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Lilly plugs \$50,000 into “Making Connections”

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Because of the enormous success of the Peacebuilders Initiative, CTU’s program for high school students, it was the natural next step for CTU to reach out to college and post-college age young adults. In the last several months “Making Connections,” a program for these young adults was developed and submitted to the Lilly Endowment Inc. for consideration. In late April the good news arrived that Lilly had awarded CTU a \$50,000 planning grant to design the program.

Through “Making Connections” CTU hopes to partner with religious communities, universities, and volunteer organizations to identify high quality young adults and provide opportunities to help them discern the possibility of a vocation to priesthood, religious life, or ecclesial lay ministry.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate recently reported a four percent decline in enrollment at graduate-level Catholic seminaries in the U.S. over last year. While CTU’s enrollment trends have remained positive, there is still a need to proactively encourage vocations in young adults.

President Donald Senior, C.P., the proposal’s lead author said, “Many young Catholics are open to a life of service—and many of them are open to the prospect of a religious vocation. But few experience this opportunity firsthand—and they are unaware of the diverse ministries that are available. Because CTU has become the convergence point for a significant number of religious communities, we must take a more active role helping young adults consider the call to priesthood and to religious life, along with the call to professional lay ministry.”

While the program details for “Making

Connections” are not yet on paper, the model developed for Peacebuilders of a summer intensive session followed by community building and educational support throughout the year, may prove the ideal structure for this program also.

The need for “Making Connections” is urgent. While CTU has experienced a dramatic rise in lay ministers over the last 20 years (half all CTU students are lay people), there is a great demand for ordained ministers. With the eucharist and the sacramental life of the church at the heart of the Catholic religious experience, it is critical that the call to ministry be considered by new generations of gifted and committed Catholics.

Over the next several months, a diverse task force of faculty and staff, advisors from the partner organizations, and young adults, will gather to develop the particulars of the program and its related activities. The overarching goals of the program are clear: educate young adults to the theology of vocation; bring them into vital contact with other like-minded women and men discerning their future; and enable them to experience the diverse religious communities and their respective ministries.

The outcomes for “Making Connections” promise to be a “win-win” for all involved. The pool of ministry candidates will increase; the creation of a supportive environment for ministry-oriented young adults will hopefully yield future CTU students; and closer ties between CTU and its sponsoring communities will form the framework for future collaborative ventures between the school, its sponsoring groups, and related church organizations.

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Rev. Donald Senior

“Making a Place for Faith” capital campaign launched

by William Booth
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Photo: Monte Gerlach

From left to right: Campaign Cabinet members Andy McKenna, Carole Segal, and Jim Denny.

Plans to renew the CTU campus by building a new academic center and embarking on a significant renovation of the current primary building, reached a new milestone with the announcement of the launch of “Making a Place for Faith,” the \$25 million capital campaign. The campaign also includes the establishment of a \$4 million scholarship endowment to meet CTU’s growing need for lay scholarships.

At the April 28 Trustee Dinner President Donald Senior, C.P. announced the largest campaign in CTU history, emphasizing that, “The school must modernize its facilities and provide for appropriate classroom, worship, and residential space as it looks to the future.” He added, “Building a new campus and

strengthening CTU’s scholarship capacity will enable the school to continue its mission to the church with renewed energy well into the 21st century.”

The campaign has been buoyed by a major commitment from the 25 men’s religious communities that form CTU’s governing body. Together, they have pledged \$10 million to “Making a Place for Faith,” creating the financial underpinning to move confidently ahead in asking for significant support from CTU’s lay friends.

Many of Chicago’s most prominent civic leaders have enthusiastically responded to this exciting new phase in the life of the school, taking leadership roles in the campaign. The distinguished group who comprise the Campaign

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CTU mourns former president Norm Bevan

Rev. Norman E. Bevan, C.S.Sp, president of Catholic Theological Union from 1995 to 1997, succumbed to a respiratory illness on January 5, 2004 at the age of 66. “Fr. Norm,” as he was affectionately known at CTU, was beloved for his pastoral leadership, gracious spirit, and profound trust in God’s goodness. Prior to becoming president of CTU he served as the Provincial of the U.S. Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Norm entered the Spiritans’ junior seminary in Ann Arbor, Mich. and went on to study at Holy Ghost Missionary College, Pa. Ordained a priest in 1963, he received a doctor of sacred theology from Accademia Alfonsiana, Rome in 1970. He returned to the U.S. to teach briefly at Duquesne University and then moved to St. Paul’s Seminary in Tanzania, where he taught moral theology for three years.

Norm came to Chicago in 1973 to be the formation director for the Spiritan students at CTU. In 1980 he was elected to the General Council of the Congregation in Rome. As councilor he visited Spiritan congregations in the Caribbean, North

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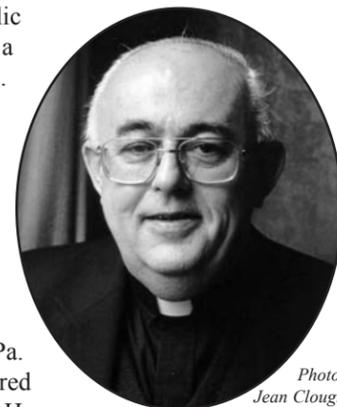


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Musings at Thirty Thousand Feet

I have always wanted to start an article this way. There is a good bit of travel with my job, and I have always wanted to write something while flying. It's something like having at least one real opportunity in your life to tell a taxi driver, "Follow that car..."

For the past week I have also been in rarified atmosphere—inside the Vatican attending a meeting of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. Twenty biblical scholars from around the world meet each year as part of an ongoing project. The setting is rather breathtaking—we stay in a conference center called Casa Santa Martha which sits literally in the shadow of Saint Peter's basilica. I saw the basilica's massive dome every morning out of my window and heard its

deep throated bells toll the hours during the night. We spent one morning with the Pope. Despite his painful infirmities he listened carefully to the report of what we are doing and offered some thoughts of his own. Seeing his courageous struggle, it was poignant to realize that the place I was staying would be used to house the cardinals during the conclave that would elect a new pope.

So much for the travelogue—so what were we doing there? The commission is currently struggling with the issue of how to draw cogent moral principles from the Bible. So many moral dilemmas today were hardly known to the ancient world that produced our scriptures: cloning, the complexities of the world's economy and its impact on developing nations, end of life issues that have emerged from modern medical technology—the list goes on.

Many modern ethicists believe the Bible has nothing to say to our modern morality. But the church has a different wisdom and thinks there are profound truths in the Bible we should not forget, even if



Photo: Howard Gardiner

it means the hard work of interpreting the biblical text and finding those dimensions of its vision that still can illumine humanity today. Values such as an emphasis on human dignity, on the essentially

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communal nature of human morality, on the virtues of self-sacrifice and gratuitous love, on the toxic nature of violence and retribution.

Plumbing the depth of the biblical vision of life and making connections with today is the goal of a

detailed policy document that the commission hopes to present to the Office of the Doctrine of the Faith (the Vatican curia office that is concerned with Catholic doctrine) and the Pope when its work is done.

I am flying back now (couldn't resist another reference). Soon, I will be plunged back into the details of administration and the everyday work of CTU which I love. In some ways being buried in the heart of the Vatican and working on biblical issues all day long makes it seem like I have been on another planet. Yet at the same time, the task of drawing wisdom and grace from the beauty of our Catholic heritage is also the work of CTU—its students and its faculty. Sharing that profound heritage of faith with God's people is our collective mission—that is what we prepare our students for.

So I have been on the road (and in the air) this week—but not really very far away.

Donald Senior, S.P.

Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.
President



Resurrección: Hispanic Images of New Life/*Imágenes Hispanas de Nueva Vida*

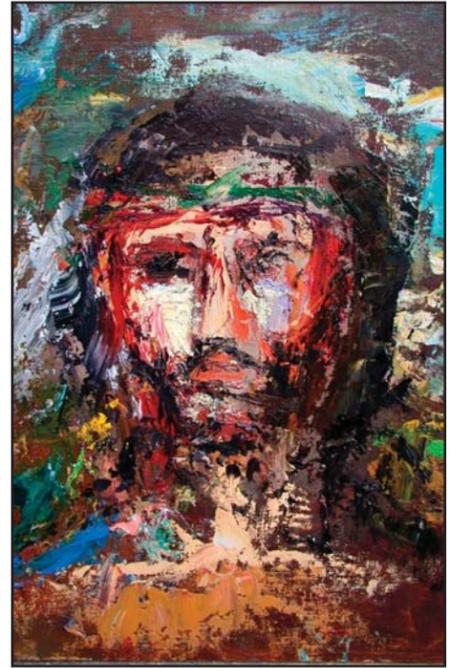
by Rev. Gilberto Cavazos-González, O.F.M.
DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRY

In April and May, CTU's Courtyard Gallery hosted an exhibit of two Hispanic artists, Oscar Romero and Rev. David Rodriguez, O.F.M. At the Msgr. Oscar Romero Memorial Mass, which was also the exhibit opening, Rev. Gilberto Cavazos-González, O.F.M. described the significance of resurrection, Latino art, and the Easter season.

In this time of Easter, we look to the Risen Lord for our inspiration and our aspiration. We, too, want to rise again. As Latinos we know life, celebrate it and cherish it, in all of its pain and glory, all of its sorrow and joy. For us life and death are intimately intertwined like the ancient nahuatl god *Ometeotl* (the Lord and Lady of Life), they are one.

In the art of Oscar Romero we are struck by the power of death and life embracing as Oscar recalls the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus in a number of paintings and retablos, so, too, he remembers the suffering and death of Msgr. Oscar Romero who lives again in his people. Most people would not expect to see a crucifix or the blood of Jesus and Romero in an exhibit entitled *Resurrección*. However, for the Latino Catholic, the passion is intricately interwoven with the resurrection. Death and resurrection pour out of Jesus' sacred heart thanks to the art of Oscar Romero.

Franciscan artist David Rodriguez captures the motif of new life in the lines and shadows of Lilies that he imaginatively crafts into his work. Flowers have long been a favorite of Mexican artists for their ability to draw life out of the ground and raise us up with their fragrance. So too David's work moves the viewer from line and shadow to the color and fragrance of flowers in their memory.



"Retablo: Cristo" by artist Oscar Romero



"Untitled" by artist and CTU graduate David Rodriguez, O.F.M.

Editor's Note

With the launch of the "Making a Place for Faith" capital campaign, CTU is at a turning point. With the campus renewal and a new state-of-the-art academic building, CTU will grow into its mission and its potential.

There is also a new CTU growing within these walls. As CTU converts to the semester system favored by our sister seminaries, our faculty seized the shift as an opportunity to reform the curriculum. After months of planning, the result is an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum that weaves together theory and practice and is team taught. We will feature the new curriculum in the next *Logos*.

It is also time for *Logos* to move forward. Beginning with this issue, *Logos* will now be printed in color. We think you'll agree the new color beautifully portrays the CTU we know and cherish.

We welcome your comments by e-mail (pattiew@ctu.edu), snail mail, or pony express.



Chicago public schools CEO Arne Duncan and journalist Carol Marin lead the discussion at the February event. Photos: Dean LaPrairie

Arne Duncan and Carol Marin headline “Chicago Conversations in Faith”

Despite the penetrating chill of a winter night, Chicago Conversations in Faith drew a capacity crowd of 250 to the Chicago Cultural Center to talk about the question of how to prepare Jewish, Christian, and Muslim children for a harmonious life together.

While the turn out was heartening, perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the evening was simply the sight of Jews, Christians, and Muslims, side-by-side, filling the seats of the auditorium—and later, completely absorbed in the small group conversations that followed, pursuing the topic over tea and coffee.

Sponsored by the Bernardin Center and the Chicago Community Trust, the program began with a provocative public conversation guided by respected Chicago journalist Carol Marin with Arne Duncan, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools, Natalie Goldfein, educator and consultant, Oussama Jammal, president of Fine Media Group which produces videos and books for Muslim children, and Elaine Schuster, president of the Chicago Golden Apple Foundation

and former superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Following the public conversation the audience moved into a session of smaller conversations that observed the guideline of interreligious dialogue set forth by Cardinal Bernardin.

This Chicago Conversation was the second in a series partially funded by the Chicago Community Trust. Prior to Chicago Conversations, CTU, under the auspices of the Bernardin Center, had conducted trilateral conversations among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim friends on the topics of civil liberties, the significance of the city of Jerusalem, the death penalty, the aftermath of September 11th, and treason and fidelity.

The mission of Chicago Conversations is to harness the vision, values, and cooperative spirit of Chicago’s Abrahamic faith communities in order to draw together Jews, Christians, and Muslims to discuss significant issues, form partnerships, build networks, and forge plans for cooperative social action.

The “new anti-Semitism” examined at Shapiro Lecture and Perelmuter Conference



Michael Kotzin



Frederick Schweitzer Photos: Monte Gerlach

Taking the historical perspective first and then moving to contemporary issues, Frederick Schweitzer, historian and director of the Holocaust Resource Center at Manhattan College, and Michael Kotzin, executive vice president of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, respectively, probed the alarming worldwide rise of anti-Semitism.

Peacebuilders Spread Peace Like Jam on a Muffin

by Angela Appleby Purcell
DIRECTOR, PEACEBUILDERS INITIATIVE



Cardinal Francis George presents Jim Grady, senior at Brother Rice High School, with a Peacebuilders medal. Photos: Daniel O’Connell

It is hard to believe that just one year ago we welcomed 37 gifted teenagers as the first class of Peacebuilders. It is also hard to believe that on March 28, 2004 we sent forth these Peacebuilders for the last time with a closing Eucharistic celebration at which Cardinal George presided. A retreat preceded Mass, giving the Peacebuilders the time and space to reflect upon their involvement in the Peacebuilders Initiative and its impact on their identity as Christian theologians and leaders.

They considered two key questions: “What is the most significant impact the Peacebuilders Initiative has had on you?” And, “How will you incorporate the theology and skills of peacebuilding into your daily lives?” The answers the Peacebuilders gave indicated a maturing of faith, a deepening of commitment to the church, and a resolve to help society’s lonely, marginalized, and poor.

Randy Herron, a senior at Hales Franciscan, expressed a greater appreciation for the gift diversity offers to the church and society. “Being a part of Peacebuilders has expanded my knowledge and understanding of what it means to live with people from different cultures and backgrounds. I am more open minded now and I welcome opportunities to make friends with people I once ignored because they were different than me.”

Other skills the Peacebuilders acquired were a strengthening of their leadership abilities, particularly within the parish community. Beth Kostelnik, a sophomore at Mother McAuley High School implemented her Peace Project by founding a youth group at her parish, St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Beth shared a powerful lesson: “I realized for the first time that I have a contribution to make to my parish. And, I have a responsibility to better my community by getting people my age and everybody more involved in the church and in service.”

On the question of how to incorporate the skills of peacebuilding into their daily lives, the answers reflected a wide spectrum of aspirations. The Peacebuilders thought it important to incorporate prayer into their daily routine, be more patient and understanding when conflicts arise, problem-solve by looking at an issue from multiple angles, establish a welcoming, non-judgmental presence with everyone they meet, forgive and ask for forgiveness, communicate well, and always focus on the positive and what is common among groups of people.

Some of the Peacebuilders stated a desire to mentor youth in their communities, to develop peace groups in their parishes, to study theology in college, or to become ministers in the church. They all agreed, however, that building peace must be done in the context of community. As Lucy Gamboa of St. Charles Borromeo Parish put it, “Building peace is not about us as individuals...about doing our own good deeds. Building peace is hard work and can only be done with the community and for the community.”

And so, in the context of community, and as a community of Christian peacebuilders, we brought the 2003-04 Peacebuilders Initiative to a close. Through words of encouragement and praise for their dedication to the church, Cardinal George presented each Peacebuilder with a certificate and a medal.

Cindy Bangert, a junior at Resurrection High School, spoke on behalf of the group, and summed it up this way: “We have been given a great opportunity that we must not waste. We must spread peace like jam on a muffin!”

Now who can argue with those words of wisdom?



Brother Corey Brost (center), the partner contact at St. Viator High School, stands with Peacebuilders (left to right): Celine Fitzgerald, Lauren Anderson, Korisa Madayay, and Cassie Senior.

The Biology of Spirit

SPIRITUALITY AND THE SCIENCE OF HEALING

In a unique venture to bridge the chasm between spirituality and science, Catholic Theological Union co-sponsored "The Biology of Spirit," in January, 2004. The conference was the "brainchild" of CTU spirituality professor Mary Frolich, who had created a course by the same name and received a grant award for the conference. Partially funded by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences and the American Scientific Association, Biology of Spirit gathered experts from the seemingly diverse fields of spirituality and science, to focus on integrated holistic life experiences for body, mind, and spirit. For CTU, it certainly was a first, bringing into conversation professionals from various branches of medicine and psychiatry, as well as chaplains, theologians, and spirituality experts.

Students Valerie D'Souza and Glenda Spearman offer their reactions.



Photo: Monte Gerlach
Dr. Christina Puchalski delivers the first keynote address at the "Biology of Spirit" conference at CTU.

A PRACTICAL THEOLOGIAN'S RESPONSE

by Valerie D'Souza

BERNARDIN SCHOLAR, D.MIN. STUDENT



My participation in the Biology of Spirit conference was prismatic, arising out of several areas of personal interest. First, as a practical theologian. I

hoped to discover the real life connections between these conversation partners. Second, my fascination with liturgy and the interplay of rituals of healing with medical science led me to wonder if the dichotomy between the body, mind, and spirit that has existed for so long, particularly in the Christian world, could be brought into a holistic relationship?

Dr. Christina Puchalski, O.C.D.S., spoke about the patterns of interaction of medicine and science. Research shows that U.S. medical schools now offer spirituality and health courses, because attention to patients' spirituality has become a need, no longer an amenity. Whereas suffering threatens the intactness of the human person, so healing is the integration of self, a movement from brokenness to wholeness. Like suffering, spirituality is also intrinsic to the human person. It is what makes us human. Physicians must recognize that illness can seriously call into question the deepest meaning and purpose of one's life; healing, i.e. restoration to wholeness (as opposed to technical healing), requires answers to these questions. This becomes particularly relevant with those who are chronically and terminally ill.

From the theological perspective, Rev. James Wiseman, O.S.B., associate theology professor at Catholic University of America, said that medicine owes its greatest debt to Jesus, who healed because he cared, citing the scripture accounts of the healing of the man born

blind and the leper. Jesus, he continued, healed body, mind, and spirit.

Wiseman said sickness is not something outside of you, but rather inside. Therefore, care for one's own body as the 'temple of the Holy Spirit' is essential. He portrayed Jesus as a man of sorrows (passion), but made the distinction that his death must not be isolated from his being raised to new life. As Christians, he said, we are called to life in the risen Christ, not the suffering Christ. But he also pointed out how severe ascetism and penances further separate the body from the soul. He concluded with many practical suggestions on how to cultivate an integrated and holistic spirituality.

In the session "A Clash of Cultures—Learning a New Dance," Dr. Mary Fabri, psychologist at the Marjorie Kovler Center for Treatment of Survivors of Torture, spoke of the need to cross cultural boundaries and look to another's indigenous traditions of healing, understanding them, and then integrating them into clinical practice of disconnecting the trauma. But this practice must be informed by an in-depth study of culture: what are the places and spaces that can provide healing; what are the rituals of prayer that can be used? Rituals lead us to tell the story, rituals awaken us to God's presence in our midst. The symbols used in ritual are complex, inherited realities of culture which have the power to draw us into an experience of the healing mystery, and thus draw us to the mystery that is God. As a liturgist, I found this session interesting, but needed time to make the right connections to my own Indian culture. It was only after I sat down that evening and reflected, that I really understood how I could adapt it to my own culture. It was then that I appreciated the impact of its power in the healing of memories, the mind, the spirit, and body.

A CHAPLAIN'S RESPONSE

by Glenda R. Spearman

TOLTON SCHOLAR, M.DIV. STUDENT



The greatest challenges I have faced as a hospital chaplain have been the lack of dialogue or communication between the medical and pastoral staffs

and a misunderstanding of the role of the pastoral care professional.

For example, I have been asked questions like these:

What exactly do you do, Chaplain?

Chaplain, would you please convince this patient of what needs to be done medically?

Chaplain, doesn't the patient understand that she is going to die? If we perform the surgery, we will give the patient six more months to live!

Why are you here? Did someone tell you that this patient is going to die?

Somewhere in the middle of this medical/spiritual tug-of-war is a living, breathing human—body, mind, and spirit—feeling totally overwhelmed and vulnerable while attempting to hold onto some semblance of the personal, of spiritual and religious faith, of values.

On the other hand, when as a chaplain I am included as part of the hospital healthcare team, there is quite a different experience for me and the patient:

Chaplain, this patient is having a very difficult time, would you please spend some time with him?

Chaplain, what is your assessment of this patient? We will not make a final medical determination until we have your assessment.

Chaplain, how might we approach this patient medically while still respecting religious values? Are there religious customs that we need to be aware of?

Dialogue that fosters mutual respect and understanding is the key difference between the two sets of questions I've given. Dialogue—talking together, interchange, and discussion of ideas—that is especially open and frank and seeks mutual understanding or harmony,

establishes a healthy and healing environment.

Such was the dialogue at the "Biology of Spirit" conference. Participants engaged in open and frank conversations not only about the importance but also the necessity of treating the entire person, body, mind, and spirit. The dialogue was richly holistic, integrating the whole person and the holy, the sacred dimensions.

Excitement was in the air as chaplains, medical doctors/students, educators, health care professionals, laity (including lay ministers), nurses, ordained ministers, priests, psychologists, religious men and women, social workers, theologians, and a host of others dialogued with one another.

The informal as well as the formal dialogues provided great insights and interchange. For example, I conversed with medical students who shared how they were being taught about the spirituality of patients. I also dialogued with a doctor who had stopped medical practice until completing Clinical Pastoral Education; and a long-term home healthcare and hospice nurse who felt called to become a parish nurse.

The dialogue has begun! Through this first-of-its-kind conference at Catholic Theological Union, science and spirituality are now in viable, holistic, collaborative dialogue. I, and so many other participants with whom I spoke, felt tremendous excitement and had a sense of being part of a major paradigm shift in the healing and care of the entire person—body, mind, and spirit. I will take the information, lessons, and insights from the dialogue that has begun into my lay ministry as hospital chaplain, healthcare mission leader, and minister of care. May the dialogue continue! May the momentum and progress of the dialogue that has been started at the Biology of Spirit conference be continued in future conferences and events.

May God who began good work in us bring to fulfillment greater good works now and in the future through continued wholesome, holy dialogue.

Campaign Facts

Academic center (95,000 sq. ft.)	\$13.7 million
Parking garage (230 cars)	\$3.4 million
Renovation of 5401 S. Cornell:	\$4.5 million
Scholarship endowment:	\$4 million
Furnishings and equipment:	\$350,000
Miscellaneous costs:	\$2.9 million
Total cost:	\$24.9 million

Sale of existing properties:	\$3.6 million
Net cost:	\$21.3 million

Groundbreaking:	January, 2005
Occupancy date:	July, 2006

Campus Renewal: Before and After

Classrooms

Before: 6 classrooms (1 dedicated classroom, 3 also serving as assembly space, and 2 rented from Rodfei-Zedek synagogue)
After: 7 dedicated classrooms and 1 liturgy practicum room

Breakout Rooms

Before: 0 breakout rooms
After: 4 breakout rooms

Assembly Space

Before: 2,100 sq. ft. converted classroom space, seats 250
After: 4,000 sq. ft. lecture/assembly space, seats 400

Worship Space

Before: 600 sq. ft. chapel, seats 60
After: 1,800 sq. ft. worship space, seats 150
 plus 200 sq. ft. meditation chapel, seats 15

Faculty offices

Before: 30 offices
After: 35 offices

Bechtold Library

Before: 2 floors of former hotel rooms
After: 18,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art modern library space

Dining Room

Before: 1,235 sq. ft. dining room, seats 80
After: 2,100 sq. ft. dining room, seats 120
 plus a 600 sq. ft. private dining room, seats 40

Housing

Before: 107 residence rooms
After: 111 upgraded studio and one-bedroom apartments
 including 5 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant rooms

Parking

Before: 131 spaces
After: 170 spaces plus 60 additional spaces (total 230)

Room to Grow

Before: No space for expansion
After: 14,000 sq. ft. undeveloped space for future expansion

The following remarks are excerpted from President Donald Senior's public announcement of the Capital Campaign.

At a turbulent time for our church and our world, many people feel hesitant about the future. Many feel it is a time of diminishment and go about their work with anxiety. I must confess we don't feel that way at CTU.

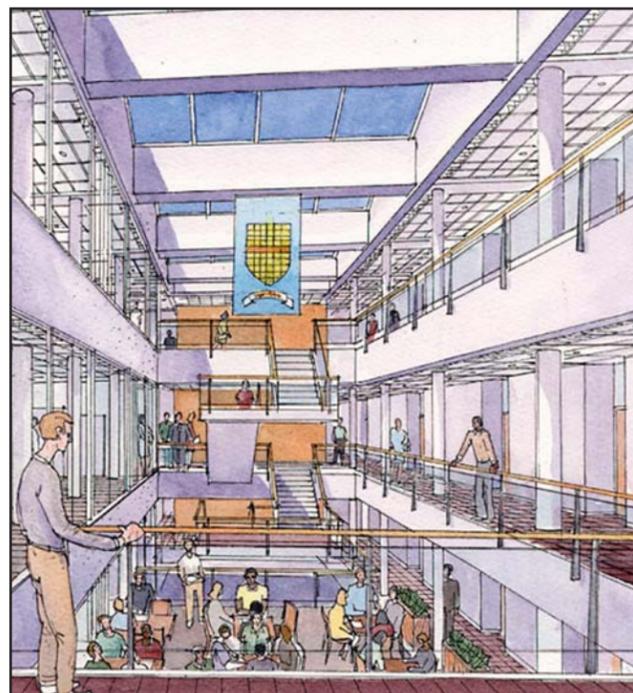
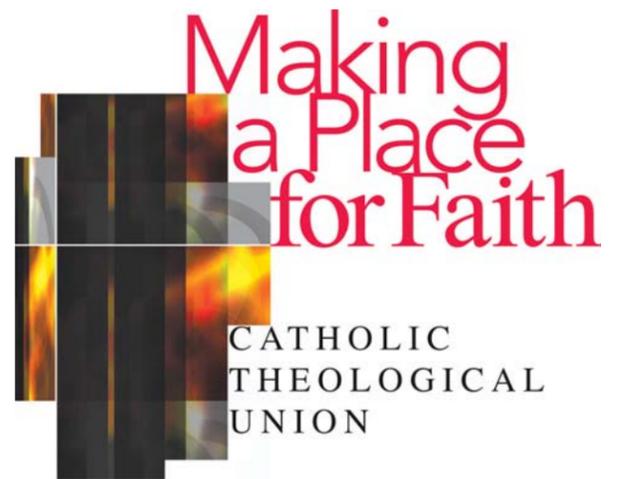
We believe that God will be with us into the future and that the message of peace and reconciliation we bear is a worthy one that can enflame the hearts of a new generation of men and women. Right now we are embarking on a massive new project for CTU that will express our hopes for the future in a very concrete way—if you will excuse a pun. We have named this campaign—"Making a Place for Faith."

Since the beginning of CTU in 1968 we have been housed in a former hotel and apartment buildings in Hyde Park. Our founders wanted to put their resources in people—faculty and staff and students—a wise and good choice that enabled us to build a world class institution.

Now the ravages of time and scarcity of space for an expanding student body compel us to build for the future. So, beginning next year, we will construct a brand new academic center for CTU that will give us state-of-the-art facilities for our classrooms, library, assembly, and office space and, renovate our existing main building for student

residence and some auxiliary programs.

It is a major project for us and requires a capital campaign of \$25 million to pay for it. For us this is not just about building new facilities to house operations. The real purpose is to enable our mission to flourish—to literally make a place for faith in the midst of our world with its beauties and anguish.



Artists rendering of the atrium in the new academic center, which will flood the interior with natural light.

CTU launches capital campaign

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Cabinet serve as advisors to President Senior as CTU seeks to generate an additional \$5—\$10 million toward the goal.

At a January meeting of the Campaign Cabinet, hosted by John and Carolyn Parmer of Winnetka, President Senior expressed his profound gratitude for the willingness of these lay advisors who have stepped forward at this critical time to assure the campaign's success.

At that gathering support for CTU and for the "Making a Place for Faith" campaign was clearly evident as Cabinet member Jim Denny of J.M.D. Investors described CTU as "a place of light and hope, refuge and inspiration, all of which are so needed in these difficult times for the world and for the church."

Jim's feelings were echoed by Carole Segal, Crate & Barrel vice president of civic affairs, who endorsed CTU's Catholic-Jewish Studies program, calling it

"a dynamic forum for dialogue and mutual understanding that is greatly respected in the City of Chicago and beyond."

As the discussion continued, others voiced their strong belief in and dedication to CTU's mission as well as their support for this important campaign. As Andy McKenna, senior chairman of Schwarz Paper Company, said, "CTU is a superb school of theology, and we are eager to expand its 'circle of friends.'" The time is right to spread the good news of CTU and ensure its future.

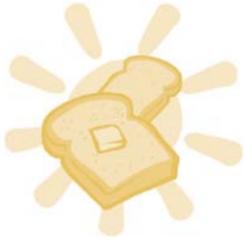
At press time President Senior reported that the halfway mark of the \$25 million goal is within reach in pledges and gifts, and he is confident that the remaining support will be received in the next three years, which is the duration of the campaign.

For more information on "Making a Place for Faith," call 773.753.7473 or visit www.ctu.edu/campaign.

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As so many of CTU's students and graduates know, hearing a call to ministry can be the start of a long and winding journey. Patricia and James Dennison have navigated this journey together for over 20 years, responding to their call with open hearts, laughter, and determination. For the Dennisons, who will graduate from CTU this June, the same spirit and joy that sustains their marriage supports their ministry as well.

Patricia Hartsel and James Dennison both grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. As teenagers, they attended local all-girls and all-boys high schools, respectively, and knew each other from participating in joint school plays, like "South Pacific." At the time, Jim was committed to entering the priesthood, but they became casual friends. After high school, Jim entered the diocesan college seminary in Cleveland. Two years later, Pat graduated and began at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

The late 1960s were a tumultuous time in the U.S. and around the world. Vietnam war protests rocked the country, and college campuses were frequently sites for marches, sit-ins, and even violence. The unrest peaked on May 4, 1970, at Kent State University in Ohio, when the National Guard was called in to quell unruly protesters. The Guard ultimately shot 13 students and activists, killing four.

In response to this horrific event, many colleges around the country ended classes and closed school. Pat was among those sent home early from Marquette. Back in Cleveland, she and Jim ran into each other again. Soon after that encounter, Jim invited Pat to attend a Peter, Paul, & Mary concert. From then on, the two spent time more and more together, and by summer's end, as Jim says, "The attraction was there."

Though Pat returned to Milwaukee, she and Jim wrote letters and phoned often to keep in touch. After finishing college seminary, Jim applied to Cleveland's major seminary. But he was still unsure of Pat's place in his life, and so took what he calls "an informal leave of absence," remaining open to the possibility of returning to the seminary. Jim then went to Ohio State University to begin a master's degree in communication.

Pat graduated from Marquette in 1973 with a B.A. in psychology, and later enrolled at Miami University of Ohio to earn a master's in communication. After she finished, Pat moved to Columbus where she and Jim were able to live in the same city (although ironically, they both admit, this was "not the best year" for their relationship).

Fortunately, friendship, love, and timing finally converged when Jim and Pat got married in July, 1982. Over the years, their careers led them to Allentown, Pa., then Charlotte, N.C., and finally

Kankakee, Ill., where they live now. Pat held jobs in human resources development, while Jim taught at colleges and worked as a human resources consultant.

While working professionally, the couple always made room for church ministry, devoting a great deal of time to leading retreats, marriage preparation, and liturgical ministries. They feel fortunate to have worked with pastors, especially at St. Peter's Church in downtown Charlotte, who welcomed the contributions of lay ministers.

When Pat's human resources position was first transferred to Kankakee, Jim felt ambivalent about what direction his own professional life would take. He recalls, "I didn't want to start up my professional training business a third time." Throughout his years in church ministry, Jim had heard good things about Catholic Theological Union. One day he visited the Hyde Park campus and "started nosing around." That day he met Zachary Hayes, O.F.M., Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, and had such a great introduction to the school that by the spring of 1995, Jim started taking classes. He soon enrolled in the Master of Arts program.

Hoping to become involved in the local church, Jim also wrote a letter to Bishop Joseph Imesch of the Joliet diocese, introducing himself and describing the kinds of ministries he'd been involved with in the past. Bishop Imesch encouraged Jim to contact the diaconate program. Jim soon was asked to write the curriculum for a diaconate class on pastoral skills and teach it. Pat also became involved, facilitating sessions for deacons' wives. Jim, himself, eventually completed Joliet's deacon training realizing, after years of teaching in the program, "It was about time."

Not long after, Pat also began classes at CTU. She chose the M.A. program because it offered the most flexibility to choose night and weekend classes while working. Pat was laid off from her job two years ago, but through CTU, she was already moving on to the next phase of her life. She discovered that, "Everything seemed to be moving away from my 'career' and toward ministry. I realized that I had always been happiest, most fulfilled, and most whole, when I was doing things for the church."

Pat says of her CTU experience, "It was terrific. I get my spiritual growth from 'head work,' and the classes were so interesting, often challenging, and sometimes reinforced my own thoughts and ideas. I developed a deepened understanding of my faith, and of how people grow in their faith. The teachers here are so passionate about what they do. They love this stuff, this is their life. It was a

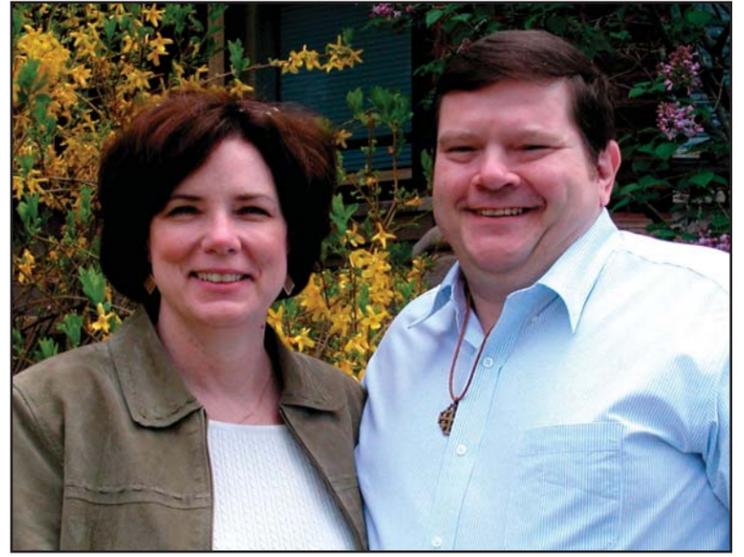


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wonderful experience all the way through."

"Coming out here to CTU was a wonderful convergence," states Jim. "We're very much indebted to this place for the opportunities it's given us."

Pat agrees, "Absolutely."

In 2002 the Dennisons faced a greater challenge than their work or ministry had ever presented. One day, Jim awoke feeling the symptoms of heartburn. Within hours he was in the hospital, suffering a heart attack, and faced quadruple bypass surgery. The next day, Pat got a call from Cleveland that her mother had passed away. After Jim's surgery, Pat flew to Ohio for her mother's funeral. Not long after she returned home, while Jim was recovering, Pat's father was diagnosed with cancer and Alzheimer's disease. It is clear that humor and love played a vital role in helping the Dennisons through this particularly difficult period in their lives. Today, their stories are punctuated with laughter, and they exude both enthusiasm and unaffected goodwill. Like the "toast" and "butter" of their e-mail addresses (see below), Jim and Pat are a perfect pair.

Now they rely on their humor (and each other) as they face the challenge of ministering to three parishes in three small, multi-generational towns in rural Kankakee County, with one priest for 400+ families. Jim is the deacon, and Pat is a volunteer spiritual director, and teaches adult faith formation and seventh grade religious education. They accept this difficult assignment with typical ease. Jim explains, "We're working the best we can to keep things going in that neck-of-the-woods."

"One step at a time," they both say...laughing, as always.

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ALUMNEWS

Dolly Sokol (M.T.S., '83) has been awarded a \$20,000 Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, funded through the Lilly Endowment, Inc. With the grant Dolly will begin the second class of the Liturgical Institute of the Southwest (LISW), a two-year formation and certification program for parish liturgical leaders. The first LISW class of 31 students will graduate in June. Dolly is director of the Office of Worship and Christian Initiation for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM.

Roberta A. Popara, O.P. (M.T.S., '89, D.Min. candidate) traveled to Iraq for a month with the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Mosul. They traveled throughout the country, living, praying, and ministering with the sisters. She writes from Florida, "With help from the folks of Catholic Relief Services we flew into Baghdad from Amman after spending a couple of days with the Dominican sisters in a nearby village...I brought Bob Schreiter's book *The Ministry of Reconciliation: Spirituality & Strategies*, to reread in the context of Iraq. Also, before I left, I e-mailed Fr. Schreiter, and he encouraged us to listen for people's ability to speak their truth, that is, are they feeling greater freedom to speak. Certainly, compared to our previous visits here, people are more expressive, less cautious. As I read Schreiter's book, I thought about the many layers of reconciliation that may be needed. There is the healing needed from years of the life under the former regime; there is healing needed among the many groups of people in this country. Elements of suspicion seem to abound. There is also the healing and reconciliation needed of a people who have once again been invaded and feeling the humiliation of occupation regardless of how benevolent we, Americans, believe it to be."

Elizabeth Browne (M.T.S., '91) published *Creating an Inclusive Worship Community: Accommodating all People at God's Table* (Liguori Press, 2004).

Marionette Phelps (M.T.S. '94) was honored on April 18 by St. Philip Neri Parish at the spring awards banquet in Hammond, Ind.

Jojo M. Fung, S.J. (D.Min., '97) published *Ripples on the Water: Believers in the Orang Asli's Struggle for a Homeland of Equal Citizens* (Majodi Publication, 2003), an examination of the Catholic church's ministry to indigenous peoples of the Peninsular Malaysia. The Orang Asli comprise 106,131 of Malaysia's total population of 13.2 million. In the his author's note Jojo comments, "I promised myself that I would only rewrite my doctoral dissertation as a book after a minimum of two years of immersion into the life and struggle of the indigenous people of Malaysia. I kept my promise."

MaryEllen O'Brien (M.A., '99), a doctoral student at Loyola University Chicago, appeared on Boston's WBZ News Radio Jordan Rich show on April 2 to discuss her book *Living Well & Dying Well: A Sacramental View of Life and Death*. She was also interviewed on the global Internet station WSRadio for Jacqueline Marcell's program "Coping with Caregiving," and on the Chicago Archdiocesan radio program "Catholic Community of Faith" to talk about fasting. She has published an article on fasting in the Chicago archdiocesan newspaper *Catholic New World* (Feb. 29), and will have two book reviews in the summer issue of the British journal *Reviews in Religion and Theology* in July. She will appear on the television show "Bridging Heaven and Earth" this fall, discussing the "art of holy dying."

Jose Alberto Pimentel, M.C.C.J. (M.A., '00) sends word from Sudan, "My ministry here is serving as academic advisor of the primary section of the Comboni College Khartoum (CCK). Besides, I teach Patristics and Church History I, II, and III at Saint Paul Major Seminary of Khartoum. As of March 2004, I will be assigned to work in Rome at the General House of the Comboni Missionaries in the team of secretaries of the General Father, Teresino Serra for at least three more years."

Rimantas Gudelis (D.Min., '02) has been named Rector of the Queen of the Apostles Catholic seminary in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Karen Salsbery, C.S.J. (M.Div., '03), vocation minister for Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita, Kansas, writes, "I want to share with you my immense and heartfelt gratitude for all that you, the faculty and staff, do to make a difference in the lives of your students. My life will never be the same as it was before I came to CTU...it is much richer. This past weekend, the Kansas Catholic College Students Convention was held in Manhattan, KS where I now live. Students gathered from all over the state for this event. **Sr. Ann Letourneau** (IRF, '02) and I presented the keynote talk titled, 'How Catholics Read the Bible.' ...During and after the presentation I was filled with gratitude for the gift that you all have given to me. Before I came to CTU I could have never done anything like this. You have made a difference! Thank you so much for the witness of your lives and the preparation that you give all students so that we can go out into the world in service."

OBITUARY
Michael J. Greyerbiehl, M.M. (M.A.P.S., '98) died on October 9, 2001 at his mission post in the mountains in Japan. He was stung

by hornets but was too far from medical help and died from shock. As a Maryknoll Brother, Michael served in the Hokkaido region of Japan working with migrant workers, traveled throughout Asia, and was engaged in interreligious dialogue, particularly in promoting Christian meditation.

Barbara Anderson (M.A.P.S.) died in February, 2004 of cancer. Barbara was a Tolton Scholar and well-known figure in the Black Catholic community of Chicago. She had served at St. Helena of the Cross parish, and later as coordinator of religious education at St. Anselm's parish in Chicago. In 2001, she received the Sr. Thea Bowman Award, which recognizes outstanding Black Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Barbara also served the National Black Catholic Congress, the Office of Peace and Justice, the Augustus Tolton program advisory board, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver, Ct. 200.

STUDENTS
Mary Kay Burberry (M.A.P.S.) and **Glenda Spearman** (M.Div., Tolton Scholar) were honored as the recipients of the 2004 Dorothy Day Scholarship Awards by the Association of Chicago Priests at the 37th Annual A.C.P. Mardi Gras Celebration in February. Mary Kay teaches adult bible study and grade school catechism at St. Michael in Orland Park. Glenda is an on-call chaplain at Children's Memorial Hospital and a Minister of Care from St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Hyde Park for the elderly and shut-ins and the Catholic patients at the University of Chicago Hospital Systems.

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Harambee celebrates all God's children

Remarks by Teri Gonzales-Lowry, Chair of Harambee

Tonight we are celebrating 14 years of existence, 14 years of our Tolton Scholars. Our graduates have gone on and are now serving the Archdiocese and their individual churches in many capacities. Some are working with children and teaching. Some serve as grief counselors. We have writers and pastoral associates—all are serving our communities, all highly skilled, well educated, and qualified.

Every year the scholars continue to astound and amaze me. They all have jobs. Some have children and family responsibilities. Yet they manage to continue their studies, and help to coordinate and raise funds for the Harambee event.

And if you don't know, I want to tell you, the courses at CTU are by no means easy. CTU faculty are, in my opinion, some of the best educators in the country. They are erudite, intellectual, stimulating, and quite challenging. So, believe me, our scholars have taken on an awesome task. I want to thank you, the scholars, for answering your call, for making the sacrifices you make. It is an honor for me to help raise funds for your CTU education.

For those of you who don't know, I am originally from New Orleans. When I moved north about eight years ago and had to find a new church, I faced a dilemma. Where would I find a faith community to replace my lifelong church home where I had made all my sacraments, attended elementary school, and received the foundations of my faith?

Well, I not only found a new church, Notre Dame de Chicago, but I also found a new school in Catholic Theological Union. But by no means is it elementary. CTU takes you beyond the basics and challenges you to go deeper and learn more about your faith and more about God.

And CTU has welcomed the opportunity to have programs like the Augustus Tolton program for African Americans and the Oscar Romero program for Hispanics. CTU recognizes the diversity of our church and has a vision for our future church.



Revelations, the Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish dance ministry, perform at Harambee.

CTU reaches beyond the Catholic church, however. It is an institution that addresses all of God's children. It has taken Cardinal Bernardin's legacy and vision and created the Bernardin Center which promotes interreligious dialogue between Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Recently, the



Tolton scholars, left to right: Odessa Foster, Cheryl Cattledge, Regina Herron, Christine Riley, Joyce Gillie, Angela Swain, Paul Kala, Carol Smith, Anthony Irvin, Mary Norfleet Johnson, Parris Washington, Rosalind Sanders, Clifton Moore, Glenda Spearman. Missing: Delle Chatman, Beverly Stewart.

Bernardin Center began the Peacebuilders Initiative for high school students, through which they are challenged to make a difference in their high schools and communities with an emphasis on building peace and reconciliation.

The past few years have been quite eventful, not only for the church but for our nation as well. CTU doesn't sweep the issues under the rug. It deals with them head on and invites friends and supporters to share their thoughts. We have had forums dealing with the church scandal, the 9/11 attacks, and war. Last year, the day our country attacked Iraq, I was blessed to be at CTU which was hosting a Muslim Christian conference for women. What I took home from that day were the similarities among women and the universal problems we share. That is what CTU is about. It acknowledges differences. It celebrates those differences as well as our unity, our unity with God, Allah, Yahweh.

I have barely touched the surface of what CTU is all about. The faculty, staff, and student body are a microcosm of what God intended the world to be. I am truly honored to be a part of this institution, and part of the Tolton Program. The Tolton Scholars we celebrate tonight embody the spirit and mission of CTU as they generously serve the church and the world.



Tolton graduate Kimberly Lymore

KUDOS

Scott Alexander, associate professor of Islam, received the Friendship award from the Mosque Foundation for "enduring friendship and noble work in the enterprise of mutual understanding." Foundation President Oussama Jammal, who was a *Chicago Conversations in Faith* panelist, presented the honor. Scott's students were on hand.

Steve Bevans, S.V.D., Louis J. Luzbetak Professor of Mission and Culture, published "The Church's Mission in the Third Millennium, Parts I and II: Religious and Lay Partnership for the Future," *Emmanuel* (Nov./Dec. 2003, Jan./Feb. 2004). He and **Roger Schroeder, S.V.D.**, associate professor of cross-cultural ministry co-authored *Constants in Context, a Theology of Mission for Today* (Orbis, 2004), hot off the press.

Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J., professor of biblical studies, authored *Biblical Foundations of Spirituality. Touching a Finger to the Flame* (A Sheed & Ward Book: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003.)

Richard Fragomeni, associate professor of liturgy and preaching, is director of the Shrine Network of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which coordinates the initiatives of Chicago's 16 shrines. He gave the keynote at the Eucharistic Congress, Archdiocese of Omaha, and was the major presenter at the ministry conference for the Diocese of London, Ontario.

Edward Foley, Capuchin, professor of liturgy and preaching, produced "The Word Resounds," fifth CD in his series "The Eucharist as Mystagogy," (World Library Publications) which cover the entrance rite, eucharistic prayer, communion rite, and dismissal rite. "The Word" explores the transformative power of the proclaimed word and accompanying rituals. The series models a liturgical catechesis that is text-respectful, cued to transformation, and provides the religious leader with a vision for realizing the

church's liturgy as the true fount and summit of life. He also received the "Jubilare Deo" award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) for "vision, insight, and courage" in the service of liturgical reform and the advancement of musical liturgy. He gave the closing keynote to 4,000 participants at the biannual convention.

Zachary Hayes, O.F.M., Dun Scotus Professor of Spirituality and **Dawn Nothwehr, O.S.F.**, assistant professor of spirituality, had their respective papers, "Is Creation a Window to the Divine?" and "A Call to Mutuality," published in *Franciscans and Creation: What is our Responsibility?* (Washington Theological Union Symposium Papers No.3, St. Bonaventure University, Franciscan Institute, 2003.)

Paul Lachance, adjunct professor of spirituality and director of Franciscan Spirituality, co-organized seven sessions for the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University. He also presided and preached at the eucharistic service of the Congress.

John Pawlikowski, O.S.M., professor of ethics and director of Catholic-Jewish Studies, sustained a challenging speaking schedule over the last eight months, traveling the globe in his role as president of the International Council of Christians and Jews and as one headline read, "world interfaith leader." Speaking extensively in Australia, Europe, South America, and the U.S., he addressed a range of topics including anti-semitism, the Pope's view on economics, and the movie *The Passion*. He tackled ethical challenges of religion and globalization at the Young Leadership Meeting of the International Council of Christians & Jews in Amsterdam and addressed Christian-Jewish relations with graduate students at a gathering in Krakow, Poland, sponsored by the University of Augsburg, the University of Notre Dame, and the Papal Theological

Academy in Krakow. In December the Anti-Defamation League presented him with the Bernard Nath award for his commitment to equality and justice.

As one of the Catholic and Jewish scholars who expressed concern over the script for Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ," John is in constant demand for public presentations and media interviews. He has given dozens of presentations at leading colleges and universities, synagogues and parishes, and national organization, and he has been interviewed for ABC-TV Nightly News, the *New York Times*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Variety*, *Entertainment Weekly*, Reuters Wire service, Nightline, the *Catholic New World*, Australian national radio, *Catholic Weekly Australia*, BBC web news, and recently E!

Gilbert Ostdieck, O.F.M., professor of liturgy, authored "More Than a Family Affair: Reflections on Baptizing Children and Mutuality," in *Mutuality Matters: Family, Faith, and Just Love*, (Herbert Anderson, Edward Foley, Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Robert Schreiter, eds., Sheed & Ward, 2004)

Gary Riebe-Estrella, S.V.D., associate professor of practical theology and hispanic ministry, was given honorable mention from the Catholic Press Association for *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican Traditions in U.S. Catholicism*, the book he co-edited with Timothy Matovina.

Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., Bernardin Center Vatican II Professor of Theology, was praised by Bishop Belo of East Timor who in a speech said that he was indebted to Bob for his work in reconciliation.

Donald Senior, C.P., professor of New Testament Studies, gave the Carl Peter lecture at the North American College in Rome in January. He is one of four associate editors of *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*, (Abingdon Press, 2004.) Several CTU

scholars including **Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.**, **Barbara Reid, O.P.**, and former CTU professor **Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J.**, joined Don as contributors to this ecumenical Bible for clergy and teachers in congregations, schools, and seminary classrooms. He also wrote an opinion piece for the *Chicago Tribune* on the abuse scandal and confession; and delivered the Raymond Brown lecture to young adults at Rome's Lay Center in April. *National Catholic Reporter* Rome correspondent John Allen, Jr., commented, "If Brown has a successor today—in terms of both scholarship and his spirit of ecclesial service—it may well be Fr. Donald Senior."

FORMER FACULTY

Eugene Lauer, former director of the Hesburgh Sabbatical, is the new director of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City, succeeding Msgr. Phil Murnion, the founder and director for 20 years until his death in August of 2003. The Center publishes *Church*, sponsors conferences and regional workshops, and promotes the Common Ground Initiative founded by Cardinal Bernardin.

Jamie Phelps, O.P., founding director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program and former faculty member, is the new director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Ana Maria Pineda, R.S.M., founding director of the Hispanic Ministry Program writes, "I am teaching at Santa Clara University and directing a graduate program in pastoral ministries. I have the opportunity to work with Latino students and love it."

Mario DiCicco, O.F.M. former adjunct faculty member and trustee, becomes the sixth president and rector of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California, in July of 2004.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Thursday, June 3

Graduation

7:30 p.m., K.A.M. Isaiah-Israel Congregation, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago

June 7—25

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JULY

July 4—18

National Religious Vocation Conference

July 12—31

Institute for Liturgical Consultants

June 5—13

ForMission: A conference for vocation directors

AUGUST

August 8—14

Peacebuilders Initiative, Session II

Info: www.peacebuildersinitiative.org

CTU mourns "Fr. Norm"

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America, Europe, and Africa, performing pastoral and administrative tasks.

Following his service as president of Catholic Theological Union Norm returned to Pennsylvania where he became Superior of Libermann Hall, the Spiritan retirement home in Bethel Park. At the time of his death he was a member of the faculty at Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem, Pa.

REFLECTION

by Barbara Bowe, R.S.C.J.

PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

This excerpt is from the January memorial service for Norm Bevan held at CTU.

Since the news of his sudden death, many of us in the CTU community have recalled moments and encounters with Norm over the years. Some aspects of Norm's character, especially his innate, almost naive goodness, are apparent. Every story I have heard from students, faculty, and staff, and certainly my own experience as well, speaks of Norm's pastoral care and concern for each one in the CTU community. The images Paul uses in the text of 1 Thessalonians—that of a nursing mother and a tender father—are surely apt ones for Norm's presence among us. He was, indeed, a man of God, a man of the gospel, and a servant of the Church.

Pattie Sporrang, director of marketing, shared an encounter with Norm the day Cardinal Bernardin announced publicly to the people of Chicago that he would soon die. Pattie, Norm, and Depaul Genska, O.F.M., degree programs secretary, were watching the television broadcast together, and when the Cardinal shared his solemn news Norm wept openly in an immense outpouring of compassion for the man and great church leader he so admired.

One of my own R.S.C.J. sisters shared with me her memory of an extraordinarily graced moment when she chose to go to Norm, the priest and confessor, for the sacrament of reconciliation and there met the face of Christ so powerfully through Norm's humble presence. And I would often meet Norm in the parking lot in the morning as we both crossed Cornell Avenue to come to school — his greeting was always sincere, warm, and personal— rarely showing the burdens he was about to face in the day.

CTU still awaits the addition of his portrait in the Founders' Room, and it is indeed a strange irony that Norm was to have come here to sit for the portrait the very day after he died. I hope our simple remembrances of him begin to sketch that portrait of Norm, and I hope they remind us of the many different faces of leadership and service that are needed here at CTU and in the church at large.

We offer our condolences to all the members of the Spiritan Community, to Norm's friends and family, and to all of us whose lives have been touched by this gracious man. And maybe we can even hear Norm speaking to us today from his place with God, telling us (in the words of Paul): "So deeply [did] we care for you that we [were] determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you [had] become very dear to us."



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