Prayer for CTU’s 50th Anniversary Campaign

Dear Lord, we are about to embark on an important project and we ask your blessing.

We remember, Lord, that you told our first parents to be fruitful and multiply and that’s something of what we are trying to do…

We remember, too, that your servants David and Solomon built you a house with resources gathered by your people. Most call it a temple; we might think of it as a worship and academic center…

We recall with wonder and gratitude that for centuries your people supported the upkeep of that project by tithing—offering a tenth of their possessions to further your purpose and to maintain the community.

We note, with even more gratitude, that this amount was increased in a jubilee year, that is, every 50 years. We note this especially since we are about to embark on our 50th jubilee as well…

And we remember that Jesus, your son, was a faithful Jew. And he, too, was able to carry out his mission because he was supported by faithful disciples, including, the gospel tells us, women who supported him out of their means.

We know that you appointed one of your followers to hold the purse and to keep accounts, although we also remember sadly that this did not work out so well.

But we take comfort that you yourself paid your tithes, plucking a coin out of the mouth of a fish from the Sea of Galilee for you and Peter. Our development department has not tried this yet, but we are aware that we are only two blocks from Lake Michigan…

We take to heart, dear Lord, your words of praise for the widow, who unlike those who gave to the temple only out of their abundance, gave from her heart, all that she could.

And we think of that fervent community of yours in Jerusalem, who, in the joy of the Resurrection and filled with the Spirit, shared all things in common, and gave generously so that no one was in need. We aspire to this, too, while not forgetting the fate of Ananias and Sapphira who ignored their responsibility to give and suffered dire consequences…

And your young church in Antioch, we recall, took up a collection for those in need when there was a famine in Jerusalem. And Paul, your ardent apostle, embarked on a capital campaign among all the Gentile churches to express their support for the Holy City Jerusalem. We will not forget Paul’s words: “God loves a cheerful giver…”

So, dearest Lord, source of all blessing and of every generous spirit, be with us in the days and months ahead. Help us to move forward in faith. And whatever we do or whatever we may accomplish, let it be to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen!

– Rev. Donald Senior, CP, shared with the CTU community in January 2018 at the launch of the Forward in Faith campaign
Forward in Faith
50th Anniversary Campaign Celebration

Order of Events

3:00 PM
Mass of Thanksgiving
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Presider | Rev. Mark R. Francis, CSV, President Emeritus

Break

4:00 PM
50th Anniversary Campaign Celebration
Welcome | Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, President

Special Tributes to Leadership
Rev. Donald Senior, CP, Chancellor posthumously by Tom Brown, Chair of the Board
Dan Murray, Life Trustee by Barbara Reid, OP, President

Special Announcement

Campaign Impact Presentation
Moderator | Rev. Eddie DeLeón, CMF, CTU Faculty and Alumnus

Panelists
Judy Chiarelli, CTU Alumna, Trustee
Maureen Lopez Fitzgerald, Trustee, Representative of the Missionaries of St. Columban
Barry Sullivan, Life Trustee

Closing

Reception in the Atrium
A Special Leadership Tribute

Rev. Donald P. Senior, CP
1940-2022

Rev. Donald Senior, CP was President Emeritus and Chancellor of Catholic Theological Union (CTU) where he was also a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. Born in Philadelphia, he was a member of the Passionist Congregation and ordained a priest in 1967. He received his doctorate in New Testament studies from the University of Louvain in Belgium in 1972, with advanced studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and Harvard University. He served as President of CTU for 23 years.

Father Don was a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad. He served on numerous boards and commissions and was actively involved in interreligious dialogue, particularly with the Jewish and Muslim communities. Fr. Don published extensively on biblical topics, with numerous books and articles for both scholarly and popular audiences. He led numerous study tours in the lands of the Bible for CTU students and since 1988, he guided countless board members, religious, and other friends and supporters of CTU through Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey helping them to learn more about the Scriptures, find spiritual nourishment, a greater love for the Bible, and a deeper appreciation of our Jewish ancestors in the faith and the person of Jesus and his followers.

Father Don was the recipient of the National Catholic Library Association’s 1994 Jerome Award for Outstanding Scholarship and the 1996 National Catholic Education Association’s Bishop Loras Lane Award for outstanding service to Catholic education. In 2013, he received the O’Connell-Douglas Award for his contribution to interreligious and ecumenical harmony as well as the Gutenberg Award for biblical scholarship. In 2014, he was granted by the Governor of Illinois the Order of Lincoln Award, the State’s highest honor for public service. He served as President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (1997-1998), of the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada (2007-2009), and of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago (2012-2014). He served the last three Popes as the American representative on the Pontifical Biblical Commission.
In the fifty-three years since its founding, CTU has grown to be a premier school of theology, sponsored by twenty-three religious communities and enjoying a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.

In 2017, a committed group of leaders – religious and lay – came together to form a steering committee that would guide this campaign to its eventual success. Determining the greatest challenges facing CTU, this steering committee – working in tandem with the leadership council and with the approval and full support of the CTU Board of Trustees and Corporation board – the three campaign priorities came into focus and we began the process of determining a realistic and, at the same time, ambitious goal.

With immense gratitude to all of our supporters who joined us in that spirit of bold faith, we are reimagining what theological study and a seminary education can offer men and women – religious and lay – while building on a half century of success.

**Campaign Leadership**

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- *Rev. Mark R. Francis, CSV, President Emeritus*
- *Colleen Kennedy, Vice President for Institutional Advancement*
- *Rachel Kuhn, Director of Development*
The interrelated Campaign priorities detailed on the following pages will propel CTU forward in service to our local and global Church as the twenty-first century unfolds.

With special thanks to all who shared their stories, ideas and hopes to help bring the vision of this Campaign to life. We appreciate the generosity of our Corporation Members, CTU Leadership and Friends, the Campaign Steering Committee, Committed Men’s and Women’s Religious Orders, Faculty and Staff, our Students and Alumni in providing your input and energy throughout the process. Thank you all for your commitment to advancing the mission of CTU as, together, we move forward in faith.
The Church needs genuine ministers of the gospel in order to carry out its God given mission. When well-formed religious and lay ministers can inspire, speak, and effectively address the world’s needs for reconciliation, peacemaking, and transcending boundaries, Christ’s body the Church is strengthened and its future made bright.

**Impact of Scholarships on CTU and the Church**

- Enable CTU to meet the Church’s ever-increasing demand for lay ministers with sound theological training and pastoral formation while, at the same time, providing our seminarians the valuable experience of working together with their lay counterparts.

- Expand access to graduate theological education for underrepresented groups and those from remote geographic dioceses.

- Elevate the charism and ministry of our Corporate Members through education of their lay associates and other partners in their mission.

**Scholarships**

**ORIGINAL GOAL**

$8 million

**Raised as of June 30, 2022**

pledges and outright gifts received

$8,596,397

**Donor Designated Endowments and Funds**

- Ladies of Bethany Endowed Scholarship
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**Funds Functioning as Endowment**

- Bernardin Scholarship
- General Scholarship Fund
CTU’s committed faculty serves the Church by educating future leaders in the best of Catholic theology, pastoral ministry, and formation, for service as disciples of Jesus in a world in need of healing and reconciliation. Investment in faculty has allowed CTU’s tradition of academic leadership to flourish, and has ensured the development of the next generation of inspirational and mission-driven faculty.

Donor Designated Endowments and Funds
- Catholic-Muslim Studies Faculty
- Crown Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies
- Franciscan Friars, St. John the Baptist Faculty Excellence Fund
- Sullivan Faculty Research Support Fund

Funds Functioning as Endowment
- Center Directors Support
- Faculty Recruitment & Support

Impact of Investing in CTU Faculty

- Ensure through endowed faculty development, resources and positions that CTU can always retain premier teachers – religious and lay – and attract the next generation of faculty.

- Impact the growth and development of the Church by supporting faculty who engage in both traditional and cutting-edge theology and methods of evangelization in forming future ministers.
Prior to the onset of a global pandemic, CTU was called to put its theological education model and programming into greater service to the church. Because of the generosity of the campaign donors, CTU had the capacity to leverage rapidly emerging technological advances to enhance classroom and online engagement, and to expand the reach of our program offerings. We are only just beginning.

**Educational Impact of Innovation and Technology**

- Position CTU to offer an accessible mission-focused education model for the future that serves CTU's worldwide constituency of religious and lay students, including the lay men and women who collaborate in the mission of our Corporation members.
- Increase CTU enrollment through increased online learning opportunities.
- Increase enrollment and expand the reach of CTU faculty and programming, by offering the CTU experience to new and as yet untapped audiences.
- Meet spiritual formation needs in the developing world through reimagined delivery of CTU's offerings.

**Raised as of June 30, 2022**

pledges and outright gifts received

$3,114.785

**Donor Designated Endowments and Funds**

Catholic Common Ground Initiative: Marilyn P. and Thomas J. Donnelly-Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Conference Series

Catholic-Muslim Studies Programming

In Good Faith Series

Dr. Barry Rankin Sunday at CTU Series on God’s Creation

**Funds Functioning as Endowment**

Bandwidth Investment

Classroom Technology

Public Assembly Space Technology

Technology Renewal Endowment
Thank you for enabling us to move *Forward in Faith*
As hoped at the outset of the campaign, support for the anniversary campaign reflected the unique partnership between the twenty-three religious communities who are CTU’s corporate sponsors, and religious orders committed to CTU, together with the generous lay men and women who recognize the importance of the role that CTU plays in the future of the Church and its mission to the world.

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