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Celebrating 40 Years

Catholic Theological Union has spent 2008 celebrating both beginnings and endings. As the new growth of spring took hold in April, CTU declared a successful end to the five-year, \$20 million *Making a Place for Faith* capital campaign. That same month, the annual *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* Trustee Dinner honored a group whose mission seeks out opportunities to sow the seeds of peace and discover how to end violence and war.

In May, the academic year concluded with a joyous and historic commencement ceremony, a moment that marked new beginnings for CTU's 79 graduates. And now as the snow of winter signals the end of another year, CTU celebrates the 40 years since the school's first classes gathered in Hyde Park, the humble start for what would become a world-class theological institution.



Campaign concludes; Residence Hall dedicated

With hundreds of generous donors contributing to its success, CTU's *Making a Place for Faith* was brought to a close this spring. Raising nearly \$20 million, the campaign enabled CTU to construct a state-of-the-art Academic and Conference Center and renovate the school's original building, 5401 South Cornell, to create a Residence Hall and Student Center. The campaign also served to strengthen CTU's endowment.

"We are so grateful to the religious communities that form the CTU Corporation and the many generous donors who believe in the mission and vision of CTU and the future of the Church," said Fr. Donald Senior, CP, President of CTU. "I also am quite grateful to Bill Devers, our campaign chair, and to the campaign committee who continue to work tirelessly to support and sustain the school. I don't know what we would do without them!"

Bill Devers remarked that the success of the campaign points to the continued need for scholarship and financial aid for students attending CTU. "We have a real gem here in Chicago, and I encourage the Board and the supporters of CTU to continue to give generously to support this most important mission," he urged.

Notre Dame's Kroc Institute honored

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame was honored at Catholic Theological Union's 18th annual *Blessed are the Peacemakers* dinner held on April 29, 2008 at the Chicago Hyatt Crystal Ballroom.

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, CSC created the Kroc Institute with Joan Kroc's philanthropic support. Today the Kroc Institute conducts research, education, and outreach programs on the causes of violence and the conditions of sustainable peace. Dr. R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute, accepted the Peacemakers award on the Institute's behalf. The Kroc Institute's mission and vision for the role of the Catholic church in international peace-building have fostered natural ties between it and CTU. [See page 3 for more about this growing partnership.]

"We celebrate tonight those who make peace," said Fr. Donald Senior, CP in his remarks. "Peace is not made with a simple handshake or a winning smile. Often it is hard work—knowing the concerns and traditions of others, finding a path out of thickets filled with memories of injury and hatred, striving to address long neglected social and political needs."

He recalled, "In my other life, when I was on the faculty at CTU, three students that I knew and taught and loved were murdered, or should I say martyred, in the cause of peace and reconciliation: one in Haiti, one in Brazil, and one in the Philippines. Peacemaking is hard work and that is why Jesus blessed it."

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Mr. John Rowe, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation, who served as chair of the 2008 *Blessed are the Peacemakers* Annual Dinner (shown below), with awardee Dr. R. Scott Appleby, director of The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, and Fr. Donald Senior, CP, president of CTU.



President's Message

The Apostle Paul celebrates his 2,000th birthday this year and he still has something to say. This June I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending the biennial meeting of the Association of Theology Schools of America—the accrediting agency for nearly 300 seminaries and graduate schools of theology in the U.S. and Canada. The theme for the meeting? “We hold this treasure in earthen vessels...”—a quote from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians!



“...Above all, only with the sustaining power of God’s grace, can this earthen vessel of CTU continue to be a means of carrying the gospel to the world.”

Paul was speaking candidly about his own experience. The “treasure” was the sheer beauty and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The fragile “clay vessel”? Paul himself, with all of his human weakness and failings. Paul could never forget that he had once persecuted the “church of God,” as he put it, and therefore he conceded that among all of the early apostles he was “untimely born” and did not deserve to be called an apostle. In his letters to the various communities, he frequently shared with the new Christians his frustrations with some of the problems in which they were embroiled. He lamented his own sharp conflicts with other leaders in the church who opposed Paul’s view of things, and the deep weariness he often felt as he pursued his far-flung mission.

After nearly 20 years in this job, I know that Paul was expressing the gospel truth, not just on a personal level but also about the institutions and structures that carry the life of the Church. Then as now, the Church is a very human institution and its failures and conflicts are often on public display.

Here at CTU I am more and more conscious that indeed we do hold a “treasure”—the incredibly beautiful and powerful tradition of our Catholic faith at its best, the idealism and commitment of students who come to us seeking to be true to God’s call in their

lives, the quality and dedication of our faculty and staff, the generosity and loyalty of our friends. Every once in a while a beloved member of the staff or faculty retires or moves to new opportunities and in the sadness of their leaving I realize how blessed I have been to have such extraordinary people working at my side.

But blessed as we may be, we also have a good supply of “clay” on hand. Not just visible in the human foibles and flaws that are present in the most well-intentioned people, but clay, too, in the inherent frailty of human institutions as well. For example, more than one third of the schools accredited by the Association of Theological Schools are in serious financial difficulty! One can imagine all of the anxiety and frustration that stands behind that kind of statistic. I consider CTU to be a healthy institution but I am very conscious that we too could be one sneeze away from catching organizational flu: accelerating fuel costs, the steep rise in health insurance rates (an increase of nearly 20 percent for us this year), the challenge of sustaining enrollment with dwindling numbers of seminarians, the crying need for financial support for our lay students, and the need to provide just salaries to faculty and staff as the cost of living mounts. You know this list—most of you face similar anxieties about your own family finances. These factors remind me every day that the “earthen vessel” we inhabit is indeed made of clay.

This is not an appeal for financial support, believe it or not, but more of a theological reflection. Paul ignited Christian faith throughout the Mediterranean world and gave us the heritage that brings deep meaning to our lives. He carried that powerful message in an earthen vessel—his own weary body and spirit, his anxieties about the sometimes contentious and always fragile communities he served, and the dangers and opportunities presented by the Roman imperial world in which he lived. We are in the same spot. Only through the dedication and everyday hard work of the faculty and staff of CTU that I cherish, only with the partnership of generous friends like the readers of *Logos*, and above all only with the sustaining power of God’s grace, can this earthen vessel of CTU continue to be a means of carrying the gospel to the world.

Why do we have to struggle with the clay? The reason, perhaps, is the same that Paul explained to his beloved Corinthians 2,000 years ago: to show “that the surpassing power comes from God and not from us.” Amen.

- Donald Senior, CP



Board members and friends of CTU visiting ancient Corinth in this year of St. Paul. CTU has a number of overseas study programs in the lands of the Bible.

Once and Again: Peacebuilder becomes Bernardin Scholar

One of the members of the first class of the Peacebuilders Initiative has returned to CTU five years later as a student. Katie Ainge, who was a senior in high school during the inaugural Peacebuilders class of 2003-04, graduated from Marquette University in 2008 and is now pursuing a Master of Arts in Theology.



Sheila McLaughlin, director of the Bernardin Center, said, “I was thrilled to see Katie’s application for the Bernardin Scholarship arrive. Not only was she a remarkable candidate on her own merits, her experience with the Peacebuilders Initiative truly made her stand out! It is an exciting time for the Peacebuilders Initiative and for CTU to see her come full circle.”

The Bernardin Scholarship provides graduate theological education to those inspired by and drawn to the vision of Cardinal Bernardin. The full tuition scholarships are available to top students from around the world who are committed to preparing for ministry and leadership in service to the church and the world. ●

Reflection: Hospitality in the calls of Benedict and Cardinal Bernardin

by Br. Cuthbert Brennan, OSB

Hospitality has always been an important part of my life. In fact I have spent most of my life in the hospitality industry. I became General Manager of Dunloe Castle, one of Ireland's premier hotels, in my late twenties. I had a successful career. But there was still a longing for something more, a place to call home, a place to find abiding joy.

My search brought me to Glenstal Abbey, a Benedictine community of 42 monks in the southwest of Ireland. What impressed me from the beginning was watching a group of men coming together to pray at the end of each day. The sound of the chant washed over me and invited me to take a closer look at this place.

I read the Rule of Benedict, and I encountered a man whose values resonated deeply with mine. In particular, I discovered that hospitality is very much bound up with being a monk. The Rule of Benedict reminds the monk to see Christ in the guest, especially in the guest who is poor and who cannot buy respect.

At last, I found a community whose values spoke to the core of my being in a way that the hospitality industry never could. I met a



community which struggled to meet Christ in each other and in those they encountered. I entered the monastery in September 2003.

At the same time I discovered the writings of Cardinal Bernardin and these became the reason that I chose to attend CTU. The Cardinal impacted my life significantly. Through his writings I met another man who had

a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Like the monks I met at Glenstal Abbey, he too wanted to meet Christ in the many different people he encountered.

As a monk and as a student at CTU, my life is blessed. As Cardinal Bernardin aptly said, "Joy is the response to finding your rightful rooted place in life."

Br. Cuthbert Brennan, OSB is a monk of Glenstal Abbey, Limerick, Ireland. ●

Conference Explores Future of Catholic Peacebuilding

From facilitating negotiations between the government and rebels in Colombia, Burundi, and Uganda, to promoting reconciliation between Catholics and Muslims in the Philippines and Nigeria, the Catholic community plays a critical role in peacebuilding around the world. In order to better understand and strengthen the practice of Catholic peacebuilding, more reflection is needed on its spiritual, theological, and ethical dimensions.

This need for further reflection was a major theme of the Conference on the Future of Catholic Peacebuilding, held at the University of Notre Dame April 13-15, 2008. The conference was the culmination of a multi-year, inductive research project sponsored by the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN), the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, and The Bernardin Center.

More than 275 participants from 28 countries attended the conference. Participants included an inter-disciplinary group of scholars, church leaders, and peacebuilding specialists. Many of the participants came from countries torn by conflict, including delegations from Mindanao in the Philippines, the Great Lakes region of Africa, and Colombia—three areas of special focus for the Catholic Peacebuilding Network. Nine bishops participated from these areas, as well as from Nigeria, Myanmar, and the United States.

Scholars and peacebuilding practitioners reflected together on the theological, ethical, and practical dimensions of the church's work in peacebuilding. Sessions focused on issues such as: human rights, development, and peacebuilding; interreligious peacebuilding; the relationship between the ethics of war and the ethics of peacebuilding; the role of bishops in peacebuilding; Catholic contributions to international affairs; spiritual and sacramental sources of peacebuilding; and the role of the Church in engaging armed groups.

Sheila McLaughlin, director of The Bernardin Center, moderated a panel discussion on "Relating Justice and Peace: Challenges to the Tradition."

One of the world's foremost experts on the theology of reconciliation, CTU's Robert Schreiter, CPPS, spoke as part of panel discussions on "A Practical Theology of Reconciliation" and "Ritual, Liturgy, Spirituality, and Peacebuilding," and delivered an address on "Future Directions for Catholic Peacebuilding."

Papers presented at the conference will be published in a major volume on Catholic peacebuilding in 2009. Authors include five current or former presidents of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the American Catholic Historical Association, and other prominent scholars and scholar-practitioners engaged in peacebuilding. The book will be co-edited by Robert Schreiter, CPPS, Dr. R. Scott Appleby and Gerard Powers. Appleby and Powers are both from Notre Dame's Kroc Institute.

The CPN, which has been spearheaded by Notre Dame's Kroc Institute and Catholic Relief Services since its founding in 2004, is a coalition of academics and practitioners, clergy and laity, which seeks to enhance the study and practice of Catholic peacebuilding. For select texts, audio, and video, visit <http://cpn.nd.edu>. ●

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August 30-Oct. 28, 2009
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Colleen Gerth, an alum of CTU's Peacebuilders Initiative and now a student at the University of Notre Dame, led the nearly 500 alumni and friends present in grace.

Chaired by John W. Rowe, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation, the Trustee Dinner raised \$309,000 in unrestricted funds.

Historic Commencement

Seventy-nine men and women representing 24 countries graduated from CTU this year. The myriad of flags carried in the procession inspired Bernard McGinn to remark, "As I witness this ceremony it dawned on me...CTU educates the world!"

Professor emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Dr. McGinn received the Doctor of Theology *honoris causa* at the 40th commencement in May. He was joined by Raymond Simon, Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*. Mary Jo Leddy received a Doctor of Ministry *honoris causa in absentia*.

CTU's worldly mission was never more on display than at this historic ceremony, when two pioneering women were among the graduates. Syafatun Almirzannah, a Muslim woman, received a Doctor of Ministry degree and Sarah Bier, a Jewish woman, earned a Master of Arts in Theology. Both women and their respective stories were featured on Chicago Tonight, WTTW Channel 11.



At graduation, the flags that represent the nation from which our graduates come are carried in procession by graduate representatives of that country.



Dr. Bernard McGinn, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School, addressing the graduates and CTU community after receiving the Doctor of Theology *honoris causa*.

Their achievement underscored how CTU's growing outreach to an increasingly intercultural and interreligious world in fact enhances its core mission within the Catholic church.

"Unfortunately, in our all too divided world, many Jews, Christians, and Muslims find themselves in conflict with one another," said Scott Alexander, associate professor of Islam and director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies program at CTU. "At CTU we find hope in the interreligious conversations and relationships that develop every day in and out of our classrooms."

Forty years

Forty years ago, the United States was shaken by political turmoil, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, and the upheaval caused by the Vietnam War. In addition, Catholics faced a church reborn in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, which both opened the church up to the world, and ignited debates about the future of the church that continue in some forms to this day.

In the face of those tumultuous times, Catholic Theological Union was founded to share both the rich heritage and dynamic possibilities of the Catholic faith with a new generation of seminarians, lay ministers, and other seekers. Our faculty, among the greatest minds in contemporary theology and ministry in the world, help CTU's students to build bridges between faith and everyday life, no matter where their work or vocation takes them.

As this year's presidential election reminds us, the work of bridge building, of finding hope amid turmoil and uncertainty, is by no means complete. But the nearly 4,000 students and graduates from these past 40 years, and the many more who will arrive in the coming decades, are ready to take on that mission. Each student who walks through our doors creates a new beginning. ●

CTU Trustee, Christopher Kennedy, president of Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., with his wife, Sheila.



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Wednesday, April 29, 2009
Blessed Are the Peacemakers Trustee Dinner



Noted Chicago television journalist and newspaper columnist, Carol Marin, introducing the 2008 awardee as she does each year.



R. Michael Murray, Jr., director emeritus, McKinsey & Company, Inc., with his wife Becky at the pre-dinner reception.



Mr. John Rowe, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation and Dinner chair, Robert Wheeler, associate director of the Emmaus Program at CTU, and Dan Murray of Jenner & Block, LLP among more than 600 guests at the pre-dinner reception.

Sharing the Treasure of the Catholic Faith with Young Adults

"Who am I?" "Where am I going?" "How do I get there?" These are questions that many young adults struggle with. In today's world there are many options, constant distractions, and much noise. It is hard to know which direction to take.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Morneau of Green Bay, Wisc. believes, "It is good to offer guidance in sorting out the different voices young adults hear today." This is one of the reasons why he has presented at each of the summer conferences hosted by *Catholics On Call*, CTU's national vocation discovery program funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., since the first one held in August 2006. "Any time we can help young adults have a deeper understanding of our tradition, an unveiling, or opening up, of the treasure that is the Catholic faith, it is of great benefit. So many young adults don't even know the treasure exists."

Through the use of practical imagery, the recitation of 19th and 20th century poetry, and the peppering of humor, Bishop Morneau provides young adults with the basic understanding of discernment and how to put it into practice. Affirming that what it is that God wants us to do with our lives is a mystery, Bishop Morneau explains that discernment is the process through which we gain clarity about that mystery – a "sorting out" of that which is from God and that which is from the dark side. The question becomes, "Is this leading to union and unity?" If it is, it is of God; if it is not, it is not of God.

When designing *Catholics On Call* conferences three years ago, program director Fr. Robin Ryan, CP, sought out Bishop Morneau because of his reputation as a speaker and his retreat work. According to Fr. Ryan, Bishop Morneau "provides participants with the presence of the Church's teaching office as a bishop, a rich experience of life with God, and an enthusiasm for his vocation as priest. He also brings with him a true appreciation for the young adults, what they have to offer to the present and future church."

Bishop Morneau is committed to *Catholics On Call* because, as he states, "I am impressed with the quality of the participants and the enthusiasm the young adults bring. They have chosen to be here and are seriously looking for direction in their lives. They have an openness and desire to learn."

Darcy Hidek, an August conference participant from Pittsburgh, Penn., and a senior at Carlow University, found that Bishop Morneau "made everything so simple and easy to grasp, but at the same time revealed deeper truths about faith and discernment." James Birmingham of Albuquerque, N.Mex., a sophomore at

Central New Mexico Community College, was "touched by Bishop Morneau's presentation because he gave me tools I can use to understand my faith better." And Kayla Bronder of Kansas City, Mo., a senior at Tulane University, was "so impressed!" She explained, "Bishop Morneau did an incredible job of taking complex, deep life questions and providing funny, relevant and easy to understand tips on how to be practical in your discernment."



Bishop Morneau with *Catholics On Call* participant Monika Rydzewski of DePlaines, Ill. during the August conference.



August Conference participants Anna Muller of Maumee, Ohio, Sarah Orlovsky of Swansea, Ill., and Josh Jones of Menominee, Mich. waiting to board the boat for a cruise on Lake Michigan.

This is the ultimate goal of *Catholics On Call*: to provide young adults with the tools or skills needed to help them with their personal discernment as they approach life. Through the use of Scripture, different experiences of prayer, and the shared knowledge of other adults like Bishop Morneau, the hope is that young adults will come to a better understanding of vocations and how they might share their gifts in the church.

In an appeal to those who might have influence on young adults today, Bishop Morneau offered, "I would strongly encourage participation in this program. This is the best vocational program around. The conferences are very organized. And afterward they follow-up with the participants to see what effect *Catholics On Call* has had in their lives. In so doing, they are accountable to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., showing them that their gift is being used wisely and prudently."

Editor's note: Bishop Morneau will be the keynote speaker for next year's *Catholics On Call* Partner's Conference scheduled for September 24-25, 2009. This conference is open to anyone who ministers to young adults. For more information about *Catholics On Call* and its programs, visit www.catholicsoncall.org. ●

New External Relations Department

To intensify outreach to the wider community, CTU has created a Department of External Relations that draws together its efforts in marketing, media relations, recruitment, and development.

Brian Murphy, a CTU graduate with long experience in development work, heads the department as Vice President for External Relations. Other new members are Director of Development Anne Marie Tirpak, who comes to CTU from the Archdiocese of Chicago stewardship department, and Elizabeth Jennings White, who assumes the newly formed position of Director of Public Information and Media Relations. Previously Elizabeth served in public relations for the Archdiocese of Boston and most recently as a Pastoral Associate in her home diocese of Evansville, Ind.

These new members of the CTU family work together with Kathy Van Duser who has been CTU's tireless Director of Recruitment and Admissions for the past several years.

These new members bring not only proven skills in their professional work but each has a background in theology and thoroughly understands and supports the mission of CTU. That mission is to serve not only our current and future students but also to reach out



From left to right: Elizabeth Jennings White, Anne Marie Tirpak, Kathy Van Duser, and Brian Murphy.

to the wider community and to offer the beauty of the Catholic tradition and teaching to the world around us. CTU believes this is an important part of the religious community heritage that founded and continues to sustain CTU. Through this new department, CTU plans to remain true to that legacy. ●

Sundays at CTU: An Experience of Liturgy and Learning

One of CTU's newest program offerings, *Sundays at CTU*, is a resounding success. The program provides a unique opportunity for the faculty of CTU to share their academic scholarship with the friends of CTU. After each presentation, Mass is celebrated and all are invited to attend a reception in the atrium.

In April 2008, more than 150 individuals gathered to hear Fr. Edward Foley, Capuchin, give a multi-media presentation entitled "Blessed Be God Forever: A Mystagogical Reflection."

2009 Sundays at CTU

Immigration: January 11, 2009

**Presenter: Reverend Robert Schreiter, CPPS,
Vatican Council II Professor of Theology**

**Celebrant: Reverend Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD,
Academic Dean**

Holy Week Preparation: March 29, 2009

Presenter and Celebrants: Clerics of St. Viator

St. Augustine: August 23, 2009

**Presenter and Celebrants:
Order of St. Augustine, Province of Our Mother
of Good Counsel and
Province of St. Thomas of Villanova**

Fr. Foley, professor of liturgy and music as well as the director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program at CTU, reflected on an often-overlooked part of the liturgy, the preparation of gifts. Through the use of music, visual images and poetic reflections, Fr. Foley demonstrated that "even that most modest of Sunday moments, when collection is taken, table is set, and gifts are proffered, is rife with wisdom and spirituality." Through the use of a style of theological reflection known as mystagogy, he underscored that "each moment, each turn, each portion of the Eucharistic liturgy is intimately linked one to the other and each sheds light on the whole of the Eucharistic liturgy and the whole of the Eucharistic life."

In October, just three weeks before the U.S. presidential election, Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM delivered a timely presentation on "Faithful Citizenship." Fr. Nairn is the newly appointed Senior Director of Ethics for the Catholic Health Association. He discussed the foundations and content of the 2007 U.S. Bishops' statement on the presidential election, and wove in themes of Catholic Social Teaching such as human dignity and the common good. The Catholic conscience is critical to choosing a candidate. The process of conscience formation, he stated, "is a Catholics' obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society... It includes the effort to embrace goodness and truth, a willingness and openness to seek truth, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection and discernment."

Sundays at CTU is open to all alumni and friends and is an excellent way to introduce others to what CTU has to offer. ●

CTU Board Chair Retires after 12 Years



From left to right: Fr. Michael Slattery, OSA, Fr. Thomas Reynolds, SSC and Fr. Donald Senior, CP

The Board of Trustees of CTU passed a milestone this summer with the retirement of longtime board chair, Fr. Thomas Reynolds, SSC. Fr. Reynolds had served as chair of the board for nearly 12 years and helped steer the school through an extraordinary period of growth and development, including the inauguration of its new campus. A member of the Columban Missionaries and a native of Ireland, Fr. Reynolds brought his rich missionary experience and infectious Irish wit to his gentle leadership as chair. He will continue as a Life Trustee.

The pain of Fr. Reynolds' retirement was eased by the election of Fr. Michael Slattery, OSA, as the new Chair of the Board. Fr. Slattery is a CTU graduate and has served as a pastor and in the leadership of his Augustinian community. He also has a long experience on the CTU Board of Trustees and was unanimously elected as its new Chair.

The Board of Trustees of CTU is composed of representatives from the 25 sponsoring religious communities and 21 at-large trustees elected by the Board itself. The sponsoring communities of the CTU Corporation have delegated most of their governing powers to the Board, making it a key body in the direction of the school's future. ●

The opening reception for the next exhibit, **Here on the Pulse of this New Day: An Exhibition of Inaugural Hope**, is Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

Crossed Borders/Crossed Cultures

The Mary-Frances and Bill Veeck Gallery at CTU is hosting an exciting collaborative exhibit which opened this November. "Crossed Borders/Crossed Cultures" features the works of Sharon Gilmore, Jesus Macarena-Avila, Lindsay Obermeyer, Joyce Owens, Craig Pazzi, and Marjorie Woodruff.

Curator Janis Pozzi-Johnson describes the exhibit: "The complex and charged issue of immigration is explored through a variety of media. The 'Survivor Spirit' paintings by Joyce Owens present images of African slaves, victims of forced immigration. Jesus Macarena-Avila uses contemporary, glossy digital images and words to trigger unlikely associations brought on by generations of his family's movement back and forth across the Mexico-U.S. border. Craig Pozzi's xeroxed prints feature images from his border town meanderings, xeroxed to symbolize the economic and social fragility found beyond the glitz of tourism.

"Textile artist Lindsay Obermeyer pushes the 'domestic' art of knitting to showcase a profound visual statement on the sorrow and agony caused by separated families. Sculptor Sharon Gilmore works with found materials, manipulating them into unconventional



relationships to convey conceptual statements of humanity's search for home. She also shows two paintings in this exhibition. Clay artist Marjorie Woodruff presents startling imagery of barbed wire and border patrol helicopters on unsuspecting dinner plates."

The exhibit continues through January 14, 2009, open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weekends by appointment, 773.371.5415. ●

Bechtold Library Welcomes New Director



Melody Layton McMahon did not take long to settle into her new role as Director of the Paul Bechtold Library. Since beginning in April, and to the great pleasure of CTU's faculty and student body, Melody has already negotiated reciprocal borrowing privileges with the University of Chicago and has added a number of electronic databases to the library's research offerings.

"I feel like I have a calling to be a theological librarian," says Melody. "Every day I love my work."

Melody earned a BFA with a music emphasis from the University of Oklahoma, an MS in library service from Columbia University, and an MA in theology from St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio. A librarian for 25 years, Melody's professional experience

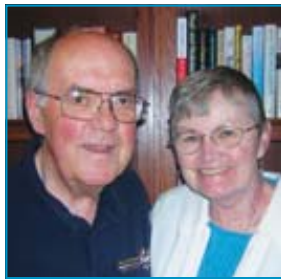
has included the library directorship of the Cleveland Institute of Music and a faculty librarianship at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, where she received tenure and promotion. She edited the book, *A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship*. She is also a member and active participant in the American Theological Library Association and is the critical reviews editor for ATLA's *Theological Librarianship*.

Melody was attracted to CTU because it is the nation's largest Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry. She was also impressed by the library staff, student population, and renowned faculty. She recalls, "When I interviewed, I was amazed by the level of engagement of the faculty. That is what sold me."

Melody and her husband Mike have two children: Niall, 17, a soccer player and punter, and Maeve, 18, an aspiring baroque flautist who began studies at London's Royal Academy of Music this fall. ●

Couple's planned giving will remember CTU

Timothy and Lou Merlihan wish Catholic Theological Union were situated closer to their Bartlett, Ill. home, saying, "We'd both be there all the time."



As director of the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1992-2002, Lou Merlihan was responsible for the recruitment, preparation, and certification of pastoral associates, many of whom were educated at CTU. "I always felt that the people we interviewed to be certified as pastoral associates with degrees from CTU were just exceptional and greatly appreciated by the pastors who hired them," she recalls. "I had a good relationship with CTU and attended many events there over my time with the Archdiocese and continue to do so. It has become a second home for me and for my husband, too. We both have a great appreciation for CTU."

When reworking their will a few years ago, the Merlihans decided to name CTU a beneficiary because of CTU's "very unique development of ministers for the Church." This act was a natural result of their decades-long history of giving annual and capital support.

Though Tim Merlihan has a degree in chemical engineering, he has enjoyed CTU and says, "I would love to take classes there." He and his wife have particularly appreciated the liturgies and lectures offered through the *Sundays at CTU* program. "We just feel that CTU is the church for tomorrow," Tim says. "We are always willing to support CTU in any way."

The Merlihans have two children, Colleen and Terrence, and three grandchildren.

If you are considering remembering Catholic Theological Union in your will, or are contemplating a planned gift to CTU, please contact **Anne Marie Tirpak**, Development Director, at 773.371.5417. ●

Carroll Stuhlmüller's Memory Honored; James Okoye Receives Distinguished Professorship

On September 28, 2008, Fr. James Okoye, CSSp was named the first Carroll Stuhlmüller, CP Distinguished Professor of Old Testament Studies.

Made possible through a generous gift from the estate of Margaret and Paul Ohrman—dear friends of Fr. Stuhlmüller—the professorship honors the memory of one of CTU's most well-known and beloved faculty members. Carroll Stuhlmüller taught Old Testament at CTU from the inception of the school until his death in 1994. An extraordinary scholar, exceptional teacher, and prolific author, Fr. Stuhlmüller earned a national and international reputation for his contributions to biblical studies and to the life of the church in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. He was able to blend rigorous scholarship with a genuine pastoral concern and his writings continue to be influential.

Fr. Okoye has taught Old Testament studies at Catholic Theological Union since 1996. A native of Nigeria, James Okoye received his doctorate in Old Testament studies from Oxford University and has held a number of academic positions in addition to serving in the international leadership of his Spiritan religious community. Fr. Okoye has written widely on biblical topics, including that of mission and culture in the Scriptures, subjects that were of particular interest to Carroll Stuhlmüller. ●



Fr. Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD, presents Fr. James Chukwuma Okoye, CSSp with a gift as Fr. Donald Senior, CP looks on.

Kudos

Dianne Bergant, CSA, professor of Old Testament studies, and **Sheila McLaughlin**, director of The Bernardin Center, participated in St. Xavier University's "High Tea with Pioneering Women" panel on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Sr. Agnes Cunningham, SSCM., Ph.D., Sr. Carol Frances Jegen, BVM, Ph.D., Sr. Brian Costello, and Sr. Dominga Zapata joined them. A program funded through the Sr. Josefa Butler program of St. Xavier's religious studies department, these pioneering women shared their ministerial journeys with nearly 175 other women. A tribute was also made to scholar and University of Chicago professor Sr. Anne Carr, BVM who recently died of cancer.

Barbara Bowe, RSCJ, professor of biblical studies, published "What Will You Do with Your Life?" in *Vision* (2008) and "Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary," in C21 Resources (Boston College, fall 2008).

Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, assistant professor of spirituality, presented a paper entitled "You Don't Pay Me Enough: La Salvadora Kenotica in U.S. Film and Television," which discussed TV's "Ugly Betty" and Latino religious imagery, at the annual ACTHUS conference in June. It will be published in the fall in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* at www.latinotheology.org. He also presented "La Cotidianidad Divina: A Latino Method for Spirituality" at the CTSA conference. Gilberto led a conference on prayer in Joliet, Ill. in June and another on the femininity of God for Buen Pastor Parish in Chicago in September.

Carmen Nanko-Fernández, assistant professor of pastoral ministry, was elected the president of Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States in June 2008. She convened the 20th anniversary colloquium that had as its theme "Cultura en Lo Cotidiano: Intersections of Faith and Popular Culture." Her ACHTUS Presidential Address, entitled "Theologizing en Español: The *Imago Dei* in the Vernacular," will appear in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* in fall 2008. Publications include several articles on Matthew in Lectionary Homiletics (August/September 2008), a review of *Loyal Dissent: Memoir of a Catholic Theologian*, by Charles E. Curran in *New Theology Review* (August 2008), and a Weblog: "What About the Fish?" in *Homiletical Hot Tub* in May.

John T. Pawlikowski, OSM, professor of ethics, is the president of the International Council of Christians & Jews. As such, he presided and spoke at the ICCJ's 2008 annual conference in Jerusalem. He gave a four-city lecture tour in Australia (Canberra, Perth, Darwin and Adelaide) on "Religion as a Progressive Force in Global Society" as part of the Center for Progressive Religion's sixth anniversary conference. He spoke at a Vatican co-sponsored conference at the 2008 World Expo in Zaragoza, Spain. John was reappointed (through 2010) as chair of the Church Relations Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. John was published in *Die Neue Karfreitags-Furbitte Fur Die Juden* (2008), *Studies In Christian-Jewish Relations* (an electronic journal, 2008), *L'antisemitisme: La Haine Generique—Hommage a Simon Wiesenthal* (2008), and in *Celebration* (September 2008).

Amanda Quantz, assistant professor of the history of world Christianity, interviewed Pope Shenouda of the Coptic Church for her upcoming book *A Global History of the Popes*. She translated *Il Concilio Lateranese IV e la fraternitas francescana* for *Greyfriars Review* (spring 2009).

Barbara Reid, OP, professor of New Testament studies, published "What's Biblical About... the Church?" in *The Bible Today* (May/June 2008), four audio CDs on "The Gospel of Luke" by Now You Know Media (August, 2008), and "What's Biblical About... the Priesthood?" in *The Bible Today*. She wrote a book review of *Jesus and Utopia: Looking for the Kingdom of God in the Roman World* by Mary Ann Beavis in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Robin Ryan, CP, director of Catholics On Call, associate professor of systematic theology, presented on "Theological Reflection" at the Orientation for Passionist Volunteers International in Pittsburgh in June. He published a five-part online retreat "Called and Sent" at www.catholicsoncall.org. He published "Young Adults and the Catholic Church," in *New Theology Review*, August 2008. With **Sheila McLaughlin**, director of The Bernardin Center, he presented on young adults, the church, and ecclesial vocations at the annual Paluch Conference on Vocations, Rosemont, Ill. in August.

Roger Schroeder, SVD, associate professor of cross-cultural ministry, presented "Theology of Mission Today" and "Contextual and Liberation Theologies" as part of orientation of lay missionaries of the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM), in Racine, Wisc. With **Stephen Bevans**, SVD, Louis J. Lutzbetak Professor of Mission and Culture, Roger facilitated discussion of "Use of *Constants in Context* in the Classroom" at the conference of the International Association of Mission Studies in Balatonfüred, Hungary in August.

C. Vanessa White, director of the Tolton Program, presented at the "Keep on Teaching: A Day of Reflection for Catechists in the African American Community" for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in September. The focus of her presentation was the "Year of St. Paul and Faith Formation." In August she presented at the annual board meeting of *St. Anthony Messenger Press* "Every Time I Feel the Spirit: African American Spirituality." ●



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People of Story and Song

Tolton Week 2008, held in March, honored the accomplishments of CTU's Tolton Scholars, and celebrated the Oral Religious Tradition of the African-American Catholic Community. Fr. Maurice Nutt, CSSR, D.Min., preaching professor at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies and Hampton Institute in Virginia, delivered the annual Tolton Lecture. His presentation, *"Just Like Fire Caught Up In My Bones: Black Preaching in the Roman Catholic Church,"* invited those present to reflect on the richness and gifts of black preaching and on the resources available to those who minister in the African-American community.

These gifts were evident on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at *Harambee*, the program's annual celebration in support of the Tolton program. The Tolton Scholars, eight men and women preparing for ministerial leadership in the Church, gathered at CTU with their supporters for an evening that honored the oral religious tradition of the African-American community in prayer, preaching, and storytelling with renowned griot Janice Curtis Greene.

The 2009 *Harambee*, co-chaired by CTU Trustee Teresita Gonzales-Lowry and Tolton alum Christine Riley, promises to be an exciting time. The theme is "A Kaleidoscope of African American Religious Dance," and will focus on the diverse styles of religious dance from the African American tradition. Mark your calendars now! ●



CTU trustee and 2008 *Harambee* chair, Teresita Gonzales-Lowry, being thanked for all of her hard work and dedication to this important annual event of the Tolton Program.



Guests and participants of the 2008 *Harambee* gather in the CTU atrium for food and fellowship.

Tolton Week 2009
TOLTON LECTURE
"Code Black: A Black Catholic Liberation Bioethic"
Dr. Sawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND
Wednesday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.
CTU Academic and Conference Center
HARAMBEE!
"A Kaleidoscope of African American Religious Dance"
Saturday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.
CTU Academic and Conference Center
For details on these and other Tolton Week events,
visit the website: www.ctu.edu.

CTU Student Performs for Pope Benedict XVI

John Angotti is a familiar name to many in the contemporary Catholic music world. Winner of numerous awards including "Male Vocalist of the Year," "Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year," and "Praise and Worship Album of the Year" from the United Catholic Music and Video Association, John is known for his powerful voice and diverse writing style that includes contemporary rock, pop, and Latin rhythms. Through his gift of music, John has become a minister to the people of God. For John, it was initially a bit of a stretch to think of himself as a minister – he just was a musician. Then one day after Mass, a woman came up to him to talk to him. Though John anticipated a thank you or a compliment on his music, instead she said, "Your music helped me pray today."

Never having forgotten those words, today John comfortably says, "My ministry is about bridging the gap, helping people find God."

John has performed in front of thousands of youth, given missions in many parishes and traveled throughout the world. This spring, he was invited to perform for the first U.S. visit of Pope Benedict XVI at Washington Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. on April 17. At a pre-Mass event, John and other performers, including Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo and American mezzo-soprano



Denyce Graves, performed for an audience of more than 40,000. John sang/played his original composition "Stand In the Light."

Of this performance for Pope Benedict in D.C., he commented, "To be asked to sing at this event with Pope Benedict is the greatest musical event of my life. I am humbled to just be there to celebrate the Risen Christ in word and deed, song and sacrament."

A part-time student at CTU, Angotti has been able to work on his degree at CTU by taking courses online while he maintains his role as a full-time music missionary traveling throughout the world. This past summer he toured through Australia for World Youth Day in July, performing concert events in Sydney and Canberra.

To learn more about John Angotti and his music ministry go to www.johngangotti.com and www.wlpmusic.com. ●

Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at White Violet Eco-Justice Center

As public awareness of "green" issues rises, the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program's commitment to fulfilling the biblical mandate to be good stewards of creation has become evermore significant. Amid news of global warming, rising energy prices, worldwide food shortages, and the looming scarcity of water, the Hesburgh Program has sharpened its focus on promoting awareness of our dependence on Earth for our life and well-being.

Participants in the spring and fall 2008 sessions each spent four days at White Violet Eco-Justice Center at St. Mary of the Woods College, a ministry sponsored by the Sisters of Providence in Terre Haute, Ind. They took classes on The New Universe Story, Water and Food Issues, and Bio-Dynamic Gardening. Each morning began with an hour of "earth care projects," which included tending the reflection garden and the koi pond, working on the greenhouse compost pile, pruning the nature trail, and installing nature trail signage.

The Hesburgh participants also had the opportunity to work with the herd of alpacas that live at White Violet. Each day, two or three participants along with the alpaca specialist would tend to the needs of the graceful and gentle animals by feeding them and cleaning up the pen. The alpacas help sustain the center's ecosystem and contribute to the compost, which enriches the soil for growing vegetables and plants. The alpacas are sheared once a year and the fiber produced is spun into yarn to be used to make hats, scarves, gloves and other items which are sold to the public.

The Hesburgh participants, representing seven continents, spent time reflecting on their connection with the earth and its resources. The evenings were spent in prayer and discussion about what had been learned and how these issues affect ministries in the global church.

Sister Ann Sullivan, SP, director of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, was excited about hosting the group. "It gives us an opportunity to interact with religious men and women from various cultures and wide experiences," she said. "I hope we have deepened their understanding of the connection of eco-justice with their own spirituality."

Men and women religious interested in a semester-long sabbatical can contact **Fr. Terry Johnson**, director of the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program, at 773.371.5482 or visit www.ctu.edu. ●



Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program welcomes its 2008-2009 entering class, which is the largest class to date.

AlumNews

Bill Cardy, OFM (M.Div. '72) is now the chaplain at St. Anthony Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, after 16 years in the Fairbanks (Alaska) Diocese, serving the Athabascan and Yupik Eskimo Peoples.

John Schork, CP (M.Div. '76) is the local superior of a nine member Passionist Community in Louisville, Kentucky. Their community has been in Louisville for 128 years. He writes, "The building is undergoing a major (and long-overdue) renovation to provide assisted living for the Passionists of Holy Cross Province. I also serve on the Provincial Council for Holy Cross Province, under the Provincial leadership of Fr. Don Webber, CP (CTU class of 1973)."

William Lego, OSA (M.Div. '82) of the Augustine Province has been on the board of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry since 1998, and currently serves as board secretary.

Claudette LaVerdiere, MM (M.T.S. '86) writes, "I completed my family ministry in May and returned to Maryknoll where I am currently working to complete a manuscript on the spirituality of our founder, Mother Mary Joseph Rogers. The work was begun by Sister Barbara Hendricks, an alum of CTU in the late '70s. She is now too ill to continue the work she did so well and enjoyed so much. In January, I will travel to Myanmar to offer a retreat for the local Sisters in Mandalay and in February-March, I will give two Scripture courses (Intro to NT and Psalms) at the Religious Institute in Yangon. Every opportunity to share in Scripture brings back my wonderful experience at CTU in the mid 80s. I cannot thank God enough! Upon my return from Myanmar in April, I will resume work on Sister Barbara's manuscript."

Dorothy Jonaitis, OP (M.A. '90) shares, "Paulist Press is publishing the Bible program we are using at the University of Dallas for adult Bible study. We have over 600 students enrolled in a four-year program. We have 240 students who will begin Year One next week. The publication is called *The Catholic Biblical School Program. Year One, Old Testament Foundations: Genesis through Kings* and *Year Two, New Testament Foundations: Jesus and Discipleship* are now on the market. Year Three is still in manuscript form and we are currently working on Year Four. The entire program will be available by August, 2010."

Richard Lundgren (M.Div. '94) was received as an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Chicago last year. He is currently the Associate Rector of St. Edward and Christ Episcopal church in Joliet, IL. He is involved in beginning a second parish site in Yorkville, IL on a 12-acre farm the parish recently purchased. In addition Richard continues to work as a Liturgical Design Consultant and is currently finishing work on The Clare at Water Tower retirement community chapels in downtown Chicago.

Thomas Burns, MM (M.Div. '96) was awarded first honorable mention in the 2008 Peace Prize Category of Civil Society by the Peruvian government's Ministry of Women and Social Development. The ceremony took place in Peru's National Library on September 17, 2008.

Barbara Quinn, RSCJ (D.Min. '98) is beginning her eighth year as director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego. She has lived in San Diego for 11 years.

MaryEllen O'Brien (M.A. '99) produced her first audio book for St. Anthony Messenger Press, reading *The Celtic Way of Prayer* by Esther De Waal. It was released this summer as a five CD set.

José Alberto Pimentel Guzmán, MCCJ (M.Div./M.A.P.S. '00) writes from Egypt, "I am currently posted at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sakakini in Cairo, Egypt. I work primarily on behalf of Sudanese Refugees. I completed a Licentiate in Arabic Studies at the Pontifical Institute of Arabic Studies (PISAI) in Rome in 2001. I am involved in Muslim-Christian Dialogue."

Adam MacDonald, SVD (M.Div. '00) sends his greetings from the Society of the Divine Word in Techny, Ill. He writes, "I returned to the SVD Chicago Province in 2002 after working for two years in the Philippines. Currently I serve as director of studies for the SVD Chicago Province, Vice-Rector of the SVD community here at Techny, and also as Spiritual Director for a number of our SVD Novices and Seminarians."

Bryan Cones (M.A. '01) became managing editor of *U.S. Catholic* magazine in February. His monthly column for the magazine, "The Examined Life," won first place awards from both the Catholic Press Association and the Associated Church Press at their 2008 conventions. His most recent book is *Daily Mass 2009: Prayers and Reflections for Liturgy* (World Library Publications).

Timone Newsome (M.A./M.Div. '02) wrote an article for the Fall 2008 issue of *Church Magazine* entitled "Millennial Young Adults: Shapeshifters."

Mary Amore (M.A.P.S. '99/D.Min. '04) is the new executive director of Mayslake Ministries in Lombard, Ill. Mayslake Ministries is a dynamic lay based organization arising out of the Franciscan tradition and serving the spiritual needs of all adult Christians through individual spiritual direction, weekend retreats, and adult faith formation programs.

Fio Mascarenhas S.J. (D.Min. '04) is president of the Catholic Bible Institute, Mumbai, India, which holds various courses to study the Catholic interpretation of the Old and New Testaments and on biblical theology. They also publish a bi-monthly magazine, *BIBLE AGLOW*. He adds, "I have written four books in these last four years: *The Inspiring Teachings of Jesus Christ*; *Co-heirs with Christ*; *God's Word Nourishes*; and *Life in Abundance*. Now the Pope has nominated me to participate in the 2008 Synod of Bishops in Rome as an 'expert,' and I am also invited by the WCC to participate as one of three Catholic theologians in its Global Forum in Geneva on "The Bible, Chaos and Catastrophe." Apart from work at home, I travel extensively to preach clergy retreats and to teach at Bible Seminars all over Asia and Africa. I have very happy memories of CTU, and had the joy of receiving my thesis-director Dianne Bergant at our Institute in Mumbai two years ago."

Roxanne Meshar (M.Div. '04) teaches systematic theology at the University of St. Thomas with a focus on critical thinking & social justice and most recently authored the book *The Political Nature of Doctrine: Which Interpretation? Who Benefits? Who Decides?* available on Amazon.com.

Dan Scheid (M.A. '04) and **Anna Floerke Scheid (M.A. '04)** wrote in September to share that they have a four-month old son, Henry Daniel. They are both faculty at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and are completing their dissertations at Boston College. Dan's work focuses on cross-cultural and comparative ethics, particularly ecological ethics. He hopes to defend in November.

Jill Kress (M.Div. '05) is a novice with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Mich. From June 2005 until June 2008, she was a campus minister at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Daniel Belanger, CSV (M.Div. '06) was ordained in June 2007 in Las Vegas, Nev. He writes, "Currently, I'm the Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier, Corozal Town, Corozal, Belize, Central America. Not in my wildest dreams did I think I would be here!"

Beth Knobbe (M.Div. '07) continues her work in Campus Ministry at the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. This past summer she was a regular speaker for Theology on Tap in the Chicago and Joliet dioceses. Beth is also working on her first book *Finding My Voice: A Young Adult Woman's Perspective* to be released by St. Anthony Messenger Press in Fall 2009.

Kate DeVries (D.Min. '07) celebrated her 20th anniversary with the Young Adult Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago in August, and was promoted to co-director of the office. Among its recent accomplishments is the opening of two regional centers for Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese: The Kateri Center, housed at Dominican University, River Forest, and the Isaac Hecker Center, housed at Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights.

Anne Flanagan, FSP (CFS Cert. '08) writes, "My children's book, *Come to Jesus: a Kids' Book for Eucharistic Adoration*, was picked up in France by Editions des Beattitudes and is now available in French. And this year I co-produced an upcoming music album, tentatively titled 'In Paradisum' and sung by the Daughters of St. Paul recording choir of which I am also a member. The CD is scheduled for February release. The style is 'Enya meets Gregorian Chant' (technically, 'New Age'). And the Year of St. Paul has me writing articles on the Apostle for the *Catholic New World* and giving lots and lots of talks."

Dacia Van Antwerp (M.Div. '08) is the Pastoral Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Merrill, Mich., in the diocese of Saginaw.



Participants in the Spiritual Direction Course during Summer Institute 2008. CTU's Summer Institute is offered in June of each year. Those new to theology or the more experienced are invited to take one-day workshops, one-week or two-week courses.

From the Perspective of an Elder

Before you grow old like me, learn to love the earth. Sit down, my child; let me teach you how to appreciate her. Spend time in the woods; listen to the song of the trees and the speech of the wild things. Listen closely, they will tell you what they need.

The rivers will say, "Be responsible with your waste; recycle, but not in my river bottom."

The trees will say, "We are too few, plant a new sapling or two."

The birds and wild animals, too, will have something to say, "Too often humans feed us and we lose our fear of them. This is very dangerous for us, please be more careful with your disposal of waste, and don't feed us."

Listen deeply, my child, to the trees in the wind whispering to one another;

Listen profoundly to the river current tell her tale; Listen, also, to the big and small creatures of this earth They all have something you need to hear.

- Amy Chabot, M.Div. student
April 21, 2008

Calendar of Events

December 2008

Shapiro Lecture

Monday, December 1
4:00 p.m., 210 B&C

Consistent Ethic of Life Conference

Thursday, December 4
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 210 B&C

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8
4:00 p.m., Second Floor Chapel

Mañanitas Guadalupanas

Friday, December 12
8:30 a.m., Third Floor Atrium

Fall Semester Ends

Monday, December 15

January 2009

J-Term

Monday, January 5 through 24

Sundays at CTU: An Experience of Liturgy & Learning

Sunday, January 11
3:00 p.m., 210 B&C
Immigration presentation by
Fr. Robert Schreiter, CPPS
Celebrant: Fr. Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD

Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance

Wednesday, January 14
4:00 p.m., 210 C

Opening Reception

"Here on the Pulse of this New Day: An Exhibition of Inaugural Hope"

Thursday, January 22
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mary-Frances and Bill Veeck Gallery, 4th Floor

Ecumenical Evening of Prayer

Sunday, January 25
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Second Floor Chapel

February 2009

Spring Semester Begins

Monday, February 2

Black History Cinema

Friday, February 6
7:00 p.m.

Information Sessions on Biblical Study/Travel Program

Tuesday, February 17
12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Winter Shapiro Lecture

Monday, February 23
4:00 p.m., 210 B&C

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, February 25
4:30 p.m., Second Floor Chapel

OLA Latin Movie Night

Friday, February 27
7:00 p.m., Room 339

Lenten Day of Reflection for Young Adults

Saturday, February 28
Featuring Fr. Joseph Brown, SJ
Co-Sponsored by Catholics On Call/Tolton/Charis
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Academic and Conference Center

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