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 2011-2012 academic year are as follows:

- M.A. Research: $24,192
- M.A. General Academic: $24,192
- D.Min.: $13,729

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, 2011, for the 2011-2012 academic year. Please send your materials to:

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center  
Catholic Theological Union  
5401 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, 2011.

Scholarship awards will be announced in April 2011. 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
2011-2012

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 2011-2012:

- Full-tuition scholarship for M.A. Research $24,192
- Full-tuition scholarship for M.A. General Academic $24,192
- Full-tuition scholarship for D.Min. $13,729

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
CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL UNION

BERNARDIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

2011-2012
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, 2011. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
PART I
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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? ________________________________________________

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### 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 2010-2011 academic year? If yes, please list sources and amounts received:

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**Total 2010-11 Student Loan Income:**

2. Will you apply for any loans, grants, and/or scholarships for the 2011-2012 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 1 THROUGH 10):**
F. Student's Estimated Expenses for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

1. Tuition.
   Indicate credit hours per semester. 2010-2011 tuition is $640 per semester credit hour. Project an increase of approximately 5% for 2011-12, for an approximate cost of $672 per semester credit hour. Make comments or give examples where appropriate.

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Total Tuition, 2011-12 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: ____________________________