of nine notable ones in the U.S.

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