The Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry presents...

ROADS TO RECONCILIATION:

Celebrating both the Bishops Synod on Africa: 
*The Church in Africa In Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace and* 
The United Nations International Year of Reconciliation.

The year 2009 marks two important events that are devoted to the theme of reconciliation. The United Nations has declared 2009 the International Year of Reconciliation, wherein special attention is being given to processes of social reconciliation after conflict around the world. The Roman Catholic Church will hold its Second Special Synod for Africa in October at the Vatican, where the theme is seeking justice, peace and reconciliation in Africa.

Reconciliation and Peacebuilding are important themes in the work of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry, with such programs as the Peacebuilders’ Initiative and the annual Hope and Healing Retreat. The Center is participating in this larger international celebration of reconciliation by sponsoring a half-day symposium on the ministry of reconciliation.

The day will begin with a presentation by Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S., describing the ministry of reconciliation today, after more than a decade and a half of trying to understand more clearly the dynamics of reconciliation. This will be followed by workshops that focus on the ministry of reconciliation in the local context. Themes include forgiveness, reconciliation with youth, in parishes, in social ministry, and among the marginalized of our cities. Each workshop will be repeated so that participants will have an opportunity to attend two of the workshops.

The program will close with a plenary forum with all the presenters of the workshops.

The symposium is being offered at no cost to the participants. All are invited to attend. Please register for the symposium by September 14, 2009 by sending an email to: reconciliation@ctu.edu. Include your full name and one choice for each of the two workshop sessions.

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There will be two workshop sessions during the symposium. Please select the two workshops you would like to attend. Include these choices in your registration email by September 14, 2009: reconciliation@ctu.edu.

1. **Workshop on the Special Synod for Africa**
   The Bishops’ Synod for Africa has as its theme “Salt and Light: Justice, Peace and Reconciliation in Africa.” This workshop will look at some of the issues around conflict and peace in contemporary Africa and how the preliminary documents for the Synod reflect these.
   **Presenter:** Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S., Vatican II Professor of Theology at CTU

2. **The Psychology and Spirituality of Forgiveness**
   Forgiveness is a process that frees us from past hurts, disappointments and abuse. This session provides an overview of how grief and anger contribute to that process and points toward reconciliation, restoring right relationships with oneself, others and God.
   **Presenter:** Judy Logue, Associate Director of the Emmaus Formation for Ministry Program at CTU

3. **Beyond Accompaniment: Appreciative Inquiry in the Praxis of Reconciliation**
   This session offers a brief explanation of Appreciative Inquiry (AI), a theory of organizational dynamics that has a radically different approach to assisting organizations in the process of transformation. While AI theory and practice is used extensively with organizations and businesses to facilitate their strategic and operational planning, it can also provide a framework for effecting reconciliation. The session will feature a case study of a Catholic parish, fractured through the misconduct of their pastor, that used an Appreciative Inquiry process for healing and renewal.
   **Presenter:** Bill Nordenbrock, C.PP.S., Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation

4. **Music, a Powerful Source of Healing and Reconciliation**
   Since the beginning of time music has been a creative and healing element in human development and existence. Recognizing the potential of this healing tool, Marge Nykaza will share her insights into the reconciliation work of Harmony, Hope & Healing (HHH) which serves the marginalized in Chicago. Participants will have the opportunity to experience various musical techniques used in HHH to promote healing and reconciliation.
   **Presenter:** Marge Nykaza, Founder and Executive Director, Harmony, Hope and Healing

5. **Peacemaking Circles, a Restorative Practice Toward Healing and Reconciliation**
   An introduction to a restorative method which honors the needs and concerns of everyone involved. Circles work to create a safe place where stories are told and heard. Circles transform conflicts into opportunities by recognizing common values and applying them to how we are with one another. The Peacemaking Circle honors indigenous teachings.
   **Presenter:** David Kelly, C.PP.S., Executive Director, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation

6. **The Mission and Ministry of Reconciliation among High School Youth**
   Peacebuilders Initiative prepares Catholic high school youth for active leadership roles in peacemaking and reconciliation and thereby inspires them to consider ministry as a life choice. This session will explore the experiences and strategies Peacebuilders Initiative employs in forming and educating high school youth for the ministry of reconciliation.
   **Presenter:** Megan Kennedy-Farrell, Director, Peacebuilders Initiative, Catholic Theological Union