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### **CHATFIELD COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **Damon Lynch Jr., Tom Noonan and Judith Ruthven Join Chatfield College Board of Trustees**

Chatfield College, Ohio's only private, Catholic, three-year liberal arts college recently announced the addition of three new members to the Chatfield College Board of Trustees -- Rev. Dr. Damon Lynch Jr., Thomas F. Noonan and Judith Ruthven. Their backgrounds and experiences are diverse, but the three community leaders have in common a wealth of experience and wisdom they bring to the Chatfield board. Each will serve a three year term.

**Rev. Damon Lynch Jr.**, who has served as pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church since 1970, has been involved in the community for more than four decades in the areas of Christian evangelism, social justice, and other arenas. He is the former president of the Baptist Ministers Conference, served as instructor at the Athenaeum at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, and founding member of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Rev. Lynch's numerous awards include: the Faith and Action Award by the Council of Christian Communion, the Image Maker Award for Advocacy, a Community Service Award from the National Council of Community and Justice, the Wright Overstreet Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, *The Washington Times* Foundation National Service Award, the United Way and Community Chest Joseph A. Hall Award, and the Community Service Award from Bridges for a Just Community.

**Mr. Thomas F. Noonan's** strong dedication to educating the public led him to a long, successful journalism career. The retired Community Press newspaper publisher received the Suburban Newspapers of America Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

He is Vice Chair of the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Library Foundation and Director of the Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati. Mr. Noonan has served as the president of the St. John Fisher Church, as a Turpin Hills Civic Association trustee, a University of Cincinnati Institute for Lifetime Education moderator and founding chair of the Community College of Aurora, Colorado.

**Judith Ruthven**, driven by a passion for historic preservation, led the restoration efforts of the boyhood home of 18<sup>th</sup> U.S. President, Ulysses S. Grant. Mrs. Ruthven and her husband John, author and internationally acknowledged master of wildlife art, worked tirelessly to have the homestead designated as a National Historic Landmark and restored the Brown County home to its original splendor.

Mrs. Ruthven, co-owner of Thompson House Gallery in Georgetown, Ohio, served as an Advisory Trustee for the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, a statewide organization that fosters knowledge, enjoyment, and appreciation of the decorative arts and celebrates the architecture and heritage of the Reese-Peters House.

Chatfield College, founded by the Ursuline sisters of Brown County, grants an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with concentrations in Business, Child Development, Human Services and Liberal Arts. The mission of Chatfield College is to teach life skills, via a liberal arts education, to individuals who might best succeed in our supportive, small college atmosphere.

Chatfield's main campus is located at 20918 State Route 251 in St. Martin, Ohio and the Cincinnati campus is located at 1800 Logan St., Suite 210, in the Findlay Market area of Over The Rhine. For more information on Chatfield College, contact the Brown County campus at (513) 875-3344, the Cincinnati campus at (513) 921-9856 or log onto [www.chatfield.edu](http://www.chatfield.edu)

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