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**Longtime Ecumenical Partners Establish Model Theological Campus in Hyde Park: Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary Plan Move to Nearby Campus of Catholic Theological Union**

**May 9, 2023 – Chicago.** Catholic Theological Union (CTU) announced today that it has signed a lease with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) as well as a letter of intent subject to a mutually agreeable lease with McCormick Theological Seminary for both institutions to move into available space in CTU’s campus at 5416 South Cornell Avenue in Hyde Park. This new physical collaboration follows the sale of LSTC and McCormick’s respective properties to the University of Chicago earlier this year.

The new lease arrangement situates CTU and its longtime partners as a theological education campus and a model of ecumenical collaboration. Each school remains independent, with its own identity, mission and governance. The schools expect to hold classes in their new locations the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Aligned with its Lutheran heritage and built on a foundation of intellectual rigor, LSTC’s innovative, nationally recognized curriculum gives students skills for inspiring Christian leadership in the public sphere.

McCormick Theological Seminary is a graduate institution within the rich intellectual and theological tradition of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A progressive leader in the Reformed tradition, McCormick provides a transformative educational experience, ignited by the call for justice and grounded in real-world practice, inspiring passionate advocates who accompany those on the margins, and empowering generations of leaders to serve the church and society with integrity, love, and hope.

“We’re delighted to have both the Lutheran School of Theology and McCormick Theological Seminary join us on our campus,” said Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, President of CTU. “Sharing our space with LSTC and McCormick will bring numerous benefits to our schools, building on our existing modes of collaboration through the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. This agreement also demonstrates a responsible use of space and resources in the spirit of Pope Francis’ vision articulated in *Laudato Si*.”

**About Catholic Theological Union**

Catholic Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. CTU shares alliances with De Paul University, Dominican University and the University of Chicago. Its mission is to prepare

effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. More than 4,500 CTU alumni, vowed religious and lay women and men, have gone on to minister in 60 countries worldwide. CTU was founded in 1968, following the Second Vatican Council, during a time of dramatic renewal in the Catholic Church. More than fifty years later, CTU has evolved into a premier school of theology and ministry, sponsored by twenty-three men's religious communities and enjoys a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.