



## ***Our Friday Speaker***

***April 19, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. At***

***Iroquois Club or via Zoom***

**Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D.  
President, University of  
Detroit Mercy**

**"UDM in Metro Detroit"**



Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D., became the 26th president of University of Detroit Mercy on July 1, 2022. He had previously served eight years as president of Cabrini University, a private Roman Catholic University in Pennsylvania that provides undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate degree programs to more than 2,000 students where he focused on strategic initiatives to strengthen the Catholic liberal arts education experience for the University's diverse population of undergraduate and graduate students while also focusing on partnerships and programs. During Taylor's presidency, Cabrini ranked among the top 40 Most Transformative Colleges in the nation by Money Magazine based on the institution's "value add," an indicator to showcase schools whose alumni report high levels of success. He transitioned Cabrini from a college to a university in 2016. In 22 years at Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., including serving as its Provost and Chief Academic Officer from 2008 to 2014, Taylor led the evolution of Benedictine from a small, residential liberal arts college of 1,000 students to a comprehensive doctoral institution of more than 10,000 students with branch campuses in Springfield, IL, and Mesa, Ariz. He also helped plan and implement Benedictine's Global University, developing partnerships with prestigious universities in China and Vietnam. Taylor earned a B.S. in education and a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology from the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Lechia, a nurse and certified case manager, have a son, Seth. They live in Detroit's University Commons neighborhood.

***Meeting at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Township***

*North of Square Lake Road. Lunch reservation required by previous Monday.*

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