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## Alums talk back Results of 2004 Alumni/ae survey tallied

by Pattie Wigand Sporrang, Marketing & Communications Director

Last year around this time Associate Director of Development Patricia Shevlin sent a survey to 1,500 CTU graduates asking them to reflect on their CTU education and comment on its relevance to their current ministry. The purpose was to gather information on the impact of our graduates for the “Making a Place for Faith” campaign materials.

To gain the support of friends and organizations for the campaign to renew the campus and increase lay scholarships, it was critical to show the relevance of a CTU education and how CTU graduates help transform the wider world. So, the survey asked graduates to describe their ministry, and give their opinion on how effectively CTU prepared them for it.

By the January deadline, surveys filled the in-box at an above-average response rate from a broad representation of CTU graduates. Reading the answers, according to Pat, was both heartening and inspiring: “Without exception, all had great things to say about CTU. And, the quality of the ministries our alums work in and the scope of their influence are so impressive!”

The survey results provided just the kind of information that was needed. A list detailing the graduates’ ministries, a map pinpointing the countries in which they serve, and a selection of their comments were incorporated into the “Making a Place for Faith” campaign book.

“There isn’t a day that my theological education and formation aren’t called into play.”

Stephen Jendraszak (M.T.S. ’81)  
Parish manager, Indianapolis, Ind.

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## Grant opens virtual doors

by Patricia Shevlin, Development Associate Director

With great enthusiasm and gratitude CTU recently received a \$30,000 grant to accommodate significant technological advancement in the coming year. While this generous funding source wishes to remain anonymous, the results of the gift itself will be very evident to CTU website visitors.

“We are extremely grateful for the vision of this grantor which recognizes the relevance and importance of new forms of learning and dialogue that have become so critical to meeting the needs of our students, our graduates and other CTU associates,” commented Fr. Gary Riebe-Estrella, S.V.D., academic dean.

One of six major goals of CTU’s five-year strategic plan is to develop alternate learning modes using the Internet and distance learning. This new grant will enable CTU to take some important steps in the process of implementing this goal. The grant also allows CTU to respond to the increasingly voiced desire of our graduates to get ongoing educational and ministerial support, further their careers, and maintain strong connections with the CTU community.

The plan calls for a new interactive website where graduates and visitors can access theological materials and share ideas and responses through online discussions. A virtual library of lectures and presentations given by faculty and visiting experts will be established. Bibliographies, book reviews, and web links relevant to theology and ministry will be available. Faculty will be invited to address “hot topics” while guests will be able to respond and inter-

act. And, in response to a frequent request, CTU plans to set up a job bank to serve CTU graduates and students.

The grant will also help CTU evaluate the possibility of online courses. To accommodate this potential development, an archive of learning modules will be created to lay the groundwork for online courses.

CTU graduates working throughout the world will soon be able to access the wealth of scholarship at CTU as well as be able to communicate with fellow graduates. “This enhanced interactive website will provide a form of continuing education for those in distant countries who have few resources at hand,” says Riebe-Estrella, “a need that has long been felt and can now be met.”

Even those living closer to home are delighted with the prospect of being better connected to CTU. Louise Van Andel (M.Div. ’04) writes in anticipation of these new developments “The CTU web page is going to be very helpful for me. It is the only way I will keep in ‘live’ touch with CTU since I live far out in the suburbs, and probably will not be dropping in as often as I would like. Please convey my thanks to whoever is responsible for these technological wonders!”

Indeed, Catholic Theological Union conveys thanks for this grant and the possibilities it invites. Readers will want to keep an eye on the website as these exciting enhancements unfold. Visit [HTTP://LEARN.CTU.EDU](http://LEARN.CTU.EDU) and watch our progress.



Photo: David Katz

U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama emerges from CTU after casting his ballot on Election Day, Nov. 2, 2004. He will be the only African-American senator when he takes office in 2005. See page 4 for more on this story.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AN AWAKENING?

This week a team of us from CTU spent a few days at a conference center in San Jose, California with representatives from nearly 30 other theology schools—all of them Protestant schools except us. We were the guests of the Lilly Endowment and the common denominator among us (besides eternal gratitude to the Lilly Endowment!) was that each of us had been awarded a major grant to reach out to young people and invite them to consider a life of service as a career choice. The Lilly Endowment (bless them) is convinced that church institutions such as schools of theology have a role to play in renewing the church and that direct connection with young people is one way to do it. We agree, and so we applied and got the grant.

The goal of the conference was “peer learning”—each of us shared how our programs were going, what we are learning about young people, and what of this experience would we want to communicate to the wider church we served. The school's programs differed in style and duration. CTU's Peacebuilders program, for example, is a yearlong program centered around a summer intensive taught by our own faculty.

This past year we had nearly 80 high school juniors and seniors on campus [You can read more about it in this edition of *Logos*.] The place had more pulsating energy in those few days than it did all year long! Other schools developed different ways of trying to connect with the young people of their denominations. Crucial for us at CTU have been links with more than 30 high schools and parishes.

Despite the variations in the denominational identity of the participants at San Jose and the different learning styles of their programs, one major conviction was expressed by everyone of the theology schools present—young people yearn to know more about their faith and have an amazing capacity for serious study and action. One of our young students captured the thought perfectly last year: “Please don't give us,” she pleaded, “the Fisher-Price version—we want the real thing.”

One of the questions asked of our school teams in San Jose was, “What is the impact of these programs on your schools?” Once again there was roaring unanimity among the peer learners: the participants in our program have renewed our faith in young people. Their idealism, their innate goodness, their hunger to learn, and their boundless energy have been like a tonic for any of us who have become a bit road weary in an often



Photo: Howard Gardiner

battered church. Okay, some of you may be wondering if these are like any of the sometimes sullen teenagers you have ever known (I have nieces and nephews, too!). The fact is, when young Catholics are with other

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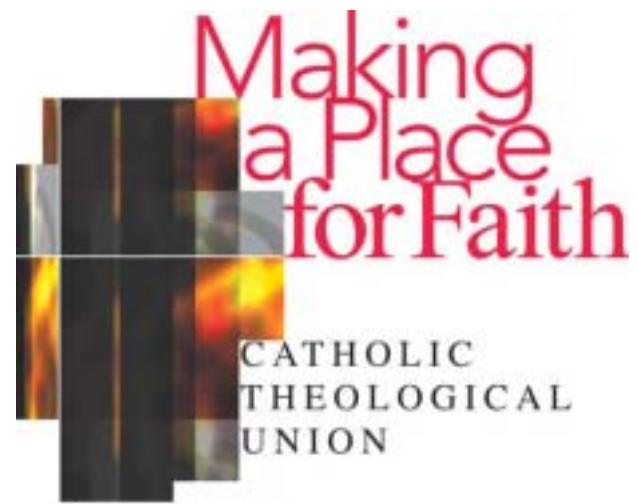
like-minded young people and given serious attention and respect and exposed to the best of the church's teaching and ministry, the young students come alive and respond in a way that is extraordinary. The point of all this? Our assignment was to think of what we want to communicate to the church about our experience with youth.

What I want to say is that despite the drugs and the materialism and the confusion of values we hear so much about these days, there is a whole generation of young people who are just as eager for the gospel and just as ready to serve as any generation before it. They can't do it on their own, of course. Their families and their church have to believe in them and work with them to unleash their great potential for goodness. They need encouragement more than anything. We are rightly worried that those committed to terror and violence are creating a new generation of young recruits for the cause of hate. What about working with just as much commitment to fashion a new generation who will be apostles of peace and reconciliation?

Because of what we have learned from the young students who have graced our campus these past two years, that is precisely what we at CTU are determined to do.

Stay tuned.

Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.  
President



## “Making a Place for Faith” hits \$13 million

by William Booth, Development Director

In just one year, CTU has raised \$13 million toward its \$25 million goal for the “Making a Place for Faith” campaign supporting campus renewal and scholarships. The campaign has entered a new phase that will reach out to CTU's lay friends and past donors. This follows closely on the heels of Phase I in which \$10 million was raised from the 25 religious communities that comprise the school's governance.

In the last issue of *Logos* a list of the Campaign Cabinet appeared. The Cabinet has been charged to carry on the fundraising with the lay community during this next important phase. Thus far, the Cabinet has helped generate \$3 million through their personal contributions and by networking with friends.

Two families, in particular, have helped make this first year of the campaign a huge success. They are

Jim and Cate Denny and John and Carolyn Parmer, all members of the Cabinet who have made very significant commitments to the effort.

In recognition of their gift the Parmer family has indicated an interest in naming the worship assembly area in the new academic center after the family. In accepting these leadership gifts, Fr. Senior expressed his gratitude to them as well as many others who have responded in the early stages of the campaign effort.

Since the last list, three new names have been added to the distinguished group of Cabinet members. They are John and Rosemary Croghan of Winnetka, Brian and Carol Foley of Chicago, and Charles H. Shaw of Winnetka. We welcome their leadership involvement with the campaign and their support of CTU.

### CAMPAIGN CABINET (As of November 11, 2004)

Mr. Robert L. Berner, Jr.  
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Mr. James M. Denny  
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Monsignor Kenneth Velo  
Mr. Robert H. Wheeler

## Save the Date

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Blessed are the Peacemakers Trustee Dinner

Honoring: Mohammad Darawshe, Middle East director, and Daniel Lubetzky, founder and president, the PeaceWorks Foundation and the OneVoice Initiative (visit [WWW.SILENTNOLONGER.ORG](http://WWW.SILENTNOLONGER.ORG) to learn more)

5:30 p.m., Chicago Hilton & Towers



**New Bernardin Scholars join CTU community**

Ten new Bernardin Scholars, master of arts in theology and doctor of ministry students, were welcomed and honored at a ceremony on September 28, 2004. Msgr. Kenneth Velo, longtime friend and assistant to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, was on hand to address the Scholars, their friends and family, and the CTU community. This is the seventh class of Bernardin Scholars since the Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry was founded in 1997.

Pictured, from left to right, are:

- Front row: Msgr. Kenneth Velo, Maria Del Carmen Bracamontes, Dinh-Huyen Thi Nguyen, Barbara Roedel, Daniel Corral, Sr. Assumpta Mordi, National Advisory Board member Joan Lavezzorio
- Back row: Nathaniel Irvin Hanf, Una Stroda, Karla Hardersen, Joanne Mary Cahoon, Timothy Wesley, Bernardin Center director Sheila McLaughlin
- Not pictured: Gabriel Amoateng-Boahen

*Photo: Pattie Wigand Sporrang*

**g You have just entered "Peacebuilders chat" f**

Although many *Logos* readers may be unfamiliar with "Instant Messaging," this relatively new means of online communication is extremely popular with teenagers today. It's quick, easy, and multiple "conversations" with different IM "buddies" can be held at once, just by typing away at one's computer. In its brief life, IM'ing has developed a distinct shorthand and vocabulary that few outside the IM world can translate.

The following are excerpts from an IM session that Angie Appleby Purcell, director of the Peacebuilders Initiative, recently held with two of this summer's participants: Patrick Moore (Nazareth Academy) and Cassandra Ogbevire (Loyola Academy). Additional responses are from Liz Droel (Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School). Angie interviewed them about their Peacebuilders Initiative experiences: living at CTU this summer, attending morning theology sessions, doing ministry in the afternoon, and being part of the Peacebuilders community.

While some of the content was edited for length and clarity, overall we tried to maintain the carefree, spirited tone and style of the original conversation. In other words, if you're looking for good grammar, this is not the article for you. But if you want to get a sense of what our teen Peacebuilders are thinking and feeling, read on!

Some of the IM shorthand used here:

- Lol = laughing out loud
- P.B. or pb = Peacebuilder(s)
- def. = definitely
- :-) = smile



*Photo: Daniel O'Connell*

Patrick Moore shows his photograph alongside his drawing of himself as an older person, a project the Peacebuilders worked on at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly to promote understanding of the elderly.

**Angie:** Hey Patrick and Cassandra

**Patrick:** howdy

**Cassandra:** Hi!

**Angie:** Hey, thanks for letting me interview you. What are your impressions so far of your experience in Peacebuilders?

**Cassandra:** I think it really opens your eyes on what is really out in the world.

**Cassandra:** Because so many of the people came from different backgrounds and they all wanted to accomplish one thing; which was to make their society something.

**Liz:** I really didn't know what to expect going into the week. I was surprised at how life-changing Peacebuilders was. It really opened my eyes and now, I'm more aware of things around me.

**Patrick:** My Peacebuilders experience has been a life changing opportunity and has helped develop my choices and leadership skills

**Angie:** Patrick, can you give me an example of how your leadership skills have changed or developed?

**Angie:** What about yours Cassandra?

**Cassandra:** Not being afraid to be open was one skill that became stronger.

**Patrick:** My leadership skills have developed by encouraging other teens to get involved in service. I have found that I have been able to develop my leadership skills. .... because it takes creativity and a strong sense of commitment to let them feel like I'm in it with them.

**Cassandra:** Just being able to voice your opinion without being afraid of what the person next to you might think...I agree with Patrick

**Angie:** That's great. You both sound more confident in yourselves? Are you?

**Cassandra:** Yes, I am

**Cassandra:** It really reassures me that I can make a difference in small or big ways

**Patrick:** I think I have felt more comfortable with myself lately especially when I get other people to sign up to do service projects.

**Angie:** You both rock. Okay, another question...

**Angie:** Tell me about a funny/unexpected moment during the summer week.

**Cassandra:** The karaoke lol

**Cassandra:** Everyone lol who seemed uptight was so into it and it was funny at first, but it was fun to see how everybody was comfortable to be themselves

**Patrick:** The first time we sang in elevators. I couldn't believe I was the only one to sing in the elevator until my roommate Rich started along with me.



*Photo: Daniel O'Connell*

Peacebuilder Cassandra Ogbevire visits with the children at Harmony, Hope, and Healing, which partners with other service agencies to bring the arts to disadvantaged populations in Chicago.

**Angie:** What experience had the strongest impact on you?

**Cassandra:** [At my ministry site,] being with the women who were homeless and overcoming drug abuse with their children. It just put many things in perspective; these people really do want to help themselves and their children. Even though they made mistakes they work so hard to get back, I really hope they do too because all of them deserve it.

**Liz:** I loved the reconciliation service. In that moment, I was able to clear my mind and just be. The atmosphere was so peaceful. After that evening, the group forged together. We hugged at the sign of peace from then on.

**Angie:** Let's talk about the theology sessions. What were they like for you?

**Patrick:** I felt CTU's dean [Fr. Gary Riebe-Estrella] gave me lots of different views on the story of the Good Samaritan. ....

**Patrick:** I understood the eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth is really a limiting factor. The talks brought a different view, but it was tough to fully concentrate for the entire time.

**Cassandra:** They were overwhelming I think because so many things we learned in those four hours. Lol, but in many ways it showed me that you all thought of us as intellectual human beings.

**Angie:** Well, you are. Do you not feel that way in other settings?

**Cassandra:** No! In school [sometimes teachers talk to us like we] don't know anything.. and that bothers me.

**Angie:** I am sorry that is your experience!!!

**Patrick:** Yes, I really felt like I was treated like an adult here.

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## Beneath the Union NEWSBITES FROM CTU

### Future Senator casts his ballot in CTU's Founders Room

CTU was all over the news on Election Day when then-U.S. Senate hopeful and rising star of the Democratic party **Barak Obama** and his wife cast their votes at CTU, polling place for the 14th precinct of Chicago's 5th ward. Senator-elect Obama attracted widespread attention and praise when he delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston. In what would be one of the largest voter turnouts of all time, he was besieged by voters, television cameras, and reporters when he came through the front door. Fr. Donald Senior was on hand to extend a CTU welcome to our Hyde Park neighbor. Spotted in the media crowd was Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer John White, great friend of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and collaborator on the photographic commemorative book about the Cardinal, *The Final Journey*.

### Bigger and better:

#### Bechtold Library grows with Maryknoll gift

This summer, the Maryknoll Missioners opened the shelves of their library to Fr. Kenneth O'Malley, Bechtold Library director, to personally select books for the CTU collection. When finished **6,240 volumes** were packed in 372 boxes and trucked from New York to Chicago. The books chosen by Fr. O'Malley include: philosophy ("especially Chinese and Indian"), comparative religions ("strong in Buddhism and Islam"); the Catholic church in Africa, Asia, and Latin America ("those on China's history are probably the most extensive of any Catholic library"); and church music and Christian art. "This gift is priceless since it reflects years of deliberate and disciplined acquisition," said Fr. O'Malley. "With a market worth of \$40,000, the additions define the Bechtold Library as **one of the most important collections of Catholic missiology in the United States.**"

### CTU's JP on E!

The E! cable television network, known for celebrity exposés, pop-culture programs, and dishy gossip talk shows, found an unlikely interview subject on the August 29, 2004 edition of *E! True Hollywood Story*. The show, a biographical look at none other than *The Passion of the Christ's* Mel Gibson, included perspectives from a wide array of Gibson's fans and critics. Among these was CTU's own Professor John Pawlikowski, O.S.M., featured prominently as a voice of caution against the potentially harmful images of first-century Jews portrayed in the movie. Certainly, this was a first for John and for CTU.... and for *E! True Hollywood Story*.

### Mission Department wins national honor

When the U.S. Catholic Mission Association gave the 2004 Mission Award to the CTU World Mission program in Louisville this October, five CTU faculty stepped onstage to receive it. The award recognized both **faculty members, "who hold mission at their heart,"** and the program for "excellence in engaging mission as the core of theological study in preparing for ministry in the church and service to humanity." The crowd included 50 CTU students and alumni.

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# Pilgrimage of Peace and Reconciliation: A Student Journeys Home with New Eyes

by Thérèse Cullen, M.A. '04

We were an ecumenical group of Catholics and Presbyterians from Chicago's Old St. Patrick's and Fourth Presbyterian Churches, respectively, 11 in total. Together, we journeyed to Ireland August 12-21, 2004. Our mission was to try to better understand the stormy history of Northern Ireland, and to meet with various groups which have been working quietly behind the scenes in the peace process there. The text used for the journey was *The Ministry of Reconciliation: Spirituality and Strategies* by CTU Professor Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S. As you may recall, perhaps the most important lesson of the book is that "Forgiveness is not about forgetting the past, but it is remembering it in a different way."

Mission in reverse, that was our motto; go and listen and perhaps learn. We were crossing cultures. Our first lesson occurred upon arrival in Dublin. Our driver was supposed to meet us when we landed. Instead he was on "Irish time," which meant he arrived an hour later.

Pilgrims on a journey—that's how we began, each of us on our



Thérèse Cullen at Newgrange.



Trip participants Bill Shaw, Vicki Renolds, and CTU Master of Arts in Theology student Brian Murphy visit the site of St. Patrick's grave in DownPatrick.

own separate journey, but journeying together. We left with empty cups only to be filled by the people and the experiences we encountered on the way—one searching for healing of past memories when he once tread on Irish soil as part of special forces for the U.S. military in the 1980s, another bringing the memory of parents who never were able to visit. Our journey was woven into the journey of those gone before.

We landed in Dublin and made our way to Belfast. We felt it was important to begin at the beginning, so to speak; to begin by looking into the past so as to see the present and the future. Newgrange seemed most fitting since it predates Christianity and certainly the Reformation. Newgrange traced the history of a people, our people, back 3,200 years ago, predating the Pyramids.

From Newgrange we journeyed to the site of the Battle of the Boyne. Dating back to 1690, this was the site on which King William of Orange defeated King James II. In defeating King James II, a Catholic, King William, of the Church of England, was ultimately trying to defeat Catholicism. Ireland was the battleground as the two fought over which denomination controlled the English

crown. Even to this day, the Irish believe that the bloodstained land cries out from the dead for revenge.

Over the following centuries, the ongoing occupation of Ireland by the British eventually led to the partition of the North of Ireland in 1921. This partition led to the "Troubles" which reignited in 1969. Due to the occupation, Catholics were segregated into different neighborhoods. Perhaps the most well known area where much violence occurred is the Falls and the Shankill Roads, two roads that run parallel to each other separated by a large corrugated wall called "the Peace Wall." With barbed wire affixed atop of it with gates that open only at certain hours of the day, this peace wall provides a chilling separation. Murals on each side tell a very different history as we might expect.

The reason for our journey was to try to discover and uncover the conflict that is still going on within peoples' hearts. In New Lodge on the Antrim Road, there is a Presbyterian church that has been abandoned and is now home to the 174 Trust which serves as an ecumenical center for the neighborhood, housing such groups as Pips (Prevention of Self-Harm and Suicide), a group for families of those who lost a child to suicide. Now that the fighting has stopped on the streets, young people, who would have ordinarily gotten sucked into the various militant groups, find no outlet for their pain and some have taken it out on themselves. The Trust also provides a home for those who suffered head trauma either from birth, a car accident, or from a punishment beating.

Our group spent four days with the 174 Trust. The church is located in a Catholic neighborhood along a stretch of road called the bloody mile; a mile of road that had seen the most deaths during the Troubles. Peering out the front door stood Rev. Bill Shaw, a Presbyterian minister who grew up throwing stones at Catholic teenagers.

Bill Shaw has gained the trust of the Catholics in the surrounding community. He has shown that he is about living the Gospel, not about proselytism. He has received a lot of flack from his Presbyterian brethren for his living witness, but has gained the respect of the locals for his acceptance of people for who they are, Catholic or Protestant.

Our journey continued up to Corrymeela in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim. Corrymeela began four years before the Troubles, in 1965, as an ecumenical community living together. When the Troubles broke out, the community opened their doors as a safe haven for hard dialogue to take place. Far enough from the streets of Belfast, it provides a "safe space" for people to tell their stories. The group has done fantastic work over the years.

"Unfortunately," according to Alistair Kilgore, the director, "funds have stopped coming in for our work. People think that since the violence has stopped there is no need to support places like ours, when in fact now the real work can actually begin."

Thanks to training received at Catholic Theological Union from teachers like Robert Schreiter and Claude Marie Barbour, Brian Murphy, also a CTU student, and I, were able to lead the group in trying to unravel the complexities of reconciliation.

"Forgiveness is not about forgetting the past, but it is remembering it in a different way." It is about making "a new creation." We are all called to be instruments of that new creation where ever we are. May the journey continue.



Patrick O'Neil and Thérèse Cullen at the Giants Causeway.

Thérèse Cullen, a former Bernardin Scholar, lives in Memphis, Tenn., where she is founding a Catholic Worker House.

# The Etymology of Hope: GRADUATION '04

Delivered by Karen Soos, M.Div. '04, Representative of the Graduates



Photo: Monte Gerlach

Karen Soos, M.Div., addresses her fellow graduates.

“On behalf of the graduating students, I would like to extend my own welcome to all of you who have joined us tonight and who have supported us in our studies. And I want to remember all of our family and friends who could not be here tonight but who have supported us on this journey every step of the way. And I also want to thank my classmates who have assisted me a great deal with this talk in many ways and whose voices I have tried faithfully to reflect.

Exactly what are you supposed to talk about at a graduation? Not a single one of my fellow students has given me a satisfactory answer to that question! A friend pointed out to me that at least when you preach you have a text. When you're speaking at graduation, you have no text.

But of course, that is incorrect. I do have a text. You are the text, all of you, seated in front of me. You are the text from which I will preach today. And as I have been reflecting this week, you are the text that has taught me more than any other thing I have read during my time at CTU.

I find that like the child's voice that called to Augustine in the garden, "Take and read, take and read," that the Spirit compels me to "take and read" you tonight.

And you make for pretty interesting reading! Just think: each of you is a unique word, uttered for the first time by your parents all over the globe—parents in Canada and Kenya, Costa Rica and Cameroon, Mexico and Minneapolis, Benin and Boston, Indonesia and Indiana, China and Chicago. You are a Pentecost babble of voices, gathered by the Spirit from over 25 different countries together in this place.

Like all words, you bring with you an etymology; you have a story of how you came to be. These are stories of the families who raised you and sent you to this place; the stories of parents who have died while you have been here. Stories of growing up a cradle Catholic in Chicago and stories of growing up in religious persecution and fleeing the country by night in order to study theology at CTU. Besides your own individual stories, you bring with you the stories of your peoples and your cultures, your languages and your songs, the saints that you venerate.

The etymology, the word-history, of the English word "text," comes from Latin *texere*, to weave. And here at CTU you have brought your stories and your histories and woven them together. You have come as individual words and in this place you have been written and re-writ-

ten, shaped and edited, footnoted and highlighted; you've had your spelling corrected and punctuation adjusted. You have had a variety of editors: hopefully each other. You have been edited by your supervisors and mentors in ministry. You have been edited by events in the world, by events like September 11th and the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. You have been edited by events in our church. You have been edited by your continuing conversations with the Spirit. And of course, you have been edited by the kings and queens of the red pen, the faculty here at CTU. All of this has shaped you into something new, a new text, a new proclamation.

I invite you to consider where you are in the text. Are you right in the middle, in big bold letters? Are you a boring insignificant footnote at the bottom of the page? Are you a footnote that nobody reads but they really should, because if they did they would find out something interesting, that gives a whole new understanding of the text that sends you in new directions? Are you a note in the margins, reflecting on, critiquing the text? Maybe you are the margins, barely hanging onto the page, yet whose marginal existence marks the boundaries of the text and provides the world in which the text has its existence.

And what does this text say? What do you, the text, have to say for yourself? Over the past week I've been asking some of you to reflect on where you've come from and where you're going—your first draft and your provisional final paper (because we are always being revised and expanded). Here are some of your voices:

"I have come from a world that was limited, and arrived at a wide open place where I see that I am part of something much bigger than myself."

"I have come from a place where God was a private affair and human individualism divine, and I'm going to a new world of God's holy people around the world who teach me new ways to experience the divine."

"I've come from the '60s and believe that God is calling us to social change, and I'm going wherever Jesus is leading me (and I'm always finding myself in deep water!)"

"I've come from a place of deep longing, intellectual curiosity, immature theology, and continuous frustration. I have come to deep passion, new ways to seek peace and reconciliation, and the knowledge that I am not alone."

"I have come from a dark mystery whose name is God, and I'm going, surprisingly, to the same place, following the light to get there."

"I come from a life that was an illusion of my own making, and going to a life that is a story of God's making in which I have a small—but wonderful!—part."

I came to CTU from a place of discouragement and I came here searching for hope. I was discouraged by 10 years as a social worker in a system that defined people as problems. I was discouraged by a nation and a city that didn't really have any interest in poor people. And frankly, I was discouraged by a church that didn't seem to want me unless I became somebody else.

But for me, you have been texts of hope. In my reading of you, I have found hope in your magnificent diversity that has opened my eyes to the global church.

I have found hope in the stories you have told, in classes and out, over beer and over coffee, stories of struggle, stories of call, stories of Spirit.

I have found hope in the bold and faithful members of this faculty, who can name injustice with truth and compassion, and who have invited me and all of us into a different vision of the church. I have found hope in an atmosphere of differing opinions and spiritualities and ways of life in which we can argue and disagree and still sit at the same lunch table with one other.

I have found hope in our making of CTU a house of prayer for all nations.

We are a page in the text, in the book of God's mission, and today our text is being sent into the world to be read by others. So I have one last favor to ask. You are a text of hope for me, and I beg you to go out to the world and proclaim it faithfully. Proclaim it boldly. Proclaim it in every place to which you are sent—at the pulpit and the kitchen table, in the streets and the classroom. To proclaim it as pastoral associates and associate pastors, as teachers and musicians, as religious formators and retreat directors, as chaplains and as Catholic Workers. Preach it with your words, preach it with your lives; carry the gospel in your hearts and carry it in your very bones. For today you are become a *sacra praedicatio*, a holy preaching, called and sent to preach the good news wherever the Great Interlibrary Loan of God sends you in this world. ”

“The etymology, the word-history, of the English word “text,” comes from Latin *texere*, to weave. And here at CTU you have brought your stories and your histories and woven them together.”

## Beneath the Union

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### Religious formation recognized at CTU

The Religious Formation Conference 50th Jubilee has honored CTU as “a significant supporter and contributor to religious formation over the years.” The award was recognized at a string of celebrations across the nation.

### Bernardin Center hits the road

Director Sheila McLaughlin and Associate Professor of Islam Scott Alexander took the Bernardin Center “on the road” to Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge, Ill. A pilot project to make the remarkable resources of the Bernardin Center **more accessible to parishes**, the Center returns to the parish in March with a reconciliation session by Professor Robert Schreiter.



Fr. Alcuin Coyle, O.F.M., left, with Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.

### Alcuin Coyle celebrates 50th Jubilee

In September Fr. Alcuin Coyle, O.F.M., second president of CTU, celebrated the anniversary of his solemn profession as a priest with a mass at St. Francis Church in New York City. The church was filled to capacity with friars, family, clergy, religious, and friends from throughout his long ministry. Joining Fr. Coyle as concelebrant was Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. who brought the best wishes of CTU's faculty and staff and **saluted Alcuin as the “second founder” of CTU** and for further developing the vision of the founding president. Alcuin was honored for his long teaching career (CTU, Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure University, Washington Theological Union, and the Antonianum in Rome); his role as an *officialis* in the General Secretariat at the Second Vatican Council; and his ministry at St. Francis, where he has developed the largest adult education program in the New York Archdiocese.



Photo: Monte Gerlach

Faculty members present to celebrate commencement included (left to right): Gilbert Ostdiek, O.F.M., Stephen Bevans, S.V.D., Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., Rev. Phil Horrigan, Edward Foley, Capuchin, Rabbi David Sandmel, Tolton program director Vanessa White, Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., and Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J.



## Apostles of Peace

Excerpts from remarks given by Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., at the 2004 Trustee Dinner

The theme of this annual dinner is “Blessed are the Peacemakers”—a theme that seems to take on more relevance and urgency each year we come together. When I was preparing my remarks, a vivid passage from Kurt Vonnegut’s controversial novel *Slaughterhouse Five* came to mind. As you know he had witnessed the bombing of Dresden in World War II, and that memory haunts almost everything he wrote. In one passage he describes a kind of dream sequence in which a documentary on the bombing of the city is run backwards. It begins with a scene of utter devastation but suddenly, as if by some mysterious magnetic force, fragments of steel are extracted from broken bodies and they become whole and alive; shattered buildings reassemble. In a blinding flash the shards of steel are gathered into cylinders and lifted up into the sky and stored in the bays of airplanes that hover overhead. The planes fly across the sea to a place where workers—mainly women—gently take apart the steel containers and mold their contents back into earth and mineral. Trains take the materials and bury them deep in the earth and grass and trees grow over them. And all is at peace and everything is whole once again.

If only our hopes for peace could take place by reversing history, but we know it is a much more arduous process. There is no mysterious trick to doing it but only patient hard work, long term commitment, and the bonds of friendship that make peace possible. That is what we celebrate tonight. At a time when violence boils over in so many places—including the Middle East, a region sacred to all of the religious traditions in this room tonight—we need to lift up examples of peacemaking and to celebrate those who are committed to it. That is why CTU is involved with the Council of Religious Leaders, and that is why this year our trustees wanted to honor the Council and its work.

For us as a Catholic graduate school of theology the issue of peacemaking is not a peripheral concern but a mission that stands at the heart of what we do. The more than 500 men and women who study at CTU are preparing to be apostles of peace here in Chicago and throughout the world. Our graduates now serve in 52 countries worldwide—as priests and religious, as prison and military chaplains, as pastors of parishes, faculty in high schools and colleges and universities, directors of hospitals and food shelters, as social service workers, as labor mediators and counselors and in a host of other services that bring wisdom and peace to the human family.

We are very proud of our students and believe they are the best of their generation, a generation that is as idealistic and good and generous as any before. Your generosity and presence tonight support them and all the good that will be done through them in the years ahead.

We think it is crucial that our students be grounded deeply in the heritage of their Catholic faith. We also believe that the true spirit of that Catholic faith impels us to also reach out in respect and friendship to other religious traditions. It is for that reason we are a charter member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, ten Protestant and Catholic schools in the Chicago area that share cross-registration, library resources and common programming—one of the richest assembly of theological resources in the entire world.

That same spirit of respect and understanding is why CTU, from its beginning, has been committed to working not only with our Protestant brothers and sisters but to have close bonds of friendship and collaboration with both the Jewish and Muslim communities here in Chicago. This is a commitment now permanently institutionalized in our Crown Ryan Chair in Jewish Studies and in our Catholic Muslim dialogue program. Friends from both these communities are here tonight and I cannot tell you how much your presence and your friendship mean to us. Please know that at CTU and its Bernardin Center you will always find a home, a place of trust where true dialogue can take place.

So, dear friends, our hearts are filled with gratitude tonight. We are by no means perfect, but here at CTU we are very grateful to God and to you, our dearest friends, for keeping us on the right track, for blessing our efforts, for sending us spectacular men and women who are the hope of the future. We cannot reverse our past by pushing a button on a projector or miraculously blot out the violence of the present. But with God’s help we can try to build a new future. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are you.

## 2004 Trustee Dinner

On April 28, 2004, several hundred friends and supporters of Catholic Theological Union gathered to honor an outstanding organization in the city of Chicago. Again taking the theme, “Blessed Are the Peacemakers,” the Board of Trustees this year honored the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, in recognition of their ongoing work to forge dialogue and reconciliation on the local level for and among people of all faiths.

Accepting the Peacemakers award on the Council’s behalf were Council president Rabbi Ira Youdovin and Rev. Paul Rutgers, executive director. A longtime friend of CTU, Rabbi Youdovin spoke movingly about the work of the Council and about how CTU’s own Bernardin Center also contributes to Chicago’s interreligious dialogue through its Catholic-Jewish and Catholic-Muslim studies programs. The event was one of the most successful fundraisers the school has ever hosted.

**Photos:**

Top left: Mrs. Lotte and Rabbi Herman Schaalman.

Top right: Trustee Eleanor Clarke, who co-chaired the dinner along with Ronald Gidwitz and Christopher Reyes.

Center: The Grand Ballroom at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

Below, left to right: Rev. Paul Rutgers, executive director of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, Rabbi Ira Youdovin, president of the Council, and Rev. Thomas Reynolds S.S.C., chair of CTU’s Board of Trustees



## A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

### *The State of Ecumenical Relations*

by Angela Obu-Anukam, M.A. student

On September 30, 2004, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and president of the Commission for Religious Relationships with Judaism, visited Catholic Theological Union to deliver a presentation titled, "The Current Situation in Ecumenical Theology." Visiting Chicago from Rome at the invitation of the Lutheran church here, Cardinal Kasper spoke energetically about relations between Catholicism and other Christian churches throughout the world—how far they have come, and what work still remains to be done. After his address, respondents were Rev. John Buchanan, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, and Prof. Antje Jackelén, the director of the Zygon Center for Religion & Science at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Audience members were then able to ask further questions of the panel. One of those was CTU Master of Arts in Theology student Angela Obu-Anukam, from Nigeria. Her reflection follows.



Angela Obu-Anukam

Sometime ago, I came across a story where a drunk staggered into an empty church and fell asleep. In the night, the pastor came to lock the church and found this man snoring in the church. He woke him up and asked him to leave. "Where am I?" the guy asked the pastor. "This is the Savior and Redeemer's Baptist church", the pastor answered.

The drunk looked on the wall and found a picture hanging there. "Who is that?" he asked pointing to the picture. "That is St. Peter," the pastor answered.

Pointing to another one, the man asked, "What of that other one?"

"That is St. Paul."

"You mean Paul of Tarsus?" the drunk queried further.

"Yes, of course," the old pastor answered patiently.

"Please, tell me, when did these two men become Protestants?" the drunk asked the bewildered pastor.

It was interesting listening to Cardinal Kasper, and the responses were edifying and interesting. One could imagine some challenges ecumenism has faced and is facing. It is interesting when at the academic level, or in urban settings, ecumenism is highly talked about or put into practice. It is also interesting to see how established power and politics can challenge the efforts of the few committed to the course of ecumenism.

The main concern I have, however, is finding out how ecumenism could be fleshed out in suburban and rural communities. In other words, how can one see the practical effects of ecumenism at the grassroots level? When we look at the power structures in place, it is baffling to see that Christian communities who have a practical need to live ecumenical lives, are not empowered to do so. Therefore, one cannot help but think that more efforts are necessary.

I remember how my friends of other Christian denominations felt that I am condemned to hell because I have refused to be "born again," using their own terms. I have also listened to the concerns of some of us who believe only Catholics will go to heaven. We remember some of the heated arguments we had (with friends from different denominations and faith traditions) involving issues at the core of our beliefs. Discussing our creeds and beliefs was as tense as discussing racial issues. It is still obvious that there are "no-go" areas, and this is usually called "what divides us."

This tension could be seen in Bishop Michael Patrick Fagun's (Catholic Bishop of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria) intervention to the African Synod: "...Without some other preliminary approach to the reality...ecumenism will hardly bear the required results. Without a well worked out adaptation, dialogue per se may be likened to a dialogue between a trained doctor and a witch doctor on a unified practice of health delivery." Ecumenism is not about who is right and who is wrong, who is trained and who is not trained. It is not about "we" and "them." It is about "us."

We as Catholics have moved far from where we used to be regarding ecumenism. But a lot more needs to be done at the grassroots level to affect the daily life experiences of people in order to avoid having ecumenism be put "on the shelf" as doctoral dissertations or "excused away" as too difficult. Even among leaders of the different groups, there are misunderstandings as to what should constitute ecumenism and how far we can go. It is not a question of tolerance or a "once-in-a-while thing," because our lives are not lived like that. The question, "Who is my neighbor?" needs to be asked now more than ever in our efforts to achieve ecumenism.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that the hour is coming and is now, when people will no longer go to the mountain or to Jerusalem to worship but the true worshipers will worship God in Spirit and in truth (John 4: 21-24). We need to learn to emphasize the things that bring us together, not the things that divide us.

It is essential for groups to create time and avenues to talk more and have more encounters. We need more time for discussions at the grassroots level, so as to clear the air of the stereotypes and assumptions we have of each other. As someone once said, it is difficult to be enemies with someone who has told you his/her story.

Worth noting is that ecumenism should bear the imprints of Christianity in the contexts of different localities because the problems of Christians and Christianity vary from place to place. More than ever, all Christians need to get involved in this process of transformation, with the goal of ecumenism as the outcome.



Cardinal Walter Kasper

Photo: Monte Gerlach

## *Vision of Advocacy:*

### Alumna Elizabeth Browne

by William Booth, Development Director, and Beth Levrault, Development Office Assistant

Elizabeth Browne (M.T.S. '91) challenges us to see God as disabled. In a recent conversation at CTU, she explained that this perspective may seem surprising because most people view God as perfect and the ideal of every characteristic we strive to achieve. But Elizabeth, who was blinded in a skating accident at the age of 10, has an image of God shaped by her unique life experience. Although her ideas may come across as radical or even "blasphemous," as she states in her book *The Disabled Disciple*, the truth she captures is that the way we "see" God is different for each of us.

A longtime supporter of those ignored or overlooked because of their disabilities, "seeing" God differently is what Elizabeth has done all her life. "Seeing God as disabled becomes much easier to understand when we approach the idea from the angle of the crucifixion, of confronting what Christ crucified actually means," she explains. This image has shaped her vocation as a champion for unity and acceptance of all. For Elizabeth, a full life is not one of segregation due to disability, but of inclusion.

Elizabeth's life changed dramatically when she met social activist Bishop Bernard Shiel of Chicago who was visiting her public high school. When asked what he could do to help her, Elizabeth expressed her desire to attend a Catholic school for girls. With his assistance, she was able to enroll in Loretto High School and began her lifelong advocacy for "mainstreaming" – to include the disabled as contributing members of the community. As Elizabeth says, "Separate anything is never equal."

Her convictions later found a home at CTU. Invited in the early '80s to be a resource person for a pilot class on sickness and healing in the Old Testament, she discovered an environment of inclusion at CTU. This spirit of welcome, which she came to recognize as a hallmark of CTU, was the driving force behind her decision to enroll as a student. "I felt welcome," says Elizabeth. It was the start of a long relationship that has resulted in Elizabeth and her husband, Edward, naming CTU as a beneficiary in their will. They join a growing list of alumni and friends who have made the decision to include CTU in their wills, turning their passionate belief in the mission of the school into a practical plan to sustain CTU's legacy and theirs.

Elizabeth says that as a CTU student, the faculty and staff were more than willing to focus on her strengths and encourage her in her studies. She adds that she developed a special place in her heart for the Passionist Community because of the strong support she received from teachers Fr. Donald Senior and the late Fr. Carroll Stuhlmuehler, and Bechtold Library Director Fr. Kenneth O'Malley who read textbooks aloud to her. Another Passionist, the late Fr. Flavian Doherty, head of the *Stauros* program, collaborated with her on issues related to human suffering. Another teacher who stands out in her mind is Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.: "In Fr. Robert Schreiter's class on contextualization I discovered how to approach a theology of

the disabled. This illumined all my future studies."

Guided by the Holy Spirit and an unrelenting belief that God loves and cares for all creation, Elizabeth took the ideas she nurtured at CTU and put them into action. She became an investigator for the U.S. Department of Education, identifying cases of discrimination due to disability or difference. She currently serves on the board of the Blind Service Association in Chicago and is involved with civil rights for the disabled. Her second book, *Creating Inclusive Worship Communities* is a practical "how to" for constructing hospitable communities of worship that accept people of all races and abilities.

In addition to her CTU degree, Elizabeth earned a doctoral degree in English and a master's degree in philosophy, both at Loyola University, where she also met her husband, Edward. She fondly recalls their first meeting at a Loyola dance. They soon discovered they were like-minded partners off the dance floor. Edward Browne has spent his career working for Neighborhood Housing Services and now in retirement, he volunteers at the food pantry for Uptown Lutheran Services. Their marriage of 50 years has been blessed with five children, one of whom, Christopher, died of a brain tumor at the age of 30. Following in the footsteps of both parents, the four work in various capacities in the helping professions, and live in California, Virginia, and Germany.

Elizabeth Browne's life has decidedly been one of profound accomplishment. "She possesses a boundless determination," Father Senior states in the foreword to *The Disabled Disciple*, "and her ideas about union and acceptance undoubtedly resonate with many of us. For we are all disabled in some way – not always in the traditional sense, but undoubtedly imperfect – and human."

Catholic Theological Union is grateful for the special friendship with Elizabeth and the Browne family over many years. Their commitment in designating CTU as a beneficiary in their will is deeply appreciated.

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Elizabeth Browne with her faithful companion Damien.

# Alums Talk Back

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## WHO PARTICIPATED

One third of the alums who responded to the survey were lay people while the remaining two thirds were women and men religious, a demographic that mirrors a CTU of 10 to 15 years ago (in 2003-04 the student body was 45 percent lay people and 55 percent religious.) Evenly split between women and men, the respondents' graduation dates ranged from as recent as 2003 back to 1970, and included the very first religious woman student, Sr. Clara Ternes (M.A.'76).

## WHAT THEY TOLD US

The survey turned out to be a goldmine of information and insight that was very lively, sometimes poetic, and always heartfelt. While there is not space to include all the comments, we thought you might enjoy reading a few comments from former CTU students. These excerpts are grouped by three themes that popped up throughout the responses: the relevance of the CTU education to ministry, the quality of the CTU educational experience, and how CTU fosters the call to ministry.

## RELEVANCE

"As a hospice chaplain I have used my theological education daily, both to provide pastoral care and counseling, as well as offer an image of God as a compassionate spiritual healer or reconciler. This image of God provides an ideology for my work, whether as a chaplain, bereavement care coordinator, or volunteer coordinator. I seek to become the conduit through which God's grace and love may extend toward others."

Jennifer Steel Gooby (M.Div. '00)  
Hospice chaplain, Georgia

"My training in cross-cultural ministry was a highlight of my education. The lessons I learned have helped me in the many types of ministry in which I have been involved, even [in] an advantaged, suburban environment. There isn't a day that my theological education and formation aren't called into play."

Stephen Jendraszak (M.T.S. '81)  
Parish manager, Indianapolis, Ind.

"I use my CTU theological education 1) when looking at questions re: culture and inculturation in many different parts of the world, 2) in developing formation programs in different continents, 3) in recommending sisters for specialist studies, 4) in analyzing future trends for religious life in general and for my own congregation, and 5) for lecturing to religious in different parts of the world."

Sr. Patricia Murray, I.B.V.M. (M.A. '04)  
Superior, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary congregation, Rome, Italy

## QUALITY

"We need a strong institution like CTU...to provide not only the necessary seminary education for priests and deacons but to continue—as they do so well—the education of lay ministers in all areas of church life. The urban setting, the ecumenical ties, and the international flavor of the students and faculty are the three most important factors. It goes without saying that the academic and pastoral experience of the faculty is a major plus."

John Wright, (D.Min. '00)  
Director of marketing, J.S. Paluch/World Library Publications, Chicago, Ill.



"Every day I do something or say something or think something and realize, 'That is my CTU dollar at work!'"

Sherry Meyer (M.T.S. '91)  
Volunteer missionary with Arua Diocese, Uganda, East Africa

"The Church today needs CTU. There are fewer and fewer institutions within the institutional church that invite people to think theologically, to be able to analyze pastoral situations honestly, and then have the skills needed to enter into the kind of dialogue that can help people make conscious decisions, influence pastoral practice, and influence teaching. We need places that foster this reality so we do not lose sight of the call that the Spirit has given the entire church."

Rev. Paul Colloton, O.P. (D.Min. '01)  
Director of continuing education, National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Washington, D.C.

"CTU has helped me stay connected to the universal church through experiences with classmates from around the world and attention to multi-cultural issues. The publications that come through CTU professors, especially *New Theology Review* and *Preach* magazine, are excellent."

Katherine DeVries (M.Div. '00; D.Min. candidate)  
Associate director, Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago

"The mission of CTU...has taken the necessary steps to prepare for the diversity of the church. CTU asks questions, sets new visions, forges relationships."

Timone Newsome, (M.Div. '02, Tolton Scholar)  
Director of ReCil (Reclaiming Christ in Life), Archdiocese of Chicago

"CTU brings the universal church to its teaching today—not only in theory, but in person. Acceptance of students from other countries challenges the status quo. CTU is still faithful to a balanced approach in its teaching at a time when it might be challenged by both the conservative and liberal."

Sr. Clara Ternes, A.S.C. (M.A. '76)  
Corporate director of mission, values, and ethics, Southern Illinois Healthcare

"At CTU I had the delightful experience of sitting with practitioners from all over the globe, from different religious traditions, laity and clerics, men and women, married and single, etc.—delightful dialogue and insights."

Rev. Tomas Burns McNamara (D.Min. '96)  
Parish priest, coordinator of ongoing lay formation, Lima, Peru

## FOSTERING CALL

"CTU empowers men and women to be professional ministers in all aspects of church life. The courses develop and nurture the whole person of the minister and the whole body of the church."

Mary LaMont (M.A. '91)  
Theology teacher, Loyola Academy, Chicago, Ill.

"A very positive experience for me...was interacting with other religious communities. I was led to a great appreciation of the diversity of charisms in the church and reconfirmed in my own calling to be a Friar Minor."

Rev. John Doctor, O.F.M. (M.Div. '76)  
Provincial, Sacred Heart Province of Friar Minors, St. Louis, Missouri

"Learning new ways of thinking about religious experience, new interpretations of scripture, and my interactions with the talented, sincere and credible women who were my mentors/peers, gave me courage and confidence in reaffirming my commitment to religious life—a gift I continue to cherish."

Sr. Rose Kruppa, C.D.P. (M.T.S. '84)  
Facilitator/consultant for religious orders; Ph.D. candidate, Illinois Benedictine University

"The greatest ways in which I use my CTU education are—first of all in my desire to continue growing as a good religious in the Church today, and, secondly, in my ability to use multiple disciplines in multiple tasks. CTU helped broaden me. The scholarship and wisdom and engagement of the CTU professors were extraordinary. They enticed us to want to know more. Great professors!"

Rev. Kermit Holl, O.S.C. (M.Div. '90)  
Local superior, Crosier Community; High school chaplain, Shoreview, Minn.

## ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION

Begin or renew your membership today!

All CTU graduates are invited to join the Alumni/ae Association. A great way of staying connected to CTU and furthering your educational and ministerial development, the benefits of membership include:

- Library privileges at CTU's Paul Bechtold Library
- 25% discount on Summer Institute courses
- One-year subscription to *New Theology Review* (a \$28 value; \$32 for non-US residents) published jointly by Catholic Theological Union and Washington Theological Union.
- *Logos*, CTU's periodic newsletter

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If you would like to be on an email list for job opportunities, public events, and other CTU news bulletins, please notify [shevpat@ctu.edu](mailto:shevpat@ctu.edu).

While CTU graduates number only several thousand, their global impact has been considerable. It's not surprising given the enormous degree of impact the school itself exerts locally, nationally, and worldwide. The dynamic force behind this reach and influence are the committed women and men, both students and faculty, who unflinchingly give their lives, wisdom, and talents to embody the truth of Christ's reconciling message.

In conclusion, here is one last alum opinion from Rev. Robert Zahrt (D.Min. '79) of Fort Wayne, Ind.:

"My uncle Walt once lived in the Hotel Aragon that CTU calls home. He lived there while working at the 1933 World's Fair (held at the site of the former Meig's Field), selling refrigerators.

"I think it's about time that the old building had a new neighbor to help carry the burden of providing CTU with an urban campus."

**Note:** All CTU alums are invited to complete the survey. To have a copy sent or e-mailed to you, contact Patricia Shevlin, 773.753.5318 or [shevpat@ctu.edu](mailto:shevpat@ctu.edu).





# A TIME TO BUILD: CTU constructs a new calendar and curriculum

by Stephanie Sinnott, Marketing & Communications Associate



Photo: Stephanie Sinnott

Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., leads the first half of the team-taught course, *The Art of Doing Theology: Theological Methods*.

The summer of 2004 was noticeably shorter than in years past. Rather than stretching from June to late September, for the first time since the school's founding, summer was over for the CTU community at the end of August. By the day after Labor Day classrooms were filled with students and teachers. It was a shock for many unused to this schedule. But this change served a greater purpose than disrupting vacation and travel plans.

After over 35 years operating in the quarter-based academic calendar, Catholic Theological Union has switched to a calendar consisting of two 15-week semesters, fall and spring, plus an intensive "J-Term" in January. (The three-week Summer Institute will continue as usual.) The move was made in order to maintain congruence with CTU's sister schools in the Chicago area who have also converted to semester systems. Cross-registration among the Association of Chicago Theological Schools is a popular option for students of all schools.

But to accommodate this change required that CTU's academic side for one year give up a few weeks of summer break. Associate Professor of Islam Scott

Alexander laments, "I'm afraid I over-scheduled myself this summer by not paying enough attention to the loss of four weeks. Consequently, I'm trying the patience of at least two editors. I hope to be caught up by Christmas—that's the gift I'm looking forward to!"

To the students, however, the 15-week term is making a big difference. Master of Divinity student Katie Brick says, "We simply have more time to cover things, which I like. Having experienced both quarter and semester systems, I prefer semesters. I retain more and have more time to reflect and integrate, which I think is absolutely key to my development as a minister."

Much more than a different calendar marked the start of the 2004-05 academic year, however. Over five years ago, recognizing the opportunity that coincided with this switch, CTU's faculty embarked upon a thorough overhaul of the curriculum. They sought to integrate CTU's renowned academic programs and teaching with a response to the growing need for church ministers to be prepared to "discern wisely the signs of the times."

Existing courses and requirements were scrapped to make room for a bottom-up curriculum re-design. The new design pays attention to the students' academic program in a holistic way, and envisions outcomes that go beyond previously held notions of what a Master of Divinity graduate should know and be able to do. According to the rationale for the new curriculum, "our students require a broad and critical vision of the world, an appreciation of the historical forces and political and socioeconomic challenges facing all peoples of the world today, and a sense of the church's identity as a partner in God's saving work in that world."

The acknowledgment of these new challenges in the classroom and out in the world resulted in the creation of an acad-

emic experience that emphasizes "personal and intellectual integration and the interdisciplinary dimension of theology and ministry." The hallmark of the new curriculum is the Core, a three-part program of study required of all Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies students.

The Core begins with team-taught foundational courses: *The Theology of Ministry; Theological Methods; Diversity in Dialogue; and Sources Through History*. Complementary courses build upon the themes introduced here and develop them further, in areas such as: *Liturgical Planning; Living the Moral Life; Abraham's Children—Jews, Christians, and Muslims; Introduction to Bible Studies; and others*. Finally, integration courses bring four themes related to the church's evangelizing mission to life in the classroom: *Witness and Proclamation—The God of Jesus Christ; Liturgy, Prayer, and Contemplation—Ecclesial Spirituality; Justice, Peace, the Integrity of Creation, and Reconciliation; and Inculturation and Dialogue*.

Courses beyond the Core (Area Requirements and Electives included) are also being re-written to fit the 15-week semesters and cover topics in greater breadth and depth. Master of Arts students will be able to take advantage of these new offerings, though their program of study is much less structured. All CTU students will benefit from the uniquely holistic education this new curriculum provides, so that they are prepared for ministry and leadership in service to the church in an increasingly global world.

Edward Bohley, a Master of Divinity student who, in his second year, has experienced the previous model as well as the new curriculum, states, "More material has been added, especially material that integrates different facets of ministry. The new curriculum enables students to understand how tidbits of knowledge fit



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Mary Frohlich, R.S.C.J., takes over for Sr. Bergant halfway through this interdisciplinary course.

into the overall ministerial picture and also how class material that had been taught independently of each other in the old curriculum relate to each other."

Though the implementation has gone well thus far, Professor Alexander says that it's still premature to evaluate what the impact of the curriculum will be. "The new curriculum was designed to introduce the kind of foundational change in theological education that really cannot be measured after one semester, or even one year," he states. "We are already in the initial stages of implementing a process of assessment of the curriculum and expect to harvest its first fruits sometime at the beginning of the next academic year....I have great faith that the results of this assessment will be very positive, while at the same time showing us just how much more work we have to do to really make these curricular changes sing."

Finally, another significant change at CTU this year is the addition of new faculty and program directors who, together with the experienced faculty and administration, will help guide this transition, ensure that CTU's ventures forward go smoothly, and make their own mark on the ever evolving programs and educational experiences that are at the heart of CTU. Their stories follow.

## Introducing... New faculty and program directors

### Laurie Brink, O.P.

Director of the Biblical Study and Travel Programs;  
Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies

In 1994 Laurie Brink, then a novice with the Dominican Sisters of Sensenawa and a student at CTU, participated in the Fall Israel Study Program. She vividly recalls being in the Holy Land and listening as New Testament Professor Barbara Reid, O.P. read from the Gospel of Mark, "with a brilliant sky of stars above, while the replica of a first century fishing boat rocked in the dark Sea of Galilee."



Ten years later, Laurie credits CTU with affirming her vocation and directing her to her profession as a biblical scholar. After having worked as a campus minister and director of service learning at Dominican University in Illinois, Professor Brink has returned to CTU as a member of the biblical faculty and director of the Biblical Study & Travel Programs. She is co-author with the former director Marianne Race, C.S.J. of *In This Place: Reflections on the Land of the Gospels for the Liturgical Cycles*.

"My biblical education at CTU provided me with the critical skills to engage scripture in its ancient context in order to interpret it for today's church," she says. "Returning as a member of the faculty is not only a privilege but an opportunity to participate in CTU's mission of educating ministers for the global church."

### Edmund Kee-Fook Chia

Assistant Professor of Doctrinal Theology

Edmund Chia is a third-generation Chinese born in Malaysia. He grew up and was educated through the Malay-language, a practice promoted by the Catholic mission schools, in an English-speaking culture. He came to the U.S. for graduate school in the early 1990s. Professor Chia did further graduate study a decade later in the Netherlands. He is author of *Towards a Theology of Dialogue: Schillebeeckx's Method as Bridge between Vatican's Dominus Iesus and Asia's FABC Theology* and editor of *Dialogue? Resource Manual for Catholics in Asia*.



Through his work for the Asian Bishops' Conference, he has traveled to more than 20 countries in Asia and a dozen more in Europe. "Since coming to the U.S. and CTU about two months ago," he says, "I've not stepped into an airplane and am actually enjoying this time of 'retreat' from airspace." In addition, he states, "The truly multi-cultural student body at CTU is making me feel very much at home."

### Eileen D. Crowley

Assistant Professor of Word and Worship

Eileen Crowley is a native of Rochester, N.Y., another city situated on a Great Lake, Ontario. Consequently, in coming to Chicago and in being able to live just blocks from Lake Michigan, she feels quite at home. She finds the lake, in all its moods, endlessly fascinating.



Teaching, too, she finds endlessly fascinating. "Students in my current CTU class come from 11 different countries," she says. "The cultural diversity and the students' various levels of mastery of English keep me on my toes. In my course 'Communications Skills in Ministry,' I am using every possible communications skill I have and every form of communications media I can get my hands on so that we can communicate effectively in our own multi-cultural context." These media forms include video clips on worship around the world, flip charts, visual art, music, websites, and a group facilitation process called "Photolanguage" to illustrate topics, improve students' comprehension of assigned material, and stimulate their imaginations.

Professor Crowley's area of special research is the current use of multi-media in today's worship, Catholic and Protestant, in countries around the world. As a liturgist and professional writer and media producer, she welcomes such opportunities to address issues of the integration of worship, arts, and communications.

**Carmen Marie Nanko**

*Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry; Director of Field Education*

Carmen Nanko was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. She moved to Washington, D.C. as an undergraduate student in order to major in theology and religious studies at the Catholic University of America. She stayed at Catholic U. until coming to CTU this fall, and is now in her 25th year working in Catholic education.



Carmen says, "One of my passions is baseball, with a partiality for the New York Yankees, on occasion the New York Mets, and the Puerto Rican Winter Leagues. This interest plays into my theological research as well—I'm currently working on publishing projects, from my perspective as a U.S. Hispanic theologian, that explore the intersection of religion and popular culture through the lens of beisbol."

Carmen's long term commitments include the development and mentoring of Latino/a scholars and ministers in theological and pastoral education. She works with the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the U.S. (ACHTUS), the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) and teaches with the Hispanic Summer Program and the Tepeyac Institute. She is the author of *Campus Ministry: Identity, Mission, and Praxis*.

**Thanh Van Nguyen, S.V.D.**

*Assistant Professor of New Testament*

Thanh Van Nguyen studies the narrative unity of the Gospels and Acts, and analyzes all the elements of the narrative from the story. He also looks at the way the story is told its literary style and point of view, its settings,

its characterization, its arrangement of the events or plot—in order to discover the intention and message of the implied author and the anticipated or ideal response of the implied reader.

Thanh is completing his Ph.D. at the Gregorian University in Rome. His dissertation is titled, "The Legitimation of Gentile Admission and Integration: A Narrative Approach to Acts 10:1-11:18." He is a priest and missionary in the Society of the Divine Word.

**Robin Ryan, C.P.**

*Director, Catholics On Call vocation program  
Adjunct Professor in Systematic Theology*

Robin Ryan is originally from Richmond, Virginia. He joined the Passionist community while in college. His first stay at Catholic Theological Union was during the early 1980s, when he studied for his master of divinity and master of arts in theology degrees (1981-84). He recalls, "One of the highlights of my study was participating in the Fall Israel Study Program. Fr. Carroll Stuhlmueller led the program that year."



Since ordination in 1984, Professor Ryan's ministry has been divided between retreat ministry and teaching theology, along with responsibilities for ministerial formation.

As director of Catholics On Call, a developing program to foster vocations—religious and lay—for young adults, Professor Ryan brings his teaching, formation, and retreat leadership experience to a generation hungry for

guidance and direction in discerning their personal call from God.

"I particularly enjoyed directing the program of lay formation in Boston run by St. John's Seminary," he says. "I love to teach and am convinced that teaching is a ministry in itself. And, last but not least, I love the Boston Red Sox!"

**Rev. Terry Johnson**

*Director, Hesburgh Sabbatical Program*

Terry Johnson grew up in Matteson, Ill., a suburb south of Chicago, in a family of seven. A priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, he was associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Chicago prior to coming to CTU, and he now lives at St. John DeLaSalle Parish. He also serves on the board of trustees for Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park, Ill.



Terry says, "I came to CTU because I believe in the all inclusiveness that exists here, and I believe it is a model for the entire church." From his perspective as director of the Hesburgh Sabbatical, Terry states, "I feel strongly that all ministers should have the opportunity to take sabbatical time to renew and update themselves...especially in the Hesburgh program."

An avid gardener, he says, "I enjoy digging in the earth and nurturing life through the plants and shrubs and earth worms I encounter. I also like to ride my bike and attend live theater when I am able." Plus, he jokes, "I look forward to being part of the CTU archery team in the near future!"

## ALUMNEWS

**Albert Haase, O.F.M.** (M.Div. '82) became assistant professor of theology at Quincy University (Quincy, Ill.). Ordained in 1983, Albert worked at Mayslake Retreat House in Oak Brook, Ill., and was a pastor and preacher for the Tien Mu Catholic Church in Taipei, Taiwan, and at parish missions in the U.S. and Cameroon during the early 1990s. He taught and consulted for various businesses and institutes in China in the late '90s and through 2003. He was also a pastor in China for multi-national Catholics through the Embassies of Canada and the United Kingdom (1997-2004).

**Vernon Meyer** (M.A. '84) began work at Kino Institute, a center for adult faith formation in Phoenix, after his CTU graduation, and was the director of the biblical studies program there for eight years. In 1999 he enrolled at the University of Dayton (Ohio) in theology and U.S. Catholicism. Vernon graduated in August with a Ph.D. in theology. His dissertation is "This Far By Faith-A History of Black Catholics in Phoenix, 1868-2003." A priest of the Diocese of Phoenix, he celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination in May.

**Donna Ferency** (M.T.S. '91) writes, "Just decided to Google my name for fun and to my amazement, I found the I was a 'missing alum'... I've moved a lot since the very special CTU days. From 1995 to 2002 I was the executive director of a community action agency for McLean and Livingston Counties, Ill. In 2003, after retiring, I became a consultant for Kane County, Ill., coordinating its Continuum of Care Program for Homeless Persons. Last summer I moved back 'home' to Milwaukee where my four children and grandchildren live. I now do development work with a firm that specializes in the development, construction, and management of affordable senior independent housing. Although all my post academic work has been outside the official

church, my studies and especially my relationships and experiences at CTU continually shape my life, and, I believe, the lives of those I connect with. Looking forward to hearing from CTU in the future. What a great Google experience!"

**Marco Tavanti, M.C.C.J.** (M.Div. '94) is assistant professor in DePaul University's (Chicago) Public Services graduate program. He writes, "I am now responsible for a new master of science degree in international public services. This program prepares professionals interested in pursuing management positions within international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), IGOs and in other NGOs/NPOs engaged in human rights, development and cross-cultural work. I am coordinating the various study abroad intensive courses we currently offer in Mexico, Italy, Ireland, France, Brazil, and India." Additionally, Marco continues part time as the associate director of the Hay Leadership Project, which is expanding to assess and develop value-oriented leadership practices in the U.S. and worldwide.

**Tim Hickey, C.S.Sp.** (M.A. '97) is now Executive Director of Mission and Identity at Duquesne University and vice chair of the Duquesne University Corporation Council, Spiritans.

**MaryEllen O'Brien** (M.A. '99) spent July 2004 working for Jesuit Family Retreats at Blue Ridge Summit, Penn. The retreat house sits on a mountaintop along the Appalachian Trail. Families come from various east coast cities for a week. She wrote a feature article about the retreat for the October 8, 2004 issue of *National Catholic Reporter*. MaryEllen was a featured speaker at the first Living Well & Dying Well Conference held in Kitchener, Ontario last fall. She says, "The wonderfully uplifting conference brought together an exciting and diverse group of people— theologians, poets, storytellers, physi-

cians, psychiatrists, an Iroquois elder, hospice workers, chaplains, musicians and those who do body-work of various kinds—all concerned with 'the good death' and how we can learn from each other." She has been teaching for the School of Professional Studies at Loyola University Chicago, and in September will begin teaching for the theology department.

**Julius Frazier** (M.A. '00) was ordained a deacon in May, 2004.

**Tim McCowan** (D.Min. '01) writes from Australia, "This year has been an especially rewarding and rich one for me." In December, Tim plans to marry Mary Rae, whom he met through the WellSpring Centre. Tim will become step-father and step-grandfather to Mary's large family. He has also been busy in ministry. He writes, "This year I began a program of building bridges through interfaith dialogue with secondary students at three schools [Christian, Jewish, and Muslim.] We had 20 students participate in four sessions together, which involved sharing a meal, learning a skill, and sharing their journey of faith with each other in small groups. The whole initiative was a wonderful success." He continues to facilitate a formation program in reconciliation ministry at the WellSpring Centre. Tim is also beginning the process of becoming an ordained Baptist minister: "Over the last 2 years, I have discerned a growing call to the ordained ministry. I believe God has given me pastoral and relational gifts, and the desire and calling to pastoral leadership. Although I have really enjoyed teaching spirituality at the Churches of Christ Theological College, and running the formation program at WellSpring, I really want to try and live out my call to peacemaking and reconciliation in a local community of faith, on a day-to-day basis. I feel this would give me both a stronger grounding in living out my call among 'ordinary Australians', and equip me further

in leadership qualities, that could help me be a voice for peace in the wider society and amongst the different faith communities."

**Timone Newsome** (M.Div. '02) has been appointed to a newly developed position with the Archdiocese of Chicago working with 18-23 year olds. She recently authored, "The Black Woman's Sense of the Divine Shapes Us All," for Centerings published by 8th Day Center for Justice.

**Rosalind Sanders** (M.Div. '04) is a consultant for catechesis with Vicariate VI of the Archdiocese of Chicago. She is also the African-American consultant for catechesis. In October she started another assignment as co-host of "Echoing God's Word," a monthly talk show on Chicago radio AM 820.

**Karen Soos** (M.Div. '04) accepted a position as Catholic campus minister at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina. The school is a Presbyterian liberal arts college north of Charlotte.

### STUDENTS

**Robert Cassey** (M.A.P.S.) joined the staff of the John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Now a deacon in the Joliet (Ill.) diocese, Bob spent 27 years as an attorney, recently with Chicago-based Accenture. He is featured in a new CTU ad for the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies degree.

**Parris Washington** (M.Div.) was part of the ministry team for a National Gathering of Black Catholic Men hosted by the Black Catholic Clergy Conference in Memphis this October.

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## Peacebuilders Chat continued from page 3

**Angie:** Did what you learn help your faith? Challenge it?

**Patrick:** Yes, it strengthened my faith. The talks helped me learn more about my faith.

**Liz:** I also enjoyed Fr. Gary's lecture about cultural diversity. He was very interactive and energetic. On the day he spoke, I was worried how my ministry site would be. I didn't want to offend people (as in, "I have more than you, so what am I supposed to talk to you about?") I came away with a better understanding that people aren't misfortunate or sad because they're homeless. They still have gifts, like every other person in the world.

**Angie:** Can you think of a perception you had about yourself, others, the church that have changed as a result of peacebuilders?

**Patrick:** I felt our Church was divided...I felt far away from the leaders of the Church. Thru Peacebuilders I realize it is all one Church and we are all one family. That helped me come closer to my Church.

**Angie:** What are you doing for your Peace Project? Why?

**Liz:** I am creating a movie/discussion series dealing with justice issues. Going into the week, I knew I wanted my project to involve movies. They are what I love and I knew the only way to have a fun project is to create something I would attend myself. After talking to Art [Sheridan, a Peacebuilders mentor], he gave me the idea for the discussion portion. After that, it grew into something I am very proud of.

**Angie:** What is the most challenging thing about being a PB?

**Patrick:** to keep the same excitement and vigor going.

**Cassandra:** I agree...just not giving up. Keeping the excitement but also not doubting myself on doing my project.

**Cassandra:** It's hard sometimes when people really don't understand what you want to do and how you want to do it.

**Angie:** Okay, just a few more questions. Okay?

**Patrick:** ok

**Angie:** Cassandra, are u still there?

**Cassandra:** Yes

**Cassandra:** I was just listening :-)

**Angie:** Has Peacebuilders changed you? Why? How?

**Cassandra:** Yes, I see that I am more passionate about issues that affect my community. It's lol sometimes shocking to me, because like I truly am passionate about these concepts.

**Cassandra:** I'm not saying I want to do this project, just because I have to but because I want to and that makes a big difference.

**Liz:** I feel spiritually altered. I witnessed so many things in the week and I can never forget or ignore them. I think about Peacebuilders about once a day because it was fun. I think I'm a bit more relaxed since the week. I realized there are bigger problems in the world than those I'm probably fretting over.

**Patrick:** It has made realize where I was going with my life, and how that wasn't too promising. ... and it made me realize that you help people then being the best, or being the leader...As long as I do my best to make a difference.

**Angie:** That's excellent. Stay that way!! That is all God asks of us, to do our best & be faithful

**Angie:** If you could ask Jesus any question about peace, what would you ask?

**Cassandra:** I would ask him, why is it so hard for us human beings to accept peace? It's like we never are satisfied.

**Patrick:** How could we fully achieve peace?

**Patrick:** This is what life is about.

**Angie:** No doubt!!!

**Angie:** What would you like the upcoming retreat to focus on?

**Cassandra:** The effect we will have giving 150% to the projects

**Patrick:** I saw how truly happy [Peacebuilders mentor] Steve Delaney was and that really made me realize that money, or power is not what it is about, but feeling good about what you do, and having integrity in what you do.



Photo: Daniel O'Connell

Peacebuilder Liz Droel embraces director Angie Appleby Purcell at the commissioning ceremony this summer.

**Angie:** Cool. Amen, brother.

**Patrick:** It would be cool to renew our friendships and learn new ways to lead our new projects.

**Angie:** Last question...

**Angie:** Anything else you want to share with our readers?

**Cassandra:** I just feel honored, having the opportunity to be in a lifetime experience.

**Patrick:** I believe this was the first time I truly felt at peace with myself, and truly felt that being myself is the best and only way to be.

**Angie:** Good for you, Pat. Most people don't learn that lesson in their lifetime.

**Patrick:** Thanks for the opportunity of PB.

**Cassandra:** Most def. I just don't really have any words to say... its that type of experience.

**Angie:** You both have been great!!!! Thanks for hanging in there with me.

**Patrick:** Good 'nite

## KUDOS

**Michel Andraos**, assistant professor of cross-cultural ministry, facilitated the "Theology of Peace, Managua, Nicaragua" workshop at the Peace Institute of the Culture, Spirituality, and Theology of Peace Project, in Central America last August.

*Mission in the 21st Century*, edited by **Steven Bevans, S.V.D.**, Louis J. Luzbetak Professor of Mission and Culture, and **Roger Schroeder, S.V.D.**, associate professor of cross-cultural ministry, was published in Indonesian. Steve was recently elected vice president of the American Society of Missiology.

**Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J.**, professor of biblical studies, received first place awards in scripture and spirituality from the Catholic Press Association for her book *Biblical Foundations of Spirituality* (Sheed & Ward). Barbara says, "These awards are doubly heartening since the whole point was to span the two disciplines." She acknowledged the CTU Biblical Spirituality program in her foreword.

**Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp.**, Bishop Francis Ford M.M. Professor of Catholic Missiology published *Come Follow Me: The Commandments of Jesus* (Ligouri/Triumph), the companion volume to *Encountering Jesus. Come Follow Me* takes the commands of Jesus as the starting point for an invitation to discipleship.

**Leslie Hoppe, O.F.M.**, professor of Old Testament studies, published *There Shall Be No Poor Among You: Poverty in the Bible* (Abingdon); and "Birth of

Judaism," in *Great Events from History: The Ancient World, Prehistory-476 C.E.*, Mark W. Chavalas, editor (Salem Press).

Over the last months **John Pawlikowski, O.S.M.** professor of ethics, spoke on the issues in Mel Gibson's film in a range of settings in Chicago and Canada. In the summer he traveled Europe: lecturing in Scandinavia at the Swedish Council of Christians & Jews and several universities; at the Parliament of World Religions (Spain); and at the International Council of Christians and Jews (Germany), where he was re-elected president for a second term. He traveled to South America to keynote at the Vatican-Jewish International Dialogue (Buenos Aires) and speak at the University of Chile Medical School. He recently published "Commitment to Community: Interfaith Relations and Faithful Witness" in *Perspectives on The Passion of Christ, Religious Thinkers and Writers Explore the Issues Raised by the Controversial Movie*, Jonathan Burnham, editor (Miramax Books), and with **David Sandmel**, the Crown Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies, wrote "Perspectives on Mel Gibson's Passion," for *Criterion*, the journal of the University of Chicago Divinity School. The Polish journal *Przegląd* designated him as one of the 100 most influential Poles living abroad. This fall he is teaching at Cambridge University in the newly-created Sternberg Interreligious Fellowship. He will hold a second fellowship at St. Edmund's College at Cambridge.

**Amanda Quantz**, assistant professor of the history of world Christianity, and

**Gilberto Cavazos-González, O.F.M.**, assistant professor of spirituality, co-translated *Loving the Church: Reflections on the Letter to the Ephesians*, by Raniero Cantaluaessa (St. Anthony Messenger Press.)

**Barbara Reid**, professor of New Testament, has a chapter, "The Power of Widows and How to Suppress It (Acts 6:1-7)" in *A Feminist Companion to the Acts of the Apostles*, Amy Jill Levine, editor (T&T Clark, International).

**Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.**, Bernardin Center Vatican II Professor of Theology, had the lectures he gave on reconciliation and peacemaking at the British and Irish Association of Mission Studies published in *Mission, Violence, and Peacemaking*, Mellor and Yates, editors, (Cliff College Publishing). In May he received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Saint Joseph's College, Indiana. His book, *The Ministry of Reconciliation*, was published in Korean.

**Donald Senior, C.P.**, president and professor of New Testament studies, was elected vice president of the Association of Theological Schools and in 2006 will become its president.

**Depaul Genska, O.F.M.**, degree programs secretary, who has ministered to men and women in prostitution since 1972, has brought his ministry begun on the hard streets of Chicago and New York to a new address: <http://www.depaulgenska.com>. Depaul's website raises awareness of his own ministry, shares reflections and prayers, and lists resources to help those

involved in prostitution. His long affiliation with Chicago's Genesis House and its founder Edwina Gately (M.T.S.'81) is also highlighted on the site. In spring 2003, Depaul was featured in an article in *Streetwise*, the weekly publication that supports the homeless in Chicago.

### OBITUARY

**Brother Wayne Teasdale**, 58, long time adjunct faculty member of CTU and adjunct professor at DePaul University and Columbia College, passed away October 20 after a long bout with cancer. For most of his academic career Wayne devoted himself to interreligious study, particularly of eastern religious traditions. His great interest was the interconnection of these traditions with the spirituality of Christianity. He was a popular writer and lecturer and was personally active in interreligious dialogue. He was a lay monk, teacher, and activist who built common ground among the world's religions. He served on the board of trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions and as a member of the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, helped draft their Universal Declaration of Nonviolence. He authored several books including *The Mystic Heart: Discovering a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions* (1999), *A Monk in The World: Cultivating a Spiritual Life* (2002), *Awakening the Spirit, Inspiring the Soul: 30 Stories of Interspiritual Discovery in the Community of Faiths*, edited with Martha Howard (2004). Wayne was a favorite teacher, a pastoral presence in the halls of CTU, and a beloved figure in the Chicago community. He will be missed.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2004 DECEMBER

#### Sunday, Dec. 5

Groundbreaking for CTU's Campus Renewal Project  
3 p.m., The Courtyards

### 2005 FEBRUARY—MARCH

#### Wednesday, Feb. 16

Scherer Lecture: "Religion, a Peacemaking or War-Driving Force?", Gerhard Beestermoller, Author, *Iraq: Threat and Response*  
3:30 p.m., Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th St., Chicago

#### February 27—March 5

Tolton Program 15th Anniversary Week (see box below)

#### February 28—March 1

Rabbi Hayim Perelmuter Conference  
"Contexting Texts: Jews and Christians in Conversation about the Bible"  
Tues., 4:30 p.m.: Winter Shapiro Lecture  
"After DABRU EMET: Do Christians Need Jewish Approval?", David Novak, University of Toronto  
Visit [www.ctu.edu/conferences/](http://www.ctu.edu/conferences/) for more information.

#### Monday, March 14

World Mission Lecture  
Mary Jo Leddy, Director, Romero House Community for Refugees, Toronto; Adjunct Prof., Regis College, Toronto  
4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

### APRIL

#### Thursday-Friday, April 21-22

World Mission Institute: "Peacemaking: Conflict Transformation and Healing"

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th St., Chicago

\*\*For registration information, contact the Chicago Center for Global Ministries at 773.753.2564 or [ccgm@ctu.edu](mailto:ccgm@ctu.edu).

#### Wednesday, April 27

Blessed are the Peacemakers Trustee Dinner  
Honoring: Mohammad Darawshe, Middle East director, and Daniel Lubetzky, founder and president, of the PeaceWorks Foundation and its OneVoice Initiative.  
5:30 p.m., Chicago Hilton & Towers

### MAY

#### Friday—Saturday, May 6-7

Catholic-Muslim Conference  
Pastoral Care for Muslim Patients: "The Challenges of Spiritual Companionship," and "Islam 101 for Pastoral Companions"  
Times TBA, The Courtyards

### JUNE

#### June 6-24

Summer Institute

Details, courses, and registration will be available online in early 2005 at [www.ctu.edu](http://www.ctu.edu)

## TOLTON WEEK 2005



"Reflections on the Journey," oil, Janet McKenzie

**TOLTON 15TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
February 27 2 p.m., The Courtyards

#### ART OPENING

"Journey, Memory, and Reverence—  
African-American Women Celebrated,"  
Talk by Janet McKenzie, Award-winning  
artist of "Jesus of the People."  
February 27 4 p.m., Courtyard Gallery

**BOOK FAIR & AFRICAN MARKET**  
February 28-March 1  
Time TBA, CTU Lobby

#### TOLTON LECTURE

"A Testament of Faith: The Black  
Catholic Experience"  
Dr. Cecilia Moore, Professor of History,  
University of Dayton;  
Dr. Paulinus Odozor, C.S.Sp., Professor  
of Ethics, University of Notre Dame  
March 2 4:30 p.m., The Courtyards

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Learn about The Fund for Theological  
Education funding for doctoral studies  
March 3 10 a.m.

#### OPEN HOUSE

March 4 5:30 p.m.

#### HARAMBEE

An Evening of Prayer and Celebration  
benefitting the Tolton Program  
March 5 5 p.m.  
DeLaSalle Institute, 3455 S. Wabash Ave.  
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