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Colleen Kennedy, communications@ctu.edu, 773.371.5417**Catholic Theological Union Expands Interfaith Governance***Three Women Representing Abrahamic Faiths Elected to Board of Trustees*

September 2, 2021 – Chicago. Catholic Theological Union's Board of Trustees has elected three new members including its first woman religious alumna, Sr. Mūmbi Kīgūtha, CPPS and its first representatives from the Jewish and Muslim faiths, Carole Segal and Dilnaz Waraich.

As a leading Roman Catholic graduate school of theology in North America, CTU has been committed to interfaith understanding since its inception more than fifty years ago, working closely with the Jewish and Muslim communities in Chicago and nationally. At a time when interfaith dialogue is more crucial than ever, the addition of these new board members will shape future Catholic leaders and have an impact on our wider society.

Sister Mūmbi Kīgūtha CPPS is a member of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Born and raised in Kenya and a 2019 CTU graduate, she also holds a B.Com and MBA from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya. She has worked with diverse vulnerable populations, including assignments with various United Nation agencies. She serves as an International Reconciliation Consultant for various entities including the Jesuit Refugee Services and as the Organizing Secretary of the Pan-African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network. Sr. Mumbi is a Board member of Future Church and the Kenyan Women's Support Group.

Carole Segal was co-founder, with her husband Gordon, of Crate and Barrel, and most recently the founder and CEO of Foodstuffs, a highly successful chain of gourmet food stores on Chicago's North Shore. Carole has an inspiring record of interfaith, civic, and philanthropic involvement, including serving as a trustee of Rush University Medical Center, chair of the Board of Governors at Rush University, trustee emeritus of Bates College, and a life trustee of Illinois Institute of Technology. A graduate of Northwestern University, she also served as president of the University's Women's Board, is a member of the Board of Directors of WBEZ-Chicago Public Media, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Lincoln Park Zoo and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Dilnaz Waraich is an engaged and compassionate civil servant and a leader in interreligious dialogue. Born in India, Dilnaz attended Chicago public schools, is a graduate of Loyola University, the Northwestern University School of Education and currently working on her MDiv at Chicago Theological Seminary/Bayan. She has been deeply involved in creating partnership to build a stronger Democracy while serving as a director at WBEZ-Chicago Public Media, the Interfaith Youth Core, and the Muslim Community Center. The Waraich Family Fund's leadership in support of CTU's own Catholic-Muslim Program has been critical to its development over the past two decades.

Commenting on the Board's unanimous selection of these three outstanding women, CTU president, Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, noted, "This dramatic step reflects the Church's own strong commitment to interreligious dialogue. In the words of Pope Francis about the importance of dialogue among the three Abrahamic faiths: "Each of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls." (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, #284).

About Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry. Its mission is to prepare effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. CTU's 4,500 vowed religious women and men, priests and lay graduates are serving in 60 countries worldwide.

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