Dear Prospective CTU student,

Thank you for your inquiry and your interest in the Bernardin Scholarship.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, the former Archbishop of Chicago, had an enormous impact on the Church and society because of his faith and spirituality, as well as the authenticity and style of his pastoral teaching and ministry.

Catholic Theological Union has established the Bernardin Center to carry forward his vision and his legacy. Our primary focus is preparing future scholars and church leaders in his spirit through study, research, pastoral reflection and public discussion.

The Bernardin Center provides full-tuition scholarships for students in either the Masters of Arts in Theology (M.A.) or the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree program. The Center’s director helps form these Bernardin Scholars through mentoring and colloquia on issues of importance to the Cardinal’s vision. In addition, scholars who are MA candidates are expected to commit themselves to working on one of the projects of the Center, such as the Peacebuilders Initiative, the Catholics on Call program, or various programs committed to dialogue among Jews, Christians and Muslims. Full-tuition scholarships (which do not cover any prerequisites courses) for the 2010-2011 academic year are as follows:

- M.A. Research: $23,436
- M.A. General Academic: $23,436
- D.Min.: $13,075

To apply for a Bernardin Scholarship, please complete and return the enclosed application form and answer the essay questions on a separate enclosure. We invite you to add any other materials that might help our scholarship committee reach its decision. All application materials must be received in our office no later than March 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 academic year. Please send your materials to:

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center  
Catholic Theological Union  
5416 South Cornell Avenue  
Chicago, IL  60615  USA

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must have been accepted to either the M.A. degree or the D.Min. degree program at Catholic Theological Union before March 1, 2010.

Scholarship awards will be announced in April 2010. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to working with you if you are accepted as a Bernardin Scholar for the next academic year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheila McLaughlin  
Director

Attachments
Admissions Policies for Bernardin Scholarships
2010-2011

1. Purpose of Bernardin Center

The purpose of the Bernardin Center is to prepare future scholars and church leaders in the spirit of Cardinal Bernardin through theological study and research, pastoral reflection and public discussion. The Center also fosters study and research that builds upon Cardinal Bernardin’s legacy.

2. Nature of a Bernardin Scholarship

The Bernardin Center offers full-tuition scholarships to qualified students nationally and worldwide who are committed to completing an M.A. or a D.Min. program and preparing for ministry or leadership in the Church.

In their study, Bernardin Scholars focus upon aspects of the Cardinal’s legacy and vision in the light of the Second Vatican Council, under the guidance of the Director of the Bernardin Center. Topics to focus on in an area of concentration include:

- The promotion of the vision of the Church proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council
- Peacemaking and reconciliation
- The study of key ethical issues addressed in the “consistent ethic of life”
- Religion and society
- The search for “common ground” in helping the Church address polarizing issues
- A strengthening of ecumenical and interfaith relationships, especially through Catholic-Jewish Studies, Catholic-Muslim Studies, and Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Dialogue.

3. Scholarship Program

The Bernardin Scholars must matriculate at Catholic Theological Union and may study in one of three degree programs:

- The Master of Arts in Theology (Research M.A.)
- The Master of Arts in Theology (General Academic M.A.)
- The Doctor of Ministry

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Bernardin Scholars participate in the Bernardin Colloquium designed to deepen their knowledge of the Cardinal’s legacy and his vision for the Church and its ministry. These mandatory sessions convene on a monthly basis, a minimum of eight sessions per academic year.

In addition, each M.A. scholar is required to complete an internship with one of the initiatives of the Center, based on the needs of the various programs and the interests and experience of the student. At the beginning of each academic year, scholars participate in an extensive orientation session where the intern opportunities are fully discussed with students. Those scholars studying in the D.Min program are called upon as resources and facilitators in the monthly colloquium sessions and/or the Center's programs.

4. Scholarship Funding

The Bernardin Scholarship Program is made possible by the generosity of private individuals, foundations and associations whose collective gifts provide an endowment to perpetuate Cardinal Bernardin’s legacy.

The awards will be dispensed according to the following estimates for 2010-2011:

- Full-tuition scholarship for M.A. Research $23,436
- Full-tuition scholarship for M.A. General Academic $23,436
- Full-tuition scholarship for D.Min. $13,075

The scholarships do not include payment for prerequisites courses needed, nor do they pay for room, board, books, insurance and travel.

5. Candidacy for Bernardin Scholarship

In the selection process for Bernardin Scholarships, consideration will be given to the extent to which a candidate is able to commit to Cardinal Bernardin’s vision and legacy – e.g., acceptance of the Second Vatican Council, adherence to the consistent ethic of life, openness to inter-religious dialogue and the like.

More specifically, to qualify as a Bernardin Scholar, applicants will:

- Have earned a Bachelor's degree with a G.P.A. of 3.2/4.0 or above.
- Meet the specific degree entry requirements
- Be admitted to an M.A. or doctoral degree program at CTU
- Commit to furthering the legacy of Cardinal Bernardin
- Complete the Bernardin Scholarship application and essay
- Submit additional information to the Bernardin Center if required
A. **Biographical Information**

**Title:** (Circle) MS. MRS. MR. REV. SR. BR. OTHER _______________________________

**Name:** (Last) ___________________________ (First) ___________________________ Social Security Number: ________________

**Address:** _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street      Apt. #               City

_________________________________________________________________________________

State/Province    Zip/Postal Code  Country

**Phone:** ___________________________ **Cell:** ___________________________ **Fax:** ___________________________

If outside U.S., please include country code, area code & number

**E-mail Address:** ________________________________ **E-mail #2:** ________________________________

___ SINGLE    ___ MARRIED  ____ Number of Dependents

**Religious Congregation (if applicable):** ____________________________________________________________

**Occupation:** ___________________________ **Employer:** _____________________________________________

**Employer Location & Phone:** ________________________________________________________________

**College or University Attended:** ___________________________ **Degree Earned:** ___________________________

**Year of Graduation:** _______  **Grade Point Average:** _______  **Major:** _____________________________

**Graduate School Attended:** ___________________________ **Degree Earned:** ___________________________

**Year of Graduation:** ___________________________ **Grade Point Average:** ___________________________

B. **Degree Objectives**

___ M.A., General Academic -- Concentration / Major ________________________________________________

___ M.A., Research -- Concentration / Major _________________________________________________________

___ D.Min. – Concentration / Major ________________________________________________________________

First semester of CTU study: ___________________________ Projected graduation date: ___________________________

Do you intend to study full time or part time? ___________________________________________________________
### C. Employment/Income

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### D. Pending Funds &/or Loan Obligations:

1. Did you actively seek any loans, grants or scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year? If yes, please list sources and amounts received:

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**Total 2009-10 Student Loan Income:**

2. Will you apply for any loans, grants, and/or scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please list sources and amounts requested. Indicate status of request: will apply, pending, granted, denied.

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3. Have you had any prior government loans for education? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, are these loans:
   ___ paid in full? ___ current with payments? ___ deferred? ___ defaulted?
   Total of your outstanding student loans? (total unpaid debt) __________________________

4. Additional indebtedness (total of loans) for dependents’ educational expenses: ________________

5. Total household educational debt (lines 3 + 4) = ________________________________

E. **STUDENT’S AND SPOUSE’S RESOURCES:**

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1. Student’s summer income from all sources after federal, state, FICA and local taxes. __________ __________

2. Student’s academic-year income from all sources after federal, state, FICA and local taxes. __________ __________

3. Spouse’s total annual income after taxes. __________ __________

4. Student’s total Social Security education benefits. __________ __________

5. Student’s total Veteran’s – GI Bill educational benefits. __________ __________

6. Financial assistance from student’s parents, family, religious community. __________ __________

7. Income from non-CTU scholarships, fellowships and grants, if known. __________ __________

8. Student loans from all sources. __________ __________

9. Income from CTU Financial Aid. __________ __________

10. Other income (Saving accounts, bonds, etc.) __________ __________

**ESTIMATED ACADEMIC-YEAR HOUSEHOLD INCOME (TOTAL, LINES 1THROUGH 10):** ________________________________

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F. STUDENT’S ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Tuition.
   Indicate credit hours per semester. 2009-2010 tuition is $620 per semester credit hour. Project an increase of approximately 5% for 2010-11, for an approximate cost of $651 per semester credit hour. Make comments or give examples where appropriate.

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TOTAL TUITION, 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR:

2. Other costs:
   o Books, supplies, photocopying
   o Rent & utilities (phone, gas, electric)
   o Food & household supplies
   o Car (insurance, gas, maintenance)
   o Postage
   o Insurance (medical, dental, renter’s)
   o Spiritual direction/counseling
   o Debt repayment
   o Dependents’ tuition
   o Entertainment
   o Other (please itemize)

Total academic year costs (Sections 1 + 2):

How did you learn about the Bernardin Scholarship? Please check all that apply.

Personal contact: ___CTU Alum ___CTU Student ___Teacher ___Pastor ___Other (please explain) 

Advertisement in: ___NCR (National Catholic Reporter) ___America ___Tablet ___Other (please explain) 

CTU publication: ___Logos newsletter ___CTU brochure ___Other (please explain) 

Website(s): ___CTU ___Other (please name) 

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, the late Archbishop of Chicago, made significant contributions to several areas:

- the promotion of the vision of the Church proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council,
- the study of key ethical issues addressed in the consistent ethic of life,
- the search for Catholic Common Ground in helping the Church dialogue about controversial issues of ecclesial life,
- the investigation of issues of justice, peace and reconciliation in the spirit of the U.S. bishops’ pastoral letter on peace, and
- the strengthening of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and relationships.

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please provide a typed, double-spaced essay on each of the following questions. Limit your responses to a maximum of **250 words** for each question. Your name must be included on each page.

1. What in your personal life has motivated your interest in an issue important to Cardinal Bernardin?

2. Identify an area or areas you may wish to explore and explain why **it is/they are** important.

3. How would receiving the scholarship make a difference for you both intellectually and financially?

Please sign and date this page, and include it with your application materials. Complete application materials **must arrive at the Bernardin Center office by March 1, 2010**. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

**Signature:** ______________________________________  **Date:** ______________________________________