Capital Campaign Nears Completion

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Makes Major Commitment

The “Making a Place for Faith” Capital Campaign is reaching an end now that the Academic Center is fully operational and the Residence Hall renovations at 5401 S. Cornell is complete. “By the end of 2007, all of CTU’s family of friends will have been contacted either personally or through the mail to support the campaign.” These were the words at a recent meeting of the campaign cabinet by campaign chair, William Devers. “Over the last four plus years, our cabinet and other volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring CTU into the minds and hearts of Chicago’s Catholics and beyond. CTU deserves this attention and I am happy to have served as the chair for this historic effort.”

Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., President of CTU responded by saying that, “CTU clearly has become much more identifiable in the area as an educational resource for interreligious dialogue through its Bernardin Center and for its work in preparing religious order seminarians and laymen and women for lives of ministry. We have made a place for faith for many as a result of our new facilities, but our mission will continue to respond to those who are led by the Spirit in service to the Church.”

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations of Jacksonville, Florida recently added to the success of the campaign by extending to CTU its “Award for Excellence”. Accompanying the award was a check for $200,000 that will be placed in the campaign’s totals. According to Dr. Jonathan Howe, Executive Director of the Foundations, “CTU was singled out by the board for this special award because it is a model of respect, service, and academic excellence for theological education. Under the outstanding leadership of Rev. Donald Senior, CTU has been committed to educating Church leaders for ministries that promote understanding and reconciliation.”

Fr. Don graciously received the award when Dr. Howe and the foundation’s program officer, Cheryl Tupper Brown, visited the school in May during the annual meeting of the of the religious communities that sponsor CTU.

Even though the Davis Foundations have made such a generous commitment, Bill Devers is reminding everyone that the campaign is not entirely complete. Plans are to contact friends and alumni from whom gifts have not been received. “While I make this last appeal for the campaign, I would like everyone who reads this to consider making a commitment. Simply fill out the enclosed reply card and return it in the envelope provided inside the Logos newsletter. A beautifully designed Donors Wall on the second floor of the new Academic Center includes the names of everyone who responds at $1,000 and above.”
Forty Years Ago...

This September will be the fortieth time CTU has welcomed new students coming through its doors. The “doors” were very different in 1968 than now. They were the doors of what until a few months before had been the entrance to the venerable Hotel Aragon. Built in 1924 as one of several “resort” hotels in the Hyde Park section of Chicago, this sturdy building would serve for the next forty years as the location of CTU’s library, classrooms, cafeteria, offices and partial residence hall.

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Blessed are the Peacemakers – 2007 Trustee Dinner

Catholic Theological Union held its annual Peacemakers dinner at the beautiful Westin Hotel located on Chicago’s river front on May 9th. Hundreds of friends and supporters of CTU gathered to honor Senator John C. Danforth as he received the 2007 “Blessed are the Peacemakers” Award. Senator Danforth has had an exemplary career as a distinguished United States Senator, as a special Presidential envoy to Darfur to help settle the 19-year civil war between the north and south, and as Ambassador to the United Nations. He is an ordained Episcopalian priest with a strong personal commitment to end violence and division. He has called upon people of faith in our country and abroad to be a source of unity and justice. Senator Danforth is a noted author. His most recent book, Faith and Politics: How the “Moral Values” Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together, deals with the issue of religion and public life.

CTU is grateful to this year’s co-chairs: Carole Segal, co-founder and Vice President of Civic Affairs of Crate and Barrel, and member of CTU’s Bernardin Center Advisory Board; Christopher G. Kennedy, CTU Board of Trustee member; Daniel R. Murray, Senior partner of Jenner & Block, Board of Trustee member of CTU and the Bernardin Center Advisory Board at CTU; Newton N. Minow, who served as Chairmen of the Federal Communications Commission under President Kennedy, and is trustee on innumerable boards of major private and public institutions throughout the country. The guidance and support received from this year’s co-chairs contributed to the success of the 2007 Trustee Dinner.

Top: Guests enjoy the Westin Hotel’s river front before dinner.
Middle: Senator Danforth receives the 2007 Blessed Are the Peacemakers Award. Left to right: Rev. Donald Senior, C.P. President of CTU; Senator John C. Danforth; Rev. Thomas Reynolds, S.S.C., Chairman of CTU’s Board of Trustees.
Bottom, left to right: Rev. Donald Senior, President of CTU, greeting Carole Segal, this year’s trustee dinner co-chair, and Carol Marin, award winning news journalist.
Catholic Theological Union and the 39th Commencement

Graduation often called CTU's best event, was celebrated on May 17, 2007. It is always an experience filled with warmth and joy. KAM Isaiah Israel Temple was filled with graduates, and those who gathered together to celebrate the women and men of all nationalities receiving theology degrees.

Katherine DeVries, 2007 Doctor of Ministry recipient and Bernardin Scholar, was chosen by her fellow classmates to represent the graduates at this year's ceremony. Here is an excerpt of what Kate had to say to her classmates.

"In my early days of study here at CTU, I learned what a great place this is. The class was "Introduction to the Old Testament"; the professor was Dianne Bergant. A classmate was presenting on one of the books of the first testament, when she took a wrong turn. Professor Bergant, with a great deal of style and grace, tried to re-direct her, but the student held her ground, finally saying, 'I got it from an article I read...' and she began thumbing through *The Bible Today*. Diane paused for just a moment, then said, 'I'm afraid I didn't make myself clear when I wrote that. What I meant was...'. There she was – with an article right there in *The Bible Today*, along with CTU's President, Rev. Donald Senior (General Editor) and a number of other distinguished CTU professors. One slogan CTU used was: 'We're the ones who write the books.' They are! They are an amazing group of scholars, whose faith, dedication, love of teaching and respect for their students has left its mark on each and every one of us. We are sincerely grateful.

It has been said: 'If you only knew who you really are, you would act differently.' Our time at CTU has been about exploring who we are, and acting accordingly. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, called to minister in a diverse world charged with the power and presence of God, but sorely in need of all the love, compassion, forgiveness and justice we can inspire.

We will do our best to bring God’s light to the darkness, by sharing the many gifts we’ve received. We have been so richly blessed, by all of you – our family members and friends, the faculty and staff of CTU, and by God who led us to this wonderful place, and gave us the strength to study, present, read, pray, write, preach, and pass. Thanks to you and to God, we know who we are, and we’re ready to act on it. We’re ready to teach and to minister.

In a Pastoral Letter on Ministry called "In Service of One Another", Cardinal Bernardin wrote: 'Ministry has a simple goal: the emergence of the reign of God.' May God guide our efforts at helping others - in the Cardinal’s words, to ‘Live more fully in the mystery of God - in communion with God and with one another.’

More than an institution of higher learning, CTU is a powerful combination of people, courses, centers and programs, rooted in prayer, and driven by faith-filled passion. We are grateful to have been a part of it - and now to have it be so much a part of us.”
Hispanic Ministry to Celebrate Twenty-Five Years

On Friday, October 12, 2007, CTU’s Hispanic Ministry Program will host Mesa y Mensaje (Meal and Message) to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The evening will take place on CTU’s new campus at 5416 South Cornell Avenue and will feature well-known Chef Enrique Cortes (former owner of Rique’s Restaurant in Chicago). Chef Enrique will prepare, present and discuss Latin American cuisine of the 17th century which originated in monasteries and convents for feast day celebrations. In addition, those attending the event will enjoy SAVAЕ, (San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble), the nationally known world music ensemble, who will present Latin American music from the 17th century. (visit www.savae.org).

Tickets for Mesa y Mensaje are $50.00 per person, and space is limited. To learn more or to make your reservation, please call Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, O.F.M., Director of Hispanic Ministry, at 773-371-5531 or e-mail: otrebiligcg@ctu.edu.

Meet Christine Riley

Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program Scholar

Christine Angelic Riley is the daughter of Joyce and Will A. Riley Sr. and has two brothers, Will Jr. and Scott. She is an active and proud member of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Christine has worked for the City of Chicago in various positions and is now the Assistant to the Commissioner with the City of Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services. In this capacity, she is responsible for project management and special projects assigned by the Commissioner.

An Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program Scholar, Christine began her studies at CTU in the fall of 2002 and will be graduating with her Master of Divinity in May 2008. Currently, Christine is on the leadership team of the Pan African Student Organization and a member of the Student Representative Council. This year school year Christine is taking three classes, the Pearls and Treasure Workshops, Ministry Practicum in addition to her position at the Archdiocese of Chicago with the Office for Peace and Justice. She is in the process of updating the Archdiocesan Social Justice Directory and is also a participant in its “Together in God’s Service” Formation Program.

Her ministries at St. Martin de Porres are many and she just accepted the position as Deaney D representative for Vicariate III Youth Advisory Council for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In addition to receiving the Tolton Program Scholarship in 2005, she was awarded the Judge Lucia Theodosia Thomas Theology Scholarship from the St. Ignatius Foundation and in May 2003 Christine was the Keynote Speaker at the Bishop Dempsey Awards for Vicariate III Deaney D.

Here is what Christine had to say when asked about being a Tolton Scholar, “My experience as a Tolton Scholar has been wonderful. I truly feel that I was blessed the day I received my acceptance letter of the scholarship. My life has changed because of the program and the people I have met along my journey. This program is not only a formation program at CTU, but it is a community of strong faith-filled African American Catholics that are dedicating their lives to making a difference and teaching and reaching people in the Archdiocese of Chicago and beyond.

Pursuing my Master in Divinity was not my plan, but was a calling from God and I constantly say thank you for the opportunity and accepting the call. CTU has been preparing me for ministry in the Catholic Church and the Tolton Program has prepared me for ministry as well as for life outside of the Church. I am more confident in my interaction with theologians from any denomination and I am ready to make a difference in the world. In working for the government, the Mayor’s Office of the City of Chicago, people often ask why are you pursuing a Divinity degree and what does that have to do with your job? I tell them that they will never understand until they experience it. But my studies and formation as a Tolton Scholar have helped me stay grounded in the workplace. It is because of my formation and studies that I am able to stay spiritually uplifted no matter where I am. I am a strong supporter of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program and I encourage anyone who would like to support it by prayers or donations to please do so and contact Dr. Vanessa White, the Director of the Tolton Program at CTU. We have had 20 graduates so far and in May of 2008 I will join them. I am so excited and I look forward to being a Tolton Scholar Graduate.”

Christine definitely has a love for learning and for her Catholic Faith. Last summer she attended the Institute for Black Catholic Studies and was renewed with the importance of the Black Catholic Community in Chicago and in the world. She enjoys swimming, making people laugh, watching “Law and Order” (all of them), playing sudoku, listening to “house” music and of course being involved in her Church. Her father Will Sr. passed away on December 24, 2006. He would always say to people how proud he was of his daughter and that she was going to be a minister. It is Christine’s goal to continue to make him proud as a Black Catholic Minister and child of God. Christine truly feels that God has called her to ministry. Christine’s mom, Joyce, has been an inspiration in her life as well and has always pushed her to the next level and she is very grateful for her as a role model. On March 31, 2007, she received the Sister Thea Bowman Award from the Ladies of Peter Claver of Holy Angels Church. Christine’s goal after graduating is to become a Director of Religious Education with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Hesburgh Sabbatical Introduces Theater Series at CTU

Still Point Theatre Collective whose full-time mission is to portray modern spiritual heroes, in partnership with CTU’s Hesburgh Sabbatical Program, has scheduled a three-part theater series for CTU’s academic year. This theater series is a fundraiser to establish a Third World Scholarship Fund. This fund will assist those ministers from third world and developing countries who might not be able to attend the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program. All performances will be at CTU.

Haunted By God: The Life of Dorothy Day September 23rd, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Haunted by God is a play about the life of Dorothy Day. The play was written by Employment's Company's Associate Director, Anne T. Ross and directed by Renee Oviedo. The play takes place in the office of the Catholic Worker in New York City and tells the story of Dorothy Day from her days in the world to her conversion to Catholicism and her work with the Catholic Worker movement.

Strong Women: Poetry of Women Incarcerated November 18th, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Strong Women is a play that tells the stories of women who have been incarcerated. The play was written by a South African playwright, Liesl Marett, and directed by Renee Oviedo. The play tells the stories of the women who have been incarcerated and their struggles with racism and sexism.

Haunted By God: The Life of St. Martin de Porres December 24th, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Haunted By God: The Life of St. Martin de Porres is a play about the life of St. Martin de Porres. The play was written by Employment's Company's Associate Director, Anne T. Ross and directed by Renee Oviedo. The play takes place in the monastery of St. Martin de Porres and tells the story of his life from his early days as a child to his later years as a monk.

Tickets are $25.00 per performance or $65.00 for the series (3 performances). The ticket price includes indoor parking at CTU and reception. To reserve your tickets or for additional information, please call Teresina Grasso, S.P., Associate Director of the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at 773-371-5483 or e-mail: tgrasso@ctu.edu.
Reasons For Hope

By Robin Ryan, C.P.
Director, Catholics On Call

Sometimes older Catholics worry that young adults have given up on the Church. They read statistics about the low percentage of regular Mass attendance and the decline in vocations to religious life and priesthood, and they conclude that the future of the Church is rather bleak. It is certainly true that the Church needs to redouble its efforts to reach out to young adult Catholics and invite them to active participation in the community of faith.

While concern about young adult participation in the life of the Church is understandable, there is reason for hope. Anyone who happened to be roaming the CTU corridors during the weeks of June 3rd-8th or August 5th-10th would have encountered a group of young adult Catholics who are dedicated to the Church and committed to discerning their vocation. During these two week-long sessions, 63 young adults (ages 18 to 30) from around the country participated in the Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference. I sincerely wish that everyone in the CTU family would have been able to sit down and talk to these conference participants. If so, you would have been inspired in your own journey of faith.

Some of our participants were college undergraduates, attending schools like Notre Dame, Loyola of Chicago, DePaul, Holy Cross, Saint Mary’s, Boston College and a host of other Catholic and non-Catholic colleges and universities. Others were working in a variety of professions. Many had spent time after college serving in domestic and international volunteer programs such as the Jesuit Volunteers, Amate House, Capuchin Corps, Passionist Volunteers, Christian Brothers, and others. Some are actively exploring religious life in a variety of congregations, including some of CTU’s corporate religious communities. A few of these young adults have decided to enter candidacy programs with religious communities within the coming year. Others are interested in exploring lay ministry in the Church. Still others are in a more incipient stage of discernment, aware of a desire to serve the Church, but unsure about the precise nature of their call.

These young adults entered into an intensive program designed to assist them with their discernment and encourage them in their desire to serve Christ. The presenters for the week addressed fundamental topics such as prayer, the biblical understanding of call, discernment, ecclesiology, religious life and lay ministry. Participants visited and heard stories of outstanding ministers in the Chicago area: Sr. Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M., the director of Misericordia Home; members of the Precious Blood community who work with at-risk youth in the “Back of the Yards” section of Chicago; Sr. Patricia Crowley, O.S.B., a tireless advocate for the homeless; and the vibrant campus ministry staff at the Shiel Center at Northwestern University. In addition, our conference attendees participated in beautiful experiences of liturgical prayer planned with great care by Sheila McLaughlin.

My experience of these young adults has left me with a profound sense of hope for the future of our Church. They have a strong sense of service in the name of Christ, especially service to the poor and forgotten of our world. They are people who take prayer seriously and who are interested in exploring the rich variety of forms of prayer within the Catholic tradition. They are very committed to fostering social justice while, at the same time, they want to learn about other dimensions of the Church’s tradition. And it seems that they are not afraid to be counter-cultural in their efforts to follow Christ and even to explore vocations that are not always encouraged by friends and family.

Yes, there is good reason to have hope for the future of the Church.
launched its Peacebuilders Initiative, the following invitation went out to high school students across Chicagoland. “The Peacebuilders Initiative at Catholic Theological Union wants to tap the potential of a new generation of faith leaders. We want students with vision and enthusiasm, who believe in peacemaking and reconciliation and are willing to explore their faith in a diverse community of other Peacebuilders.”

That year, 36 high school juniors and seniors accepted the invitation and became the first group of Peacebuilders. Since the summer of 2003, over 300 students from more than 40 high schools and parishes in and around Chicagoland have participated in The Peacebuilders Initiative. These committed young people have transformed their neighborhoods and communities and have been transformed themselves by their experience.

Among that first group of participants was Katie Ainge, then a student at Nazareth Academy and Beth Kostelnik, of Mother McAuley High School. This summer, Beth and Katie returned to CTU and Peacebuilders Initiative - this time to work as mentors in the program. Katie is now a senior at Marquette University, majoring in Social Welfare and Justice and Women’s Studies with a minor in Theology. Beth graduated from Northern Illinois University this spring with a B.S. in Family and Individual Development and will begin Law School at NIU this fall. Here they reflect on their experiences with Peacebuilders, as participants and now mentors:

Katie Ainge
“1 feel blessed to have had the opportunity to grow with Peacebuilders Initiative. When I started as a Peacebuilder in 2003, I was enthralled by the energy I found at CTU. The lectures were engaging and brought new perspectives to various topics from Biblical studies to Catholic Social Justice teaching. After the long week long summer retreat, I was awakened to my passion for peace and social justice. Peacebuilders helped me find the tools I needed to get involved in creating peace in my community. It not only helped develop my leadership skills and my personal faith, but it also kept me in touch with an encouraging support system.

I have been able to take the fundamentals of peace education that I learned at CTU and enhance them through my studies at both Marquette University and the Desmond Tutu Peace Trust (Cape Town, S. Africa). Now, I come back to CTU with a greater world view and the continued passion for change that I found at Peacebuilders. It is wonderful to be able to give back to a program that has provided me with so many possibilities. Peacebuilders has been my foundation as I prepare for a life in lay ministry.

As a mentor I try to give the high school participants the same support and encouragement that I found from CTU. Having been a Peacebuilder myself, I feel a special connection to the Peacebuilders and I enjoy being able to accompany them on their journey. It has been a wonderful opportunity to watch the participants grow in their faith and self-confidence, as I know I have grown as well. Being a Peacebuilder opened my eyes to the injustices in our world and what we can do to work toward a better and more equitable society. Being a mentor has shown me where I fit into this effort to create, share, and sustain justice and peace. I look forward to my continued relationship with the CTU community.”

Beth Kostelnik
“As a participant in the Peacebuilders Initiative program, I found myself. Finally, my roles as a Catholic, a teenager, and church member came together. I was able to combine my hope for social change and my faith in God, with the support of the Peacebuilders community. Not only was I reaffirmed in who I was and what I stood for, but I was called to put my self and my hope into action. For the first time, I felt that I had a lot to contribute to the world and the church and Peacebuilders was there to guide me along the way.

As a mentor, I was able to be an active part of the Peacebuilders community once again. I came in thinking I had everything to teach these students about faith and leadership development. As the week progressed, I realized they were the ones that had so much to teach me. Their commitment to faith and enthusiasm for taking active roles in their communities was empowering. Many students didn’t know where to begin with thinking about their peace projects because there was so much they were passionate about.

As a mentor, I found the program even more fulfilling than I did as a participant. It is a unique experience to watch 51 students grow through the same program you have been a part of, but in such unique ways. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this amazing community once again.”

Each year, we begin our Peacebuilders Initiative orientation with the words of Cardinal Bernardin to young people, “You’re a part of the church here and now, and you have a contribution to make.” Beth and Katie made important contributions to their Peacebuilders community in 2003-2004 and in their parishes and schools where they implemented their peace projects. We are grateful that they have chosen to continue to make important contributions to the Peacebuilders Initiative program, as the first alumni to serve as mentors. Our growing Peacebuilders alumni community now connects parishes, high schools, colleges and universities across the country and, in each of these locations our alums are making important contributions to the church and the world. We look forward to continuing to draw on the leadership and talents of this community as we move Peacebuilders Initiative into the future.
## Calendar of Events

### September 2007

- **4**  Fall Semester Classes Begin
- **7**  Suicide: They Die Too Young – Stauros USA National Conference
- **9**  Mass of the Holy Spirit – at 4:00 p.m.
- **12**  Mes de la Raza (Latino Heritage Month begins through October 12)
- **14**  Latino Movie Night
- **23**  The Hesburgh Sabbatical Theater Series: Haunted by God - The Life of Dorothy Day 5:00 p.m. by Stillpoint Theater Collective
- **27**  The Gallery at CTU Art Opening (Celebrating the Hispanic Ministry at CTU’s 25th Anniversary) “Un Trio de Voces”

### October 2007

- **1**  Shapiro Lecture at 4:00 p.m.
- **11-12**  Hope and Healing Retreat
- **12**  Peacebuilders Initiative Annual Partners Meeting
- **15**  Luzbetak Lecture: Dr. Angelyn Dries at 4:00 p.m.
- **18**  Catholics On Call Annual Partners Conference
- **31**  Solemnity of All Saints Day Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

### November 2007

- **4-5**  Hidden Treasures Conference
- **7**  Sankofa Lecture, Dr. Sue Houchins, at 4:30 p.m.
- **11**  Quarterly Liturgy Celebration Series 3:00 p.m. followed by: The Works of Matt Lamb, Art Opening Reception (artist will be present)
- **15**  Luzbetak Lecture: Dr. Angelyn Dries at 4:00 p.m.
- **18**  The Hesburgh Sabbatical Theater Series: Hermit in New York: The Life of Thomas Merton by Stillpoint Theater Collective at 5:00 p.m.