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Sisters to offer teachings about Syrian refugees



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DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) – A program on how to welcome Syrian refugees will be offered by a Dayton-based church and its Sisters.

It will be held at Salem Heights in 2016.

Some Sisters with the “Sisters of the Precious Blood” attended a seminar earlier this year, where a Syrian refugee gave a presentation.

Sr. Jeanette Buehler said listening to that speaker was “fascinating,” and was enough to move her to want to do something in the Gem City.

Although there is no immediate plan to allow Syrian refugees into Dayton, let alone the United States,

organizers want the community to be ready.

“We thought this would be a way of really coming together as a community to see what we could do to build the welcoming committee that we keep saying Dayton is,” Buehler said.

“Representatives from Christianity, Judaism and Islam will share the teachings of their faith as applied to refugees,” according to a press release from the Sisters of the Precious Blood. “Catholic Social Services will explain the process refugees face when entering the United States and two refugees will share their personal experiences.”

While the program is free, donations will be accepted. Afterward, a lunch will be offered.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 9, 2016 – although doors will open at 8:45 a.m. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Jan. 4 through the church’s website.

Salem Heights is located at 4960 Salem Avenue in Dayton. Visitors are asked to enter the grounds off of Denlinger Road.

To view the video, click [here](#).