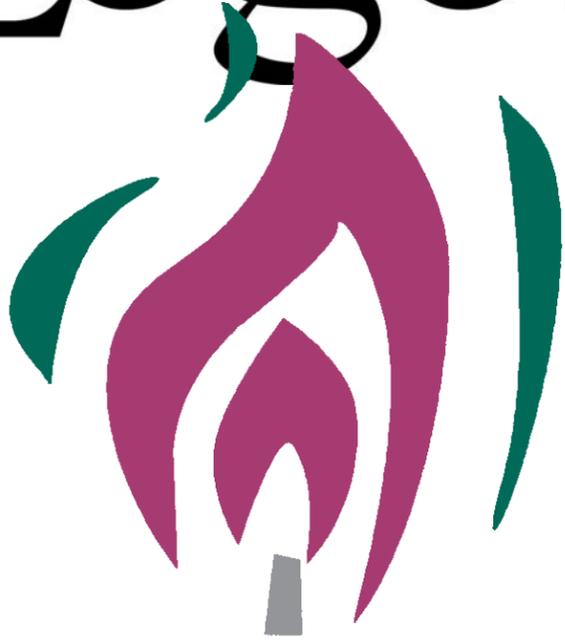


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A Dream Realized

Rabbi David Sandmel installed as Crown Ryan Professor of Jewish Studies

by Pattie Wigand Sporrang
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Despite the intense pennant battle being waged by the Chicago Cubs 90 blocks to the north, the enthusiastic crowd gathered in the Courtyards focused on the celebration at hand. The fruition of the long held dream of the late Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter, a dream also cherished by his colleagues at CTU, the event was the inauguration of the Crown Ryan Chair in Jewish Studies and installation of its first holder, Rabbi David Sandmel.

Backdropped by "Rainbow Wings," the art created in memory of Rabbi Perelmuter, the mid-October celebration also paid tribute to the two Chicago families who generously endowed the chair—Renée and Lester Crown and Shirley and Patrick Ryan. President Donald Senior, thanking the families said, "This generous gift from the Crowns and the Ryans enables our school to educate religious leaders of the future who will shape Christian congregations and their interactions with Judaism."

Among the afternoon's memorable moments, was Dean Gary Riebe-Estrella's story about CTU graduate Valerie D'Souza, a Catholic laywoman and citizen of India, who earned a master of arts in pastoral studies at CTU in 2000.

As part of her theology studies, he said, Valerie took several classes with Rabbi Perelmuter, an experience that impacted her view of Judaism in a life changing way. As a result of these classes, after graduation Valerie spent time at Yad Veshem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, and become the first Indian woman trained in Holocaust Studies. Upon her return to India, she assumed key leadership roles for the Archdiocese of Bombay, coordinating the RCIA program as well as the



Photo: Dean La Prairie
Rabbi David Sandmel accepts the Crown Ryan Chair.

Institute for Ministry of Faith Enrichment. A lecturer and author who belongs to the Association of Women Indian Theologians, Valerie returned to CTU this fall as a Bernardin Scholar in the doctor of ministry degree program. Riebe-Estrella concluded his remarks by calling the crowd's attention to the back of the room where Valerie stood, a living example of the impact of Jewish Studies and the life of Rabbi Perelmuter.

Both Lester Crown and Patrick Ryan responded of behalf of their families, expressing gratitude to CTU for having the wisdom to create a chair in Jewish Studies. Lester Crown, in commenting on the motivation of the two families said, "Together, with the Ryans, we wanted to do something to bridge the relationship between Catholics and Jews. Teaching both priests and Catholic lay leadership is very important." He gave credit to

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Building for our future

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The preliminary sketch of a new building for Catholic Theological Union.

Since 1968, Catholic Theological Union has been sheltered in the 10-story gray stone structure that stands at the corner of 54th Street and Cornell Avenue in Hyde Park. Within these walls, students, faculty, and staff alike work, study, pray, eat, and build the community for which CTU is so well known. In 35 years, the physical heart of the school has been 5401 S. Cornell Ave.

Over the past three decades, CTU's space needs have largely been accommodated within the former Hotel Aragon, built in 1924. Walls have been knocked down to combine small offices into larger classrooms. An outdoor courtyard was enclosed to create classroom and assembly space. Desks have been pushed into corners to make room for new employees. Rooms have been re-divided and reconfigured. Storage space is at a premium. Conference rooms are used for not only for meetings, but also for classes, interviews, birthday and going-away parties, luncheons, receptions, dinners, comprehensive exams, extra work-space, and even city elections. Finding a place for a last minute meeting or make-up class is an ongoing challenge.

"It's hard to find a place to congregate," says M.A. student Thérèse Cullen. "The classrooms are quite small, making it difficult to gather for larger classes."

Despite the constraints, the array of activities that take place here on a daily basis have somehow fit. But in recent years, the growth of the student body, combined with the explosion of public events sponsored by the Bernardin Center, have made this "fit" ever tighter and more uncomfortable. The advent of technology in education has also raised questions about how to keep pace with innovative ways of teaching and learning that use modern technology and Internet, a difficult task in a building constructed before computers even existed. Additionally, the 79-year old building is showing its age with plumbing, heating, and structural concerns that require more attention and more money.

In 2000 President Donald Senior, C.P. called together a representative committee of faculty, administration, students, and formation directors for the purpose of "institutional planning." With an eye to the future, the Institutional Planning committee addressed many facets of academics and life at CTU, and its exhaustive work culminated in the production of the CTU Strategic Plan for 2002-07. In particular, the committee

looked at the expanding physical needs of the school in relation to its mission and the increasing size and diversity of the student body. As the Strategic Plan states,:

"Providing adequate facilities is central to support the learning environment and mission of CTU. A detailed planning process conducted with professional resources has convinced us that we have outgrown the space and style of its current facilities."

The Plan further states that, to continue growth and keep meeting the needs of its students, CTU requires a facility that provides "needed classrooms, up-to-date library facilities, meeting, lounge, and assembly/worship space, adequate housing for our resident students and special programs, office space for staff, faculty, and the allied centers, and educational technology support."

The process for deciding how to best meet these criteria has been thorough. Several buildings in the Hyde Park neighborhood were evaluated for their suitability, as were plans to adapt CTU's existing properties. Yet in the end, the committee realized that to renovate a structure built for other purposes would run the risk of re-creating CTU's current situation: holding classes, conferences, liturgies, and public events in spaces intended for something else. Also, the cost to renovate seemed excessive.

The response? Build new. President Senior explains, "After exploring many options, we have decided to build a modern \$21 million facility on our current property that will include state of the art classrooms, library, worship space, offices, dining and meeting facilities. One floor will include flexibly designed assembly space and meeting rooms dedicated to the public activities of the Bernardin Center. This new campus will be a tremendous step forward for the future of CTU." The proposed structure will be an open, spacious design, one which both fits in with the neighborhood and remains true to CTU's modest spirit but limitless vision and mission.

Since revealing the preliminary sketches of the new building, the reception within CTU has been very positive. "I must admit that I'll be sad to leave the 5401 building," says Thérèse. "There's such a history in this place. It carries with it a noble simplicity. But when we are looking back once the new building has some years, this it will be seen as an exciting time of change and progress."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Who Sent You?

We don't want nobody that nobody sent..." These are the immortal words of Paddy Bawler, the notorious Chicago alderman of yesteryear, to someone seeking a political job. Knowing who sponsors or stands behind someone remains important not only in the world of political machines. It is also good to know when a priest shows up in your parish or a teacher in the classroom—where are they from and who sponsors them?

I am often asked who sponsors Catholic Theological Union. Some people assume that we are part of the Archdiocese of Chicago and wonder how we relate to Mundelein, the fine Archdiocesan seminary. CTU is proud to be in Chicago and part of the dynamic Catholic Church here. And we willingly show loyalty and respect to Cardinal George, our Archbishop, and to the regulations and policies of this local church.

But CTU is not technically an institution of the Archdiocese.

The ones who stand behind us and, in a sense, "send us"

are a group of religious communities—25 in all. They form a corporation that owns the school and provides its official ecclesiastical backing.

Because of our make-up we are one of only a few institutions like this in the world. The roster of communities who back CTU sounds like a church who's who: Franciscans, Redemptorists, Augustinians, Vincentians, Passionists, Divine Word Missionaries, Spiritans, Carmelites, the Capuchins, the Oblates, the Viatorians, the Servites, the Crosiers—and on the list goes.

Being sponsored by religious communities is not just a legal structure—it also gives us our fundamental purpose and spirit. Half of our students are members of religious communities who are preparing for priesthood and other forms of service to the church. The other half are lay men and women who also feel called to serve and who will be working hand in hand with ordained priests in a host of ministries. In many instances these lay men and women will be partners in ministry with the same future priests they study with now.

It is pretty clear what diocesan priests do: they staff the parishes. But what do religious order priests and brothers do? A lot of things! Many religious orders do staff parishes and often they are the inner city parishes. Here in Chicago, for example, religious communities staff 50 parishes, most of them in the Hispanic and African American communities. The famous St. Peters in the Loop, for example, is a Franciscan parish and its pastor is a CTU

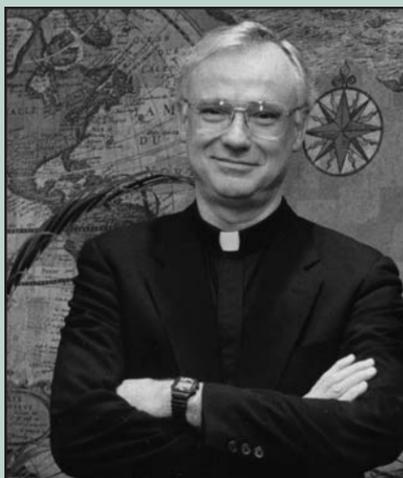


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graduate. Other communities specialize in education. Using Chicago as an example again, virtually all of the Catholic high schools in Chicago from St. Viator's in the suburbs, to St. Rita's in the city, are run by religious communities and many of them are now directed by CTU graduates.

Religious communities also run the hospitals, clinics, shelters, soup kitchens, and AIDS hospices.

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Another distinctive feature of religious communities is that they are not confined to a single diocese but are often international in scope. That is certainly true of a majority of the religious communities at CTU. Our graduates from missionary communities such as the Divine Word Missionaries, the Maryknolls, the Oblates, the Spiritans, the Xaverians, the Combonis, and the Columbans serve in more than 46 countries worldwide. More than one third of our student body are international students and most of them are members of religious communities.

The church needs the stability of local parish communities but it also needs the leaven of a global church that is rich in diversity. We need the standard ministries of administering the sacraments and conducting Sunday worship. But we also need the healing touch and strong truth of the gospel in the not so ordinary places: the hospital wards, the inner-city classrooms, the retreat centers, the campus chapels, the slums of Nairobi, and the social service centers of Chicago. That spirit of bringing the gospel where is not yet heard or most desperately needed, of being mobile and free to serve God's people in extraordinary ways is what the church expects of its religious communities and of the lay men and women who are associated with them. That is who "sends" us at CTU.

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Life Ethics seminar builds on Bernardin legacy

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Among his other signature themes of reconciliation, interreligious understanding, social justice, and Catholic common ground, Cardinal Bernardin's ecclesial vision also includes the consistent ethic of life. He first articulated the need for this overarching perspective on life's ethical issues at an address given at Fordham University on December 6, 1983. "The consistent ethic of life," he stated, "calls for the protection and enhancement of human life from conception to natural death and in all its circumstances. The consistent ethic does not collapse all the issues into one, since each requires its own moral analysis. But it points out that all the life issues are linked." In the course of subsequent lectures, Cardinal Bernardin related the consistent ethic of life to abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, health care, pornography, and poverty.

In his October 9, 1996 letter to then CTU President Rev. Norman Bevan, C.S.Sp., Cardinal Bernardin, facing his impending death, recommended that "the prospectus of the Bernardin Center make explicit mention of the Consistent Ethic of Life." He added, "It would be a source of great consolation to me to know that theologians will continue to develop the concept and continue that dimension of my legacy."

The Life Ethics Seminar held its inaugural session during the first week of November. This latest initiative of the Bernardin Center is one concrete way to significantly advance the interests of Cardinal Bernardin in the area of ethics. It also provides an opportunity to give serious thought and study to the unprecedented ethical questions that impact our world today, in the light of Christian principles and the rich tradition of the Catholic Church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Naim, O.F.M., the holder of the Erica and

Harry John Family Chair in Catholic Ethics, approximately 12 moral theologians from across the country will gather annually for a three-day seminar over a three-year period. Their purpose is to discuss the theological foundations, implications, and practical applications of a consistent ethic of life. Each gathering will include a public lecture by one member of the forum. At the end of the six sessions, major papers will be published in book form. The first annual public lecture featured Thomas Shannon, professor of social ethics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, whose topic was "The Consistent Ethic of Life: Rewriting and Editing from a Bonaventurian Perspective."

This Ethics Scholars Seminar had been in the idea phase for a few years. The project received a jump-start and moved quickly from idea to actuality when CTU alumna, Barbara Menard provided a generous gift from the Menard Family Foundation. While a student at CTU Barbara took every class that Tom Naim taught because she found him to be such an excellent teacher, and now, in her position with Catholic Charities in California, she frequently draws on information from these ethics courses.

In Barbara's words, "I will forever be grateful to the faith formation and theological education I received while at CTU. It is a place of the heart where people gather to meet God on many levels—intellectual, social, and personal. The influence of CTU's graduates circles the globe and impacts many faith communities. Therefore, it is with great joy that our family contributes to furthering the teaching and ethic of 'our brother Joseph' under the capable hands of Tom Naim." In addition to the gift from the Menard family, the Catholic Health Association, and its president, Rev. Michael Place also provided financial support for this project.

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Bernardin Advisory Board member Newton Minow, whom he referred to as the "mid-wife" of the new professorship for bringing the project to the attention of the Crowns and Ryans and urging them to become involved.

Commenting on the importance of the Crown Ryan Chair in Jewish Studies, President Donald Senior said, "Under the courageous leadership of Pope John Paul II, a sea change has taken place in what historically has often been a tortured relationship between Catholics and Jews. In an act of public contrition during his historic millennium pilgrimage to Israel, Pope John Paul II placed a message in a crevice of the Western Wall. The message asked God's forgiveness for causing 'these children of yours to suffer' and renewed the pledge 'to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant.' The Pope's powerful example has encouraged Catholics worldwide to redouble their efforts to seek reconciliation and harmony with their Jewish brothers and sisters."

The late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin made Catholic-Jewish dialogue a centerpiece of his vision. Because of Cardinal Bernardin's profound commitment to this dialogue, a commitment continued by his successor, Francis Cardinal George,

Catholic-Jewish Studies is sponsored by the Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry. Catholic-Jewish Studies has been an integral part since the CTU's inception in 1968.

Directed by Rev. John Pawlikowski, professor of ethics, president of the International Council of Christians and Jews, and regarded as the leading Catholic authority on Christian-Jewish relations, the program instills in future Christian religious leaders knowledge of and respect for the history and content of Judaism as a living religious tradition and to foster a spirit of dialogue and understanding.

In addition to offering courses in Judaism, the Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter Catholic-Jewish Conference, and the Shapiro Lecture series, which brings outstanding Jewish scholars to campus, the program also sponsors other events that advance the Catholic-Jewish dialogue. Within Chicago, the presence of Catholic Theological Union and its Bernardin Center has been vital in bringing to the conversation the unique relationship of the Catholic community to Judaism.



Photo: Dean La Prairie
Left to right: Lester and Renée Crown, Newton Minow, Shirley and Patrick Ryan, President Donald Senior, C.P.

Chicago Conversations In Faith looks at hospitality towards immigrants

by William Jordan, M.A., '02



Photos: Dean La Prairie

Eboo Patel, executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core, converses with Emily Soloff, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, Chicago chapter.

For years Catholic Theological Union has been a pioneer in the field of interreligious dialogue, bringing members of Chicago's Catholic and Jewish communities together to learn, debate, and grow together in faith.

CTU's practice of interreligious dialogue entered a new era on September 24. Dialogue became a three-way conversation as Chicago-area Jews, Christians, and Muslims came together at the Chicago Historical Society for the first of two "Chicago Conversations in Faith."

Organized by the Bernardin Center and supported by a grant from the Chicago Community Trust, this groundbreaking initiative gives religious and civic leaders and members of the public an opportunity to discuss matters of social concern from the shared perspective of the Abrahamic faiths. By facilitating interreligious dialogue, Chicago Conversations encourage collaboration, reduce tensions, and improve relationships in the community.

Entitled, "Welcoming the Stranger: Liberty, Homeland Security, and the Immigrant," this event examined some of the challenges that face immigrants in the United States in the wake of September 11.

Founded on the premise that Judaism, Christianity, and

Islam all mandate hospitality to the stranger, the evening began with a dramatic presentation by the Interfaith Youth Core, a youth-led Chicago-based international interfaith group that engages in social action projects. The performance established hospitality as the guiding theme of the evening.

The main speaker was Rev. Craig Mousin, DePaul University ombudsperson and founder of the Midwest Immigrant Rights Center. Mousin surveyed the history of immigration in the United States. Although the U.S. prides itself on being a nation of immigrants, suspicion of outsiders dates from the early days of settlement. Quakers arriving in the Massachusetts Bay Colony faced persecution and even death. Throughout much of the history of this country free Americans ignored the immigrant issue simply by avoiding them, moving west to escape unwelcome neighbors. As long as Americans were free to pull up stakes and start their own towns and religions, "the nation had, as a whole, little issue with immigration."

That changed in the 1870s when large numbers of Chinese immigrants arrived to build the nation's railroads. By the end of the 19th century even the Supreme Court had adopted the rhetoric that immigrants comprised an invading army. This rhetoric influences judicial debates about immigration to this day, Mousin said.

Mousin outlined some of the specific problems that face immigrants in the post-September 11 climate. These problems include lengthy detentions, difficulty in securing legal representation, closed hearings, and the increased criminalization of immigration issues.

Mousin urged that when framing their attitude toward outsiders, American Jews, Muslims, and Christians recall the words of Lev. 19:33-34, a reminder to the Israelites

that it is incumbent on them to welcome the stranger, having once been enslaved strangers in Egypt themselves.

In his response to Mousin's remarks, Rev. Paul Rutgers, executive director of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, pointed out that suspicion of immigrants today is not entirely a result of prejudice. He observed that, as a stranger, the immigrant challenges the boundary of the familiar, provoking a fundamental fear of the unknown. St. Paul insisted on hospitality to strangers. In later centuries Christians conceived of a "City of God" that would be closed to no one. Historically and politically, this has proven to be an impossible goal. The best we can do, Rutgers urged, is to accept the challenge of living with the competing demands of faith and citizenship.

Rabbi Ira Youdovin, executive vice president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, began his response to Mousin's remarks by recounting the story of the S.S. St. Louis, a ship that was refused entry into American waters in 1939. Most of the 937 passengers aboard were Jews fleeing Nazism. The ship returned to Europe, where many of its passengers faced death in concentration camps.

Youdovin observed that while the "prophetic heritage" of Judaism "animates Jews to resist attempts to stem the

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Chicago Conversations in Faith speakers, left to right: Rabbi Ira Youdovin, Rev. Paul Rutgers, Kareem Irfan.

A Lesson in Transformation: The 2003-04 Peacebuilders Initiative

by Angela Appleby Purcell

DIRECTOR, THE PEACEBUILDERS INITIATIVE



Photo: Daniel O'Connell

The 2003-04 Peacebuilders Initiative: participants, mentors, and staff.

As they say, "If you build it, they will come." And come they did as 37 dynamic, faith-filled teens from Chicago and Wisconsin came to CTU this past June to be in the Peacebuilders Initiative's first class. During the seven intense, thought-provoking, and "shibby" (teenspeak for cool) days, these teenagers were immersed in the theology and ministry of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Whether learning the biblical foundations of peacebuilding from Professor Barbara Reid, O.P., exploring the meaning of reconciliation with Professor Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., or befriending the elderly, homeless, or displaced of society at the afternoon ministry sites, the young theologians were serious about learning and living out the Catholic tradition of peace and justice.

Though strangers at the start, by week's end the aspiring young peace-

builders emerged as a community empowered to think, pray, speak, and act as Christian leaders, transformed from participants into Peacebuilders.

"I know what I want to do with my life," proclaimed Jim Grady, a Brother Rice High School student. "I want to study theology and work for peace."

With help from 14 talented mentors (mostly CTU graduate students), six CTU faculty, seven church and service organizations, and CTU staff members, the Peacebuilders followed a rigorous daily schedule of rich, intimate prayer experiences (13 in all), "encouraging and empowering" theology sessions (their words), and a diversity of poignant ministry opportunities.

Evenings they returned to their CTU home base to reflect theologically on the day's events, nurture their minds and bodies through yoga, and build lasting friendships through free-time activities.

The transformation taking place in their hearts was palpable, offering a sign of hope for us and our church.

On the last day the Peacebuilders were commissioned in a

prayer service to return to their schools, parishes, and communities and there create and implement their own Peace Projects. The projects, to be designed in the next months, would be an extension of the skills and experiences of the week. They would also be the beginning of a life dedicated to building peace.

Challenging her peers (not to mention all of us), Cindy Bangert of Immaculate Conception Parish summed it up: "Our Peace Projects are not supposed to be like another

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Excerpts from Andy Taube's Peacebuilders Journal, June, 2003

I am home now. This was truly an amazing experience...As I think about it now, I realize that all of the people there were truly amazing. Everyone had an unbelievably positive attitude...There was not one instant where I felt upset or frustrated during the entire week. It was just amazing. We were marching in the light of God every second of this week. I will try my hardest to keep marching in the light of God. I can honestly say that I love every person that was there with me...

We lived in complete peace for this week. Why can't the world do the same? I guess not everyone in the world is an amazingly awesome peacebuilder...at least not yet. It happened for us because we all have learned what gifts and resources we have to contribute to building peace and we have realized the good that we can create by using those gifts and resources. We all put forth our own effort to bring about peace, and it came together as if we could exist no other way. If everyone in the world learned what their gifts and resources that they have to build peace, and if they were given the chance to see the good that they can create by using those gifts, the world will live in peace. Thank you God for this amazing gift! Let it remain clear in my mind and fresh in my heart.

Andy Taube is a senior at Brother Rice High School in Chicago.



Photo: Daniel O'Connell

Peacebuilder Randy Herron, right, worked at Misericordia Home during the afternoon ministry site visits. Randy is seen here with a resident of Misericordia.

Bernardin Center welcomes new scholars



Photo: Angela Appleby Purcell

New Bernardin Scholars, from left to right: Back row, Shaun Johnson, Philip Rogers, Melissa Link, Colin Crossey, Sr. Ann Pratt, Kathryn Savage, José Luis Aguilar-Carbajal, Sr. Antoine Lawlor, Margaret Guadagno; Front row, Stacion Dorrant, Rebecca Otte, Valerie D'Souza, Katherine DeVries.

In October, the Bernardin Center welcomed 13 impressive and diverse new Bernardin Scholars. Director Sheila McLaughlin said, "Our evening together included Msgr. Ken Velo's moving and inspiring personal reflections on Cardinal Bernardin, as well as the introduction and welcoming of the scholars. This remarkable group of students includes an ordained Presbyterian minister, a lawyer from Mexico, and a peacemaker from Northern Ireland."

José Luis Aguilar-Carbajal M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Ethics. A practicing lawyer in his native Mexico, José earned his law degree from Guanajuato State University. In Chicago, he has worked as a lay minister and an educator. He served as a Maryknoll lay missionary in Santiago, Chile, from 1985-87. Currently, he is a service coordinator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and performs with Ad Libitum, a Latin American Folk Music Ensemble, he helped found. José and his wife have four children, ages 7 through 15.

Colin Crossey D.Min., Concentration: Cross-cultural mission. Currently director of the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, a community agency run by the Sisters of Mercy, Colin is a native of Northern Ireland. He has worked with the homeless in Dublin and in London's East End; youth in inner-city Miami as well as Trinidad and Tobago, and the Mill Hill Fathers in Nairobi, Kenya. He holds an M.A. in psychological studies from Queen's University, Belfast, and a master's in clinical social work from Barry University, Miami, FL.

Katherine DeVries D.Min., Concentration: Word & Worship. Associate director of Chicago's Young Adult Ministry for 15 years, Kate is both a CTU alumna and an adjunct member of the faculty, teaching in the Summer Institute. She earned her M.Div. from CTU in 1999 and holds a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies.

Stacion Dorrant M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Ethics. A native of Jamaica, Stacion graduated from St. Joseph's Teachers College in Kingston, Jamaica, and then taught elementary school for several years, supporting her mother and nine-year-old son. Active in her parish community, she served as a catechist, the president of the church council, and a member of the liturgy planning council. She began at CTU in 2002, supported by an International Women's Scholarship.

Valerie D'Souza Doctor of Ministry, Concentration: Liturgy. Since 1992, Valerie has worked with the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Bombay, India, taking a two-year hiatus to earn an M.A.P.S. at CTU. Returning to Bombay, she became a lecturer at the Centre. She helped launch the RCIA program for the diocese. She recently published *Walk as a Child of the Light*, a text for para-liturgical celebrations in small Christian communities. She is a member of the Association of Indian Women Theologians and the Diocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue.

Margaret Guadagno M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Church History, Liturgy. Director of Liturgy and the RCIA program at her home parish, St. Ann's in Lansing, Ill., Margaret holds the Tri-Diocesan Certificate in Catechumenate Ministry from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the dioceses of Gary and Joliet. At St. Ann's for 13 years, she is responsible for the formation of the RCIA team, eucharistic ministers and lectors, and the parish catechists. She and her husband have four young adult children.

Shaun Johnson M.A. in Theology/Research, Concentration: Ethics. Shaun was an active staff member and volunteer at Old St. Joseph's Parish in DePere, Wisc. He has worked as a sacristan, lay minister, religious education instructor, and retreat leader for high school students. A service trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, reinforced his commitment to a teaching vocation at the college level. He and his wife recently relocated to Hyde Park.

Sr. Antoine Lawlor D.Min., Concentration: Spirituality. Assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Camden, N.J. for 10 years, Sr. Antoine has served as a teacher, principal, and director of Catholic school marketing for the diocese. A published author on spirituality and ministry topics, Sr. Antoine is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and holds an M.A. in religious education and a Pontifical catechetical diploma from Notre Dame Catechetical Institute, Arlington, VA.

Melissa Link M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Ethics. Melissa is the Christian living teacher and director of campus ministry at Queen of Peace High School in suburban Chicago. An internship with a community organization in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood and her participation in the 1999 March for Life reinforced her commitment to study Catholic ethics and Cardinal Bernardin's theology on the "seamless garment of life."

Rebecca A. Otte M.A. in Theology & M.Div. A 2003 graduate of St. Norbert's College in Minnesota, Rebecca's interest in graduate theology was prompted by her religious studies coursework at St. Norbert's, and her experience as a resident of Justice House, a women's community at the college. This past year, she has worked at the college's Peace and Justice Center and with its English-as-a-Second-Language Institute.

Sr. Ann M. Pratt M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Ethics/Cross-Cultural Mission. A widow who joined the Racine (Wisconsin) Dominican community in July 2000, Sr. Ann has worked in social services and ministry for more than two decades. She has been an abuse and neglect investigator for the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, in special needs adoption services, and in adolescent drug and alcohol rehabilitation. In 1997, she joined the staff of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she managed the training program for 500 Wisconsin child-welfare social workers.

Rev. Philip Charles Rogers D.Min., Concentration: Spirituality. Rev. Rogers is a Presbyterian minister and associate dean of students and campus minister at Albertson College of Idaho. He has taught New Testament, Greek, and the writings of C. S. Lewis; worked as a project coordinator for Potter's Clay in Mexico, and been a silent retreat facilitator at Seattle Pacific University. He holds an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, and belongs to the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature. He is married with two daughters.

Kathryn Savage M.A. in Theology, Concentration: Liturgy. Music director at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Chicago, Kathryn's interest in ministry began in childhood, working with her parents at evangelical missions. A member of Moody Church in Chicago, Kathryn converted to Catholicism in 1979. She earned a B.A. in theology and pastoral ministry from Dominican University in 2003. Wife, mother, and grandmother, she will continue her full-time liturgical work at St. Robert's while studying part-time at CTU.

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homework assignment. It is not something I do once a year when it is convenient. **My life is my peace project!**" Cindy and her fellow Peacebuilders are living up to this challenge by creatively addressing the needs of their community through their projects. For example:

Nazareth High School senior Katie Ainge, has developed F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service and Hospitality), to create lasting relationships between high school students and people with mental and physical disabilities.

Café-talks are being sponsored by Annette Alvarado, Jackie Duffy, and Patricia Nowakowski (Queen of Peace High School) as a way to respectfully discuss polarizing issues such as racism, religious discrimination, and global conflict.

Randy Herron (Hales Franciscan High School) and Diana Olivares (Cristo Rey High School) educate grammar school children on the dangers of gang involvement, encouraging non-violent responses to neighborhood conflicts.

Believe me, when we planned Peacebuilders two years ago, we did not see designing this high school program as an opportunity for transformation—as an invitation for God's grace to open our eyes and hearts. CTU is a graduate school of theology—what can we learn from teenagers? But it happened. The energy and enthusiasm, idealism and goodness, sincerity and honesty, vulnerability and openness became an

unmistakable blessing to the CTU community. In one week, these 37 teens opened a new and exciting chapter in the life of CTU, and I dare say in the life of the larger church community.

When the week ended, everyone mourned the stillness and silence of the classrooms once filled with vibrant, Spirit-filled peacebuilders. Rev. Gary Riebe-Estrella, S.V.D., a self-proclaimed "doubting-Thomas" could hardly wait to post a message on the Peacebuilders website telling the teens how much he missed them. "They did something to me and to CTU," admitted Fr. Gary, who had been an integral and inspiring facilitator, presider, comedian, confessor, and companion to the peacebuilders

And who would have guessed that Professor Bob Schrieter would wear his Peacebuilders T-shirt to work—his own fashion statement. While we had planned, prepared, and dreamed about the positive impact we would have on these "future" church leaders, little did we anticipate that these future leaders would be church for us.

After the midweek reconciliation service Fr. Gary commented, "After hearing and witnessing what took place tonight I have no doubt that our church is in good hands."

Cardinal Bernardin had known this instinctively when he told a group of teens, "You're a part of the church here and now, and you have a contribution to make." How right he was!



Photo: Daniel O'Connell

Professor Robert Schrieter teaches the Peacebuilders' theology session on reconciliation.

Reflection

by Elizabeth Toohey

CHAIR, PEACEBUILDERS ADVISORY BOARD

One of the essential elements of the Peacebuilders Initiative is the Advisory Board, a group of young adult Catholics who are active in their faith and inspired to serve. This group meets regularly to ensure that Peacebuilders stays true to its mission and to explore ways to raise the visibility of the program and secure its place for youth in years to come. **Elizabeth Toohey**, chief of staff for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, is chair of the Advisory Board.

I agreed to serve as the chair of the Advisory Board of the Peacebuilders Initiative because the philosophy and mission of Peacebuilders resonated with my notion of how to change the world. I have always tried in one way or another to live my Catholic faith through service. I also believed in the potential of the Peacebuilders Initiative because it was rooted at CTU—a place of genuine faith formation and Catholic education. I was so excited about this new program at CTU because it focused on nurturing young people—to give them concrete, real exposure to living their Catholic faith and the intellectual framework to understand the transformative power of such active faith—for themselves and for others.

We are now well into the second year of the Peacebuilders Initiative with teens who participated in the Summer Program fully immersed in developing and implementing their Peace Projects. All the while, the capable and dedicated staff members at CTU are working to develop two Summer Programs for 2004, while also continuing to bring in new partners for the Initiative. The Advisory Board helps support and guide all this work. We are certainly busy, but already we have witnessed success as teens have grown in their Catholic faith and begin reach out to others through their Peace Projects.

I am energized by my participation on the Advisory Board of the Peacebuilders Initiative. I stay involved because I believe this program is vital to developing an educated Catholic laity for our Church's future. It is also essential to encourage and teach young people how to be peacebuilders. Finally, and most importantly, I believe the Peacebuilders Initiative is one way to change the world.

GRADUATION ADDRESS *Do it with love*

by Christine Hoyne Hopkins, M.Div. '03

Christine Hoyne Hopkins, a Chicago native, received a bachelor of science in nursing from the College of St. Theresa (Winona, Minn.). She worked as a psychiatric nurse at Foster G. McGaw Hospital (Loyola, Maywood), and then was a stay-at-home mom for four daughters born within five years. Chris also volunteered as a religious education teacher for 10 years and started the minister of care program at her local parish.

Chris says, "My kids were getting older and I realized I wasn't ready for a rocking chair. So I started a certificate for lay ministry at Saint Xavier's University (Ill.) I thought about going back to nursing, but felt more drawn to parish work. Besides there is a lot of interconnection between a healthy spirituality and a health psychology. I realized, however, it was way too much work for just a certificate. When I was invited into the position of Pastoral Associate by my pastor, I began the master of pastoral studies at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies. I ultimately transferred my credits to CTU and completed the master of divinity."

Today, Chris is the pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Orland Park, Ill. She was chosen by her classmates to speak on their behalf at the 2003 Commencement ceremony. The following is her address.

Now, I don't know about you, my friends, but I am most surprised to not only be: 1) graduating, but also, 2) up here speaking to you. When a friend informed me that she planned to nominate me to be the graduation speaker, I thought to myself: What could I possibly say?

Me, a suburban homemaker, granted, a suburban homemaker with a phenomenal ministerial education. But still I am much more comfortable describing myself as a wife and mother, former girl scout leader and hot dog mom. But theologian or minister?

And then, I remembered: *God is good.* I understood—that is exactly the point: *All* are invited to ministry—whether it be inside or outside official church structure. Each and every human being is invited to be the presence of Christ to another.

Just look around you fellow graduates. Who do you see? From my vantage point I see men and women! Quite remarkable for a school which started as a seminary for priestly ordination! I see people of all ages, of all skin colors, of all nations of origin. I see former teachers, business executives, theater professors, and homemakers. I see individuals who have already given their lives in dedicated service to the poor. I see those

preparing for ordained sacramental ministry, and those preparing to minister as business professionals, city planners, and health care providers. I see those who will travel the world as missionaries, and those who will stay in place to minister to migrant peoples. I see those who will walk through prison gates to be with the forgotten and the condemned.

I see leaders of families and leaders of religious communities. I see lay and religious peoples dreaming of sharing the vision of Jesus in the classroom and the boardroom. I see women and men committed to and rooted in Gospel values. In other words, my friends, I see the Church of today and tomorrow!

That's all we really have to do: Help others fall in love with God.

This year CTU celebrates its 35th year of educating priests and ministers. I suspect the graduating class and the faculty looked very different in many ways in 1968. But the vision of those who founded CTU remains the same: to be BOLD AND FAITHFUL!! Faithful to the tremendously rich tradition of our Catholic heritage, yet wise and bold enough to know that it is not just museum preservation that makes known the reign of God, but in truth, it is those who have fallen in love with God.

Because when you are in love, it changes everything: It changes who you are, what you talk about, what you do, how you spend your time, your talent, your money; It changes what is important in your life.



Surrounding Chris Hopkins, center, is her family, from left to right: Sara, 21, interior architecture student at Columbia College, Becky, 24, studying to be a physician's assistant at Emory University, son-in-law Nestor Eliadas and daughter Beth, 26, his wife, social worker at La Rabida Children's Hospital, husband Bill, a general surgeon at Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn, daughter Anne, 22, student at Depaul College of Law.

When you fall in love, your world is forever different and you do become a new person.

Hopefully, no matter what your state in life: single, celibate, lay or religious, married—with or without children— you love someone at least once in your life. Then you will know that love can never be mandated, regulated, legislated, nor doctinated.

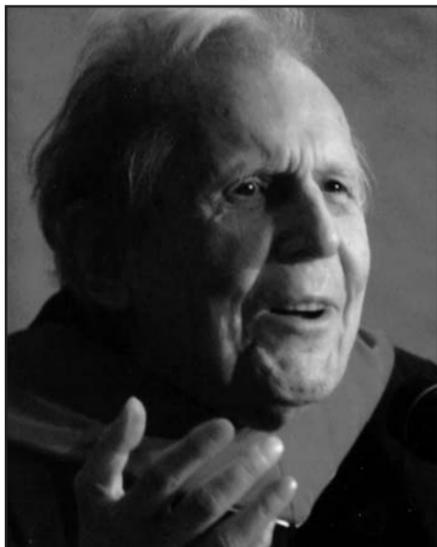
One can not be frightened into loving nor guilt-tripped into loving. Love can only be freely offered, freely received, and freely returned. That's all we really have to do: Help others fall in love with God.

Yes, we have been gathered from all walks of life and all corners of the earth.

We have been educated, formed, encouraged, empowered, supported, and challenged. All of our exegetical papers, doctrinal thesis and philosophical treatises and formation exercises were only meant for one purpose: to somehow get it through our thick-headed skulls and crusty hearts that God desires to be in a love relationship with us: That God invites us to fall head over heels, singing in the rain, joyously, raucously in love.

Then we can do nothing less but live in generous service with justice and in peace. We have no other choice than to be icons of the one amazingly generous, living and loving God. We have been gifted and so we must now share that gift.

So, go forth, my friends. Be faithful, be bold, laugh a lot, cry a little less and whatever you do, do it with love.



Rev. Thomas Berry, C.P., recipient of the honorary doctorate in theology, addresses the graduates.



2003 honorary degree recipients, from left: Death penalty opponent Sr. Helen Prejean; author and ecological theologian Rev. Thomas Berry, C.P.; founders of CTU's Catholic-Muslim Studies program Catherine and James Denny.



Photos: Monte Gerlach
Libia Paez-Howard, Romero Scholar, earned a master of divinity degree.

Paul Vincent Reithmaier (M.Div. '74) writes, "My wife, Jan, and I are serving as co-chairs of the Circle (Board) of Directors of the Federation of Christian Ministries. FCM is a national organization founded 35 years ago. The 600 ministers (both women and men) who belong to FCM do traditional and non-traditional ministry in many states of our country. FCM certifies qualified ministers to do public ministry, such as weddings. Many of us work with people who feel alienated from the institutional churches, especially the Catholic Church."

Cornelius (Neil) T. McQuillan, C.S.Sp., (M.Div. '75) had an article published in the *Boletín* of the Medical Association of Puerto Rico (May/June 2003): "Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescents Suffering Depression". He writes, "I was elected Major Superior of the Spiritan Circumscription of Puerto Rico. This will be my fourth term. Last year I was awarded a doctorate in psychology (Psy.D.) from California Coast University. I am a pastor of a rural parish in the largest barrio in Puerto Rico, in the Diocese of Arecibo. My doctoral studies centered on preventive therapy for victims of childhood sexual abuse to stop them from later becoming perpetrators themselves."

Celeste Rossmiller (M.T.S. '82) is in the Joint Ph.D. program in theological and religious studies at Iliff School of Theology/Denver University. She says, "I will compose my dissertation in the area of ecotheology: a formational spirituality and sustainable lifestyle based in the Eucharist and local food sources. It will include material from the bio-regional letters of some of the U.S. Bishops. I am also affiliate faculty at Regis University in the religious studies department."

Dolly Sokol (M.T.S. '83) is director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and was the liturgist for the ordination of the largest permanent deacon class in the U.S. Her husband, Joe Herrera, Jr., was one of the 61 men to be ordained. Dolly received a Worship Renewal Grant from the Lilly Foundation through Calvin Institute for Worship. The funding supports the Liturgical Institute of the Southwest a two-year training and formation program for parish liturgical leaders. She was recently elected to the national council of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. She is a member of the board of directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and the Southwest Liturgical Conference.

Fr. Nonito B. Adorable, C.P. (M.T.S. '84) writes in a note: "CTU, my dear Alma Mater—My Provincial Superior has given me an assignment to be an assistant pastor in Holy Cross Parish in General Santos City in the Philippines."

Marion C. Moeser, O.S.F. (M.T.S., '84) writes, "I just completed my first year as vice president for academic affairs and academic dean of Washington Theological Union. My very positive experience at CTU was a factor in taking a position at another Union model school. When I addressed the new students last fall, the last thing I said to them was something like this: 'I have an M.T.S. from CTU. What I knew going into CTU

was the excellent scholarly reputation of the faculty. What I did not expect, and was overjoyed to find, was that the deep faith of the faculty members came through loud and clear in their classes and interactions with students.' I assured our own students here that WTU would hold this experience for them."

Barbara Shanahan, (Cert. '88, M.A. '90) an instructor in the Catholic biblical studies program at St. John Eudes Center in West Seneca, NY, received the St. John Eudes award for collaborative leadership and lay ministry.

Vanessa White (M.T.S. '91, D.Min. student), director of the Tolton Program at CTU, was awarded the Adele Stader Award at the St. Peter Claver Day celebration. The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary is a national Catholic charitable organization that serves the church and humanity. Each year the local Inter-Council recognizes a Lady who has exhibited exemplary dedication not only to the organization but who has made a substantial contribution to society as well.

John Thomas Lane, S.S.S. (M.Div. '92) has been appointed pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Alan Phillip, C.P. (Israel Study Program '92) wrote *From Blues to Smiles: 21 Ways to Deal with Depression*. It is available in both an e-book edition and a print edition (www.blues2smiles.com).

Kathleen Spears Hopkins (M.T.S. '93) is one of three authors of *At Home with the Word* (Liturgy Training Publications) a book for small groups or individuals. It contains the texts of the Sunday readings for Year C, parts of the responsorial psalms, and scripture reflections with questions for study and discussion, as well as meditations on the virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice.

Carlos Ramos de Sousa (M.Div. '93, M.A. '94) writes, "Here in Portugal everything goes fine. I'm the pastor of six parishes because here in the Diocese of Viseu, we are very short in vocations. Lots of work. I really miss you all and I hope next year to visit CTU. My four years at CTU were the best years of all my entire life as a student. [I hope] my bishop will accept [my] proposal to go to CTU to study in the Doctor of Ministry program."

Kathy Schmitt (M.Div. '95) is now the director of the Appalachian Office of Justice and Peace in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia. This diocesan position includes hosting immersion trips, promoting Catholic social teaching and educating about peace, justice, and ecology issues. Her email is kathys@ntelos.net.

Susan Pudelek (M.Div. '96) is program associate for the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona, Spain. Formerly the executive director of *Staurus USA*, she expects 10,000 people to attend the Parliament next July.

Peter C. Ciallella, c.s. (M.Div. '98) has relocated to Toronto, Canada. He serves as associate pastor of St. Anthony's Church. He says, "I also do some chaplaincy ministry at two elementary schools and one high school. Our parish is located right near the downtown area of Toronto on Bloor Street, a hub of diversity where over 25 languages can be heard at any one time." Peter co-edited *Migration, Religious Experience and Globalization* (Center for Migration Studies), a collection of papers presented at the 2002 Conference on Migration and Theology in Tijuana, Mexico. He is editor of the *Scalabrinians* quarterly magazine. The last issue featured a joint statement by the Mexican and U.S. Bishops' conferences on migration, *Together on the Journey*.

Russell Testa (M.A. '98) and **Megeen White** (M.A.P.S. '98) were married on July 5 in Arlington, VA. Russ is the peace and justice coordinator for the Holy Name Province of the Franciscans.

Angela Hibbard, I.H.M. (D.Min. '99) writes, "Liturgy Press recently published my small book of meditations *Dying With Jesus*. The idea for the book originated in Fr. Fragomeni's class on the church's death rituals. When I learned that in the Middle Ages people read the Passion aloud to the dying, I wondered, 'What about Stations of the Cross for the dying?' There was nothing out there like it. Drawing on the insights of a friend who is a chaplain and what I had experienced through the deaths of my brother-in-law and a good friend, I created the booklet. It's a set of scripture texts followed by a dialogue between the patient and Jesus. I tried to get into the authentic experience of the dying person, and the reviews so far—mostly health-care professionals and chaplains—indicate that I succeeded. Lots of people read *Logos*, many of them may have family members who are dying or may be in pastoral situations where this would be helpful."

Jerry Higgins, O.F.M. Cap. (D.Min. '99) is taking a semester sabbatical at the Franciscan Institute in Toronto, Canada.

Paul Duffy, M.M. (Cert. '00) writes from Taiwan: "While on Maryknoll Formation staff I was able to take classes leading up to the certificate in spiritual formation. In 2000 I took part in the nine-month long staff associate program at the Guelph Centre of Spirituality in Canada. Presently I work here at the Ignatian Center of Spirituality in Taipei. We provide mostly individually directed retreats and are beginning to offer this type of retreat in local parishes."

Sean McEntee, O.M.I. (M.A., M.Div. '01) formerly the parochial vicar at St. Patrick's Church in Houston, has taken the same position at St. Williams Church in Tewksbury, Mass.

Maria Santa Lucia (M.Div. '01) teaches theology at Maria High School on the south side of Chicago. This fall she teaches Hebrew and Christian scripture classes as well as women's spirituality.

Carol Thresher, S.D.S. (M.A. '02) writes that after a short nine month stay in Tuscon,

AZ, she is headed back to Milwaukee to assume her new role as Vicarress of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour.

Catherine Endicott (M.A. '03) is the new development director with the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Seattle, WA (cpsdv.org). She writes, "After a five year sabbatical this will be an awakening of many sorts. I became familiar with this organization through an ethics/ministry class I took on power and abuse...Founded in 1977 by the Rev. Marie M. Fortune, the Center is an interreligious educational resource addressing issues of sexual and domestic violence. Our goal is to engage religious leaders in the task of ending abuse and to serve as a bridge between religious and secular communities. After 26 years, we are changing our name to FaithTrust Institute. We are very much an interfaith institute with a rabbi on staff and a Muslim religious leader consultant. I believe I am bringing the Roman Catholic connection! I am very excited about this opportunity—being committed to a mission that very much resonates with what I feel called to do—a call which became very apparent during my studies at CTU. I feel this position will be an excellent opportunity to integrate my sales/marketing/mission/theology experiences in a very holistic environment and manner. Thanks to all of you for your support along the way."

STUDENTS

Jeremy Langford (M.A.), Bernardin Scholar, and his wife Liz, are the proud parents of Tyler Joseph, 7 lbs, 3 oz. and 21" who arrived on August 27. Jeremy says, "This miracle comes, something you made. But I already had a high view of women—women carry, women deliver, women nurse—they are warriors and my personal heroes." Jeremy is editorial director of Sheed & Ward Book Publishing and author of *God Moments: Why Faith Really Matters to a New Generation* (Orbis) and with Rev. Al Spilly, co-editor of *Journey to Peace*.

Roxanne Morin (M.Div. '03 Candidate) is the new pastoral associate for St. John Neumann Parish, Eagan, Minn. A St. Paul native who left 25 years ago, Roxanne returns to join her parents, six siblings and their families who live there still. With 200+ ministries, a large staff and a "great" website (sjn.org) St. John Neumann is a 4,000 family parish highly involved in social justice in the Twin Cities. Roxanne's work includes teaching, modeling, and working with those working the ministries of charity. "My interest is to help others see the connection between how we interpret doctrine and how we live our lives, hopefully encouraging them to focus on the longer term commitment required by social justice ministries. For my part, I am incredibly grateful for all of the support, encouragement, care, and modeling I received from both St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Prospect Heights, Ill., and CTU." She hopes to continue to pursue a Ph.D. in systematic theology.

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Chicago Conversations in Faith

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Kareem Irfan and Rev. Stanley Davis, continue the conversation after the program.

flow of immigrants to this nation of immigrants," this same heritage safeguards the right of self-defense. The principal challenge to the religious community, he said, is to work collaboratively to balance these competing imperatives. In this way members of the religious community can be "bearers of light."

The final response was by Kareem Irfan, president, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. Irfan focused on the experience of the Muslim community in the U.S. since September 11. He underscored the fact that Muslim immigrants are being unfairly singled out for scrutiny, and made to feel as if they are strangers in their own adopted land. Irfan maintained that this amounts to a test of faith and perseverance for the Muslim community. For Jews, Christians, and others, it is a test of their commitment to civil liberties and the biblical value of hospitality.

Chicago Conversations attracted a diverse and enthusiastic audience. Miriam Zayed is a Muslim and a member of the Illinois Humanities Council, which sponsored "Sisters: Women, Religion, and Leadership in Christianity and Islam," a two-day conference held at CTU last March. Reflecting on her experience at Chicago Conversations in Faith, Zayed said, "I liked the solidarity

I saw" between the three communities. She said she appreciated the ties that the presenters drew between the Bible, the Torah, and the Qu'ran and the situation immigrants face in the U.S. today.

Melanie Maron, assistant area director of the American Jewish Committee, stated, "The most important thing CTU has done in convening Chicago Conversations is to create a forum that focuses shared energy and concern on issues that demand urgent attention."

Colin Crossey is a D.Min. student at CTU. Having come to CTU from Northern Ireland, he understands first-hand the need for dialogue in today's world. Crossey said he left the Conversation with an enhanced understanding that "hospitality is much more than the inclusion of the other." True hospitality recognizes different ways of thinking. It is the core of what it is to be a Jew, Christian, or Muslim. Although it is "risky," he said, it is also "absolutely necessary to bring Jews, Christians, and Muslims together to search out that common thread."

The second Chicago Conversations in Faith, "Choosing Peace: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Preparing Our Children for Life Together," will take place February 9 at the Chicago Cultural Center. Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools, is a featured speaker.

Lives of Advocacy: A legacy entrusted to CTU

By Patricia A. Shevlin
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

Stepping into the McDermotts' Hyde Park home begins a journey into the admirable lives of two Chicagoans whose dedication to social justice significantly impacted the city of Chicago. Books, photographs, memorabilia, and packed file drawers hint at the remarkable story of Marie Therese and her late husband, John McDermott, pioneering friends of CTU.

In their early adult years, both were independently involved in interracial issues. As a young teacher in Chicago, and influenced by an exceptionally difficult experience in an overcrowded, very poor, and very segregated school, Marie Therese was involved in the newly-forming group, Teachers for Integrated Schools. She was also an active volunteer at Friendship House. Marie Therese was invited to serve on the board of the Catholic Interracial Council in 1960, just about the time that a young dynamic leader, John McDermott, was appointed as the new director. He had come to Chicago after working in interracial relations in Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington, D.C. Their common values and commitments drew them together, and they were married in 1964.

Under John's leadership, the Catholic Interracial Council organized picket lines and sit-ins, confronted politicians and church leaders, and collaborated with numerous other religious and civic groups. These activities, along with the birth of the now 32-year old publication, *The Chicago Reporter*, founded and published by John and focusing on race, poverty, and urban affairs, caused tremendous changes to Chicago's Catholic, civic, and social life over the years, and made the names of John and Marie Therese McDermott synonymous with "advocacy for justice."

There was hardly a cause in which John or Marie Therese did not have a voice. Their involvement in a Catholic-Jewish dialogue group led them, through Professor John Pawlikowski, to make the acquaintance of CTU, an institution that mirrored their own spirit in so many ways, and one they recognized to be of great benefit for Hyde Park, Chicago, and the church. "CTU was so imaginative and inclusive, 'bold and faithful,' as Monsignor Jack Egan put it. We were honored to have played even so small a part," says Marie Therese, looking back on those earlier years. "I was especially proud when John was asked to be the commencement speaker for the CTU graduation in 1983."

Devoted Catholics, the McDermotts had a keen understanding of their role as baptized lay members of the Church. They witnessed through the example of their extraordinary lives the phenomenon of the "call of the laity" that CTU now so evidently witnesses in the many lay students who come to be educated for

ministry. In 1986 John gave a powerful keynote address at the National Consultation on the Vocation of the Laity in the World (a moment artistically captured by the well-known Chicago artist, Franklin McMahon), in which he exhorted all Catholics to awaken to the dignity and greatness of their lay vocation. "To live Christ in the world is to work effectively for an abundant, human life for all the people of the world. That is good work. It is God's work. It is our work. It is the work of the Church and it will not be done if we do not do it."

The mission of Catholic Theological Union found a home in the hearts of the McDermotts. Over the years they brought many of their Hyde Park friends and CTU personnel together in friendship. Since John's death in 1996, Marie Therese has remained a faithful friend, attending most CTU events, serving on committees, and contributing financially to its continued growth.

In addition, she has thoughtfully remembered CTU in her estate plans. Marie Therese explains, "CTU is a picture of the church of the future. It successfully integrates great diversity, and is open to and respectful of religious differences. In remembering CTU, I hope John's memory will stay alive in this institution which reflects the values to which he dedicated his whole life."

The generous lives of Marie Therese and the late John McDermott are a call to CTU to educate and shape others who will continue to serve the church and society with the same intensity and focus.

Readers who, like Marie Therese McDermott, are interested in placing CTU in their estate plans should contact their attorneys. The CTU development staff is happy to assist with any additional information needed. Contact Bill Booth at 773-753-7473 or email billb@ctu.edu.

Marie Therese and John McDermott traveled to the Holy Land with CTU in 1993.



HEART & SOUL New Faces at CTU

"To see who Catholic Theological Union really is, to get down to the core of what makes our school unique, you have to look beyond the buildings, beyond the neighborhood, even beyond the great city in whose backyard we make our home. To see who we are, you have to look at our people. Because it is the amazing talent and heart and passion of our people that makes CTU come alive." These words that introduce the "Who We Are" section on our website express the sentiments we often hear as to why CTU is a special place. It's because people are heart and soul of our mission. Here are some new folks on faculty and directing programs:

New Faculty

Amanda Quantz *Professor of the History of World Christianity* A native of San Francisco, Amanda Quantz earned a doctorate in the interdisciplinary area of historical theology and visual art from St. Michael's College in Toronto. Her master of theology degree is from Harvard Divinity School. Amanda's research interests also include Franciscan religious history, the teaching role of Christian images, and the relationship between church and society in various periods. A specialist in 13th and 14th century church history, she studies the unique features of local churches to discover social trends, structural and doctrinal developments, and other significant changes across space and time. Amanda says despite Chicago's reputation for inclement weather, she "loves fall and can't wait for winter."



Rabbi David Sandmel *Crown Ryan Professor of Jewish Studies* (see article) Rabbi David F. Sandmel, senior rabbi of KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation in Hyde Park, is the newly-installed Crown Ryan Professor of Jewish Studies, sustaining the valued Jewish contribution and presence that originated with the late Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter, a founding faculty member of CTU. Rabbi Sandmel earned a doctorate in religious studies from the Univ. of Pennsylvania and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Deeply involved in Christian-Jewish dialogue, he is co-editor of *Christianity in Jewish Terms* (Westview Press, 2000) and lead editor of *Irreconcilable*

Differences? A Learning Resource for Jews and Christians (Westview 2001). Rabbi Sandmel's previous positions include the Jewish Scholar at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore. There he directed the National Jewish Scholars Project, which published *Dabru Emet: a Jewish Statement on Christians and Christianity* (2000).

New Administrators

Kathleen Van Duser *Director, Admissions & Recruitment* A 2002 graduate of CTU with a master of arts in pastoral studies, Kathy Van Duser has broad experience in ministry having worked as a religious education coordinator for St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Hyde Park and formation administrator and consultant for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Oak Park, Illinois. After earning a bachelors degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Kathy taught high school after college followed by a stint in business. For several years she stayed at home to raise her children. When she came to CTU in 1996, she embarked on a different path. As she says, "The people that I met and studies that I took, turned me into a completely different person and changed the direction of my life. The loving atmosphere and passion for living the Gospel message forced me to examine my own life and reorder my priorities."



Angela Appleby Purcell *Director, The Peacebuilders Initiative* In September Angela Appleby Purcell became the director of the Peacebuilders Initiative high school project, replacing Kathy Benson, who resigned to care for her baby, Sean Owen, born this October. Angie, who was a campus minister at Mother McAuley High School, Chicago, worked as the design coordinator and theology consultant during the formative stages of the Peacebuilders Initiative. Over the course of her career Angie has worked in ministry with youth and young adults as director of the Appalachia seminar at the University of Notre Dame and campus minister for Georgetown University and Saint Mary's College (her undergraduate alma mater). With an M.Div. from Notre



Dame Angie says her mission is to help young people recognize their potential as Christian leaders.

Carlos Salméron *Director, Oscar Romero Scholars Program* Carlos Salméron earned a master in arts in theology and a master of divinity from CTU in 2000, and did undergraduate work at the Institute of Philosophy in Mexico. Before taking his current position, Carlos worked at the Office for Racial Justice for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and has extensive ministerial experience, including serving as director of religious education at St. Aloysius Church in Chicago. In addition to his duties as director of the Romero Program, Carlos serves as coordinator of Hispanic Ministry for Vicariate VI.



New at the Centers

Mary Charlotte Chandler, RSCJ *Director, the Center for the Study of Religious Life* A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mary Charlotte completed studies in database management and a master of divinity degree, before entering the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Her ministry experience includes high school and college teaching; pastoral planning and research at the diocesan level; and social science research for Catholic institutions, including religious congregations. She earned the doctorate in sociology of religion at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, and wrote her dissertation on the social identity of women religious in the U.S.



Amy Florian *Executive Director, Stauros* Amy Florian, associate editor of *Stauros Notebook* for over three years, has assumed the role of executive director for Stauros U.S.A. The mission of Stauros, to help people find meaning, peace, and hope in the midst of suffering, fits well with Amy's extensive work as a liturgy and bereavement consultant. In addition to the *Notebook*, Stauros offers monthly Taize prayer, a trip to the Holy Land for those with physical disabilities, as well as missions, workshops, and concerts on topics of suffering and grief.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 14

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Prayer Service
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

Friday-Saturday, January 30-31

Biology of the Spirit Conference
(see details this page)

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 2

9th Annual World Mission Lecture, "From Age to Age: Church History and the Christian Movement," with Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, and Scott W. Sunquist, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

Wednesday, February 11

Chicago Conversations in Faith, "Choosing Peace: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Preparing Our Children for Life Together," with featured speaker Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools
7 p.m., Chicago Cultural Center

Wednesday, February 18

Scherer Lecture
3:30 p.m., The Courtyards

Sunday, February 22

Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter Catholic-Jewish Conference
Opening session held at the University of Notre Dame

Tuesday, February 24

Perelmuter Conference/Shapiro Lecture
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

MARCH

Monday-Saturday, March 1-6 Tolton Week

Monday-Tuesday: Tolton Book Fair, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Lobby
Wednesday: Tolton Lecture, 4:30 p.m., The Courtyards
Thursday: Tolton Open House, 4-7 p.m., First floor of CTU
Saturday: **Harambee! An evening of prayer and celebration,** 5 p.m., De La Salle Institute

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 9-10

Catholic-Muslim Studies Conference, The Courtyards

Wednesday, March 31

Lenten Prayer Service
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards



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at Catholic Theological Union

- *Healing Bodies, Healing Spirits: Science and Spirituality in Dialogue*
Dr. Christina Puchalski, O.C.D.S. assistant professor of medicine,
George Washington University School of Medicine
- *Health for Your Flesh and Vigor for Your Bones: Theological Perspectives on the Relationship between Spirituality and Health*
Dr. James Wiseman, O.S.B. associate professor and former chair of the
Department of Theology at the Catholic University of America, and author
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