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Catholic Theological Union Confers Honorary Doctorate upon Distinguished Theologian Dr. Mary Clark Moschella

May 18, 2026 – Chicago. Catholic Theological Union (CTU) will confer the degree of Doctor of Theology, *honoris causa*, upon Dr. Mary Clark Moschella, Roger J. Squire Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Yale Divinity School, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to practical theology and pastoral care.

Since joining Yale Divinity School in 2010, Dr. Moschella has become a leading voice in pastoral theology, particularly through her groundbreaking work in ethnography as pastoral practice. Her influential book, *Ethnography as Pastoral Practice: An Introduction*, helped redefine ethnography as both a research method and a form of ministry rooted in listening, accompaniment, and communal transformation.

Her forthcoming book, *Narrative Spiritual Care: Theory and Practice*, continues her commitment to scholarship that combines academic rigor with compassionate care for individuals and communities.

Dr. Moschella's teaching and leadership have shaped generations of students through courses in pastoral theology, narrative spiritual care, and qualitative research methods. Her work beyond the classroom — including leadership in scholarly organizations, editorial contributions, and prison-based Inside/Out courses — reflects her dedication to transformative and collaborative learning.

Her work embodies CTU's commitment to contextual theology, interculturality, synodality, and the preparation of ministers equipped to serve the Church and the world with wisdom, compassion, and faithful witness.

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. Founded in 1968, following the Second Vatican Council, CTU prepares effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. More than 4,500 CTU alumni have ministered in 60 countries worldwide. CTU is a premier school of theology and ministry, sponsored by twenty-four men's religious communities, with a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.