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 the Masters of Arts in Theology (M.A.), the Professional Ministerial Master of Arts (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 prerequisite courses) for the 2015-2016 academic year are as follows:

- Master of Arts (Theology)
- Professional Ministerial Master of Arts
  - M.A. in Biblical Ministry, Hispanic Theology and Ministry,
  - Intercultural Ministry, Justice Ministry, or Liturgy
- Doctor of Ministry

To apply for a Bernardin Scholarship, please complete and return the enclosed application form, a letter of recommendation and your responses to the essay questions. 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 2, 2015, for the 2015-2016 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 by March 2, 2015.

Scholarship awards will be announced in April 2015. 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,

[Signature]
Ms. Sheila McLaughlin
Director
Bernardin Scholarship Program
2015-2016 Admission Policies

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 following degree programs:

- Master of Arts (Theology)
- Professional Ministerial Master of Arts
  M.A. in Biblical Ministry, Hispanic Theology and Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, Justice Ministry, or Liturgy
- Doctor of Ministry

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Bernardin Scholars also 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 2015-2016:

- Master of Arts [Theology] $29,560
- Professional Ministerial Master of Arts $29,560
  - M.A. in Biblical Ministry, Hispanic Theology and Ministry,
  - Intercultural Ministry, Justice Ministry, or Liturgy
- Doctor of Ministry $16,508

The scholarships do not include payment for prerequisite 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 interreligious 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 a letter of recommendation
- Submit additional information to the Bernardin Center if required
BERNARDIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I

(Please type or print clearly)

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Title: □ Ms. □ Mrs. □ Mr. □ Rev. □ Sr. □ Br. □ Other __________

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Last First Middle Initial

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Street Apt. # City

State/Province Zip/Postal Code Country

□ Single □ Married □ Number of Dependents

Telephone: Mobile __________________________ Other __________________________

If outside United States, please include country code, area code, and number

E-mail Address: __________________________ __________________________

(Primary) (Secondary)

Religious Congregation (if applicable): __________________________

Occupation: __________________________ Employer: __________________________

Employer Address/Phone: __________________________

College or University Attended: __________________________ Degree Earned: __________________________

Year of Graduation: ______ GPA: ______ Major: __________________________

Graduate School Attended: __________________________

Degree Earned: __________________________ Year of Graduation: ______ GPA: ______

B. DEGREE OBJECTIVES:

□ M.A. □ General Academic □ Research: Concentration / Major __________________________

□ Professional Ministerial M.A. in: □ Biblical Ministry □ Hispanic Theology and Ministry

□ Intercultural Ministry □ Justice Ministry □ Liturgy

□ Doctor of Ministry [D.Min]: Concentration / Major __________________________

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

Do you intend to study: □ Full time □ Part time
C. Employment/Income:

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D. Pending Funds and/or Loan Obligations:

1. Did you actively seek any loans, grants or scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year? If yes, please list sources and amounts received.

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Total 2014-15 student loan income:

2. Will you apply for any loans, grants, and/or scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year?  ☐ Yes ☐ No.

If yes, please list sources and amounts requested. Indicate status of request: will apply, pending, granted, or 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 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:

   CURRENT YEAR PROJECTED
   2014-15 2015-16

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 (savings accounts, bonds, etc.)
    __________  __________

ESTIMATED ACADEMIC YEAR HOUSEHOLD INCOME (TOTAL LINES 1 THROUGH 10): __________________________

Name:__________________________________________ 3

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F. STUDENT’S ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Tuition:
Indicate credit hours per semester. 2014-2015 tuition is $782 per semester credit hour. Project an increase of approximately 5% for 2015-16, for an approximate cost of $821 per semester credit hour. Make comments or give examples where appropriate.

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**TOTAL PROJECTED TUITION, 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR:**

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

**Total academic year costs (Sections 1 + 2):**

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

- Personal contact:  
  - CTU Alum  
  - CTU Student  
  - Teacher  
  - Pastor  
  - Other (please explain) __________________________

- Advertisement in:  
  - National Catholic Reporter  
  - America  
  - Tablet  
  - Other (please specify) __________________________

- CTU publication:  
  - CTU newsletter  
  - CTU brochure  
  - Other (please specify) __________________________

- Website(s):  
  - CTU  
  - Other (please specify) __________________________

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Name:_______________________________

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Bernardin Scholarship Program
2015-2016 Scholarship Application

Part II
Bernardin Scholarship Essay

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?

Part III
Bernardin Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is required, and must arrive at the Bernardin Center by March 2, 2015.

Complete application materials must arrive at the Bernardin Center by March 2, 2015. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center
Catholic Theological Union
5401 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615
Fax: 773.371.5466
**Letter of Recommendation Instructions**

A letter of recommendation should be provided by those who can comment on you from a professional perspective relative to the study of theology and ministry. Some examples of strong recommenders would be: your pastor, a member of the parish staff, a former or current professor, a campus minister, an employer, etc.

**Applicant Information**

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First:

The applicant agrees that the recommendation s/he is requesting be held in confidence by officials of Catholic Theological Union and waives any rights to examine it.

**Recommender Information**

The person named above has applied for a full tuition Bernardin Scholarship to Catholic Theological Union. S/he has given your name as one who will evaluate her/his potential for theological study and for ministry. It will be most helpful if you give candid forthright answers to the following questions. We believe that a good reference will point to the student’s weaknesses and limitations as well as strengths. In your letter, please include the name of the prospective student, your name, position, address, phone number, e-mail address, and indicate whether or not you recommend this person for the Bernardin Scholarship.

A. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

B. Please write about the applicant’s intellectual qualities and ability to do graduate academic work.

C. How would you assess this applicant’s character, aims, and values? What gifts and special strengths for ministry/service does this applicant bring? Are there areas of growth or concern of which we should be aware?

D. Comment on the applicant’s approach and abilities in any or all of the following areas:
   - ability to work with diversity
   - approach to conflict
   - communication skills
   - capacity for empathy
   - interpersonal relationships
   - leadership within the community
   - working style
   - sense of call for ministry/service
   - willingness to seek outside resources and assistance
   - commitment to justice

E. Other comments:

**This form and your letter of recommendation must arrive at the Bernardin Center office by March 2, 2015.**

Please return this form and your letter to:
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Chicago, IL 60615