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News Release

UD LECTURE SERIES WILL CULMINATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CATHOLIC MASS

DAYTON, Ohio, June 8, 1990--An African-American Catholic Mass, sacred art and architecture, symbolism, and gestures in prayer and liturgy will be featured in a summer lecture series sponsored by the University of Dayton's religious studies department. All sessions are free and open to the public.

"Sacred Space: Art, Architecture and Liturgy" will be presented by Stephana Toomey, O.P., on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union Boll Theatre on campus. The program will give an overview of sacred space from the earliest churches to the present. Toomey has researched some of the earliest existing Christian sites in Europe as well as the use of contemporary crafts in the architecture of churches.

"Religious Symbolism in Our Media Age" will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre on campus. The Rev. Peter Mann, a writer, theologian and television producer, will explore the rediscovery of religious symbolism in an age filled with media words, images and mass-marketed symbols.

"Word in Motion: The Use of Gesture and Movement in Prayer and Liturgy" will be presented on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. Kathleen M. Henry will examine the impact of dance in liturgy as well as dance as a personal prayer form. The program will also include some simple "in-the-pew" congregational participation. Henry is the artistic and managing director of the Credo Liturgical Dance Company of Boston.

The final session of the series will be an African-American Catholic Mass on Tuesday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. The Most Rev. Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of Detroit and a specialist in the area of black Catholic liberation theology, will celebrate the Mass and lead a discussion of the liturgical tradition.

For more information on the 1990 summer lecture series, contact the University of Dayton religious studies department at (513) 229-4321.