

Catholic Distance University

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THE MISSION OF

Catholic Distance University

is to communicate the mind and heart
of the Church in a digital world.

Using distance education, the
university educates teachers and
learners worldwide in Catholic
theology, the liberal arts, and faith
development for the growth of faith,
ecclesial service, and leadership for the
New Evangelization



Message From the President

Dr. Marianne Evans Mount

The year began with a snowy trip to Washington, DC, to attend the funeral of a long-time, very dear friend of CDU, Dr. Joseph Braddock, at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in early February 2021. Dr. Joe Braddock had just begun his second nine-year term on the Board of Trustees. He was a guiding visionary for CDU who has now joined our growing heavenly Board of Trustees as the first Trustee Emeritus.

The Board of Trustees honored our first lay Chairman of the Board, Dr. Charles Wasaff, at a dinner hosted by Bishop Michael Burbidge in June 2021 that culminated with the presentation by Archbishop Timothy

Broglgio of a Papal Medal to Charlie at the 2021 Gala. Charlie's own mother had also been the recipient of the same Papal Medal from the Bishop of El Paso, Texas, for her service to the Diocese of El Paso many years earlier.

Archbishop Broglgio also presented well-deserved Papal Medals at the 2021 Gala to Sister Mary Brendon Zajac, SND, Associate Dean at St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, who served on CDU's Board of Trustees for nine years, and Sister Mary Margaret Ann Schlather, SND, who worked at CDU in various leadership roles for 30 years. Both Sisters worked tirelessly to help CDU earn additional accreditation benchmarks.

Mr. Stephen Pryor succeeded Charlie as Board Chairman in March 2021, and new board members have stepped up to lead board committees, including Brian Maher who heads the Audit and Finance Committee and replaces Harry Wilkins as Board Treasurer. Bishop Brennan and Paul Stevens have joined the Academic Committee under the leadership of Dr. Margaret Melady, and Paul is also Vice Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee and helping to manage investments. Leadership transitions reflect the health of a vibrant institution whose bylaws ensure a sound and enduring framework for the future.

Two major projects in 2021, when completed, will expand CDU's footprint in Catholic higher education. The first project is our continuing work to earn institutional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. Much of 2021 was devoted to preparations for a comprehensive visit with demonstrated compliance with 31 core components and a faculty-driven assessment program that continued the great work accomplished in 2020.

The other project in 2021 was a grant proposal to fund a new curriculum in Catholic Social Teaching. The Lilly Endowment Inc. invited theological schools accredited by The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to develop projects that could receive grants for up to \$1,000,000 each. CDU's project in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) received funding, with CDU being awarded \$878,000 for a five-year project.

Reflecting on our mission to “communicate the mind and heart of the Church in a digital world” inspired the creation of our proposal for a new curriculum in CST that highlights the “heart” of the Church through her extraordinary institutional ministries of charity such as Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services who will collaborate on this project. The online curriculum will include a retooled AA degree with a concentration in CST especially

for Hispanic Catholics, but open to all, and a graduate certificate in CST for ecclesial ministers, including both clergy and lay ministers who work in parishes and dioceses. The curriculum will be interdisciplinary and practical, to enable graduates to organize and carry out ministries of charity. Papal teachings and the “See, Judge, Act” methodology will form the basis of the curriculum and continue CDU's well-known reputation for fidelity to Church teachings. A bi-lingual program director will oversee the new initiative, and new courses may be offered in the fall of 2022.

These multi-year projects will expand our service to the Church, especially to the underserved, to our growing global student body, and to our commitment to serve the common good.



Sister Margaret Mary Ann Schlather, SND, receives a Papal Medal from Archbishop Timothy Broglio at the 2021 Gala.

Generous Funding to Support Launch of Catholic Social Teaching Curriculum

IN 2021, CDU WAS AWARDED \$929K IN TWO grants from the Lilly Endowment Inc. in support of a significant new educational effort that the university is developing. Given its mission to educate the Catholic leaders of tomorrow, CDU is designing and launching a first of its kind higher education curriculum in Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

The grants will fund a new bilingual English-Spanish AA degree program designed for Hispanic Catholics, who will make up the majority of the population of Catholics in the coming years, and a graduate certificate program. These new, affordable online offerings in CST will provide education to priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers as they seek to serve their faith communities. For this reason, CDU also envisions the programs as a springboard to greater collaboration with Catholic dioceses. CDU Board Chairman Steve Pryor said, “Catholic Social Teaching is that body of teaching addressing human rights and responsibilities in society—beginning with the dignity of the human person and promotion of the family and extending to the global family—flowing from Jesus Christ’s ‘Great Commandment’ to love God, and to love one another as He has loved us.”

While the Catholic Church has a broad and deep teaching regarding social problems, Catholic pastoral leaders feel insufficiently knowledgeable when faced with the very real challenges of immigration, racism, poverty, and family breakdown.

Bishop Robert Barron, a great proponent of CST, according to Mr. Pryor, noted at a recent CDU gala dinner, “It (CST) is essential to the new evangelization and provides a lens

through which to view the issues of our time more clearly.” CDU president Dr. Marianne Evans Mount affirms, “The University is well positioned to develop a new innovative CST curriculum to extend our reach to a growing underserved yet vital body of future Church leadership in Hispanic Catholics as well as to ordained and lay ministers.”

According to Dr. Mount, CDU’s new program is designed to do just that, by providing the clergy and laity the wisdom and insights needed to effectively address these issues at their local parish and ministry level. There is great need in the Hispanic community to develop well-educated leaders for the Church of the 21st century. Understanding this need, CDU’s CST-focused, two-year online AA degree will help Hispanic Catholics achieve post secondary education and provide a pipeline for future entry into seminaries, lay ecclesial ministries, and further academic study.

Recognizing the impact this new program could have on society both today and long into the future, the Lilly Endowment awarded the two grants—the first for \$50k, and the second for \$879k—through its Pathway for Tomorrow Initiative. The CDU program speaks to the heart and focus of the Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative: to prioritize and respond to the most pressing challenges and prepare pastoral leaders for Christian congregations both now and into the future.

Gala Draws Record-Breaking Crowd and Nets Highest Revenue in University's History

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY HONORED BISHOP ROBERT BARRON WITH THE Founders Award, its highest honor, at the November 18th Gala at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. A record number of supporters, Church leaders, graduates, faculty, staff, and students gathered to celebrate the university's 38th year and look toward its future amidst the backdrop of a rapidly changing nation and Church in a politically divisive time. Chairman Stephen Pryor announced plans to develop a new curriculum in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) particularly geared to Hispanic students that responds to the needs of the Church and society.



(Left to right) Chairman Stephen Pryor, President Dr. Marianne Evans Mount, Bishop Robert Barron, and Archbishop Timothy Broglio.

Bishop Barron Speaks Passionately about Catholic Social Teaching

IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, BISHOP Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire, agreed that CDU and Word on Fire have much in common in using technology to spread the Word of God, but that more importantly, “We are propagating this intellectual, aesthetic, and cultural tradition that is for the salvation of the world.”

“We’ve been given this treasure that’s meant to illuminate the world,” he said.

“The Christian Gospel is not meant to be whispered amongst ourselves, it’s meant to be shouted from the rooftops.”

A great proponent of CST, Bishop Barron believes it is essential to the new evangelization and provides a lens through which to view the issues of our time more clearly. His talk touched on diversity, equity, and inclusivity and how they are often misunderstood today as fundamental values; they must be considered in light of the cardinal virtues—justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude, and the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love, which perfect the cardinal virtues.

“Diversity, equity, and inclusivity are not fundamental values. They are values, but only in the measure that they participate in something high-

er or more fundamental,” Bishop Barron said. “I learned that from the Catholic intellectual tradition. What makes them good is the measure in which they serve justice.”

“What endures in heaven is love,” he explained. “What makes equity good? If it’s a loving expression. What makes diversity valuable? If it’s an expression of love. What makes inclusivity good? If it’s a modality of love.”

“Our society, in the measure that it takes the current triplet, is walking down a dangerous road—what it needs is the *lux mundi*—the light of the world—which is articulated in the Catholic intellectual tradition,” Bishop Barron said.

He passionately spoke of CST. “It’s not just for us, it’s for the whole world. We need to propagate it, we need to teach it. We need to announce it from the rooftops.”

“We in this room know it, and that’s why we’re dedicated to Catholic Distance University,” he said. “Let’s not hide our faith away in the public forum. They want to turn religion into a private hobby. It’s not a hobby. We’re salt and light for the whole world.”

“That’s why I believe in what you’re doing. That’s why I’m really honored to receive this award tonight,” Bishop Barron concluded.



President Recalls Beginnings of CDU in 1983, a Holy Year Declared by Pope John Paul II

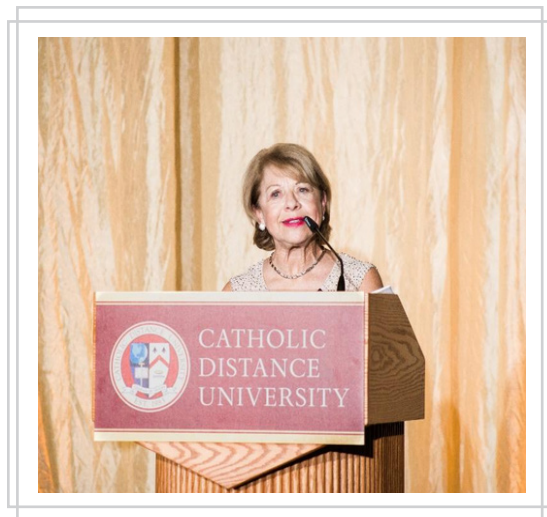
PRESIDENT DR. MARIANNE EVANS MOUNT REFLECTED ON THE UNIVERSITY'S beginnings and service to the Church, the peripheries, and the underserved through the use of distance education and technology.

"Technology is a gift from God. As Catholic distance educators, technology enables us to reach the peripheries—our graduates tonight are witnesses to the reality of human presence at an online university," she reflected.

She reminded the crowd that "The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the premier accreditor of graduate theological education in North America, confirmed the truth of this gift with the historic accreditation of CDU's Graduate School of Theology, the first fully and exclusively online school in ATS."

In addition to providing online education to thousands of lay persons and religious, the university has educated the incarcerated since 1984 through paper correspondence courses and more recently through technology.

"Tonight we rejoice for the gift of the mustard seed," Dr. Mount said. "This tiny seed now brings CDU's digital education to 150 prisons across the country on a digital tablet, through a partnership with the Order of Malta. As the only provider of Catholic education on the Edovo digital tablet, inmates have accessed over 700,000 lessons in three years with an 88% completion rate. CDU is still the only provider of Catholic education to these inmates."



Honors Bestowed to Longtime Trustees and Staff Member

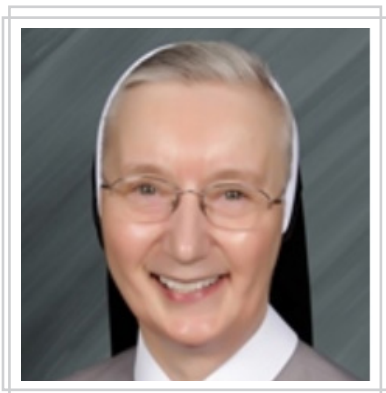
DR. JOSEPH V. BRADDOCK, A LONGTIME TRUSTEE WHO GREATLY contributed to CDU's growth and died in 2021, was announced as CDU's first Trustee Emeritus. CDU's first lay board chairman Dr. Charles R. Wasaff; former staff member Sister Mary Margaret Ann Schlather, SND; and former board member and instructor Sister Mary Brendon Zajac, SND, were awarded the Papal Honor *Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* for their outstanding service to the university and the Church.



Dr. Joseph V. Braddock



Dr. Charles R. Wasaff



Sister Mary Brendon Zajac, SND



Sister Mary Margaret Ann Schlather, SND

Noted Emcee Helen Alvaré



CDU Advisory Board member Professor Helen Alvaré of the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University and well-known author and speaker served as emcee.

Academic Convocation Mass and Graduation



(Left to right) President Dr. Marianne Evans Mount, Bishop Michael Burbidge, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Bishop Robert Barron, and Bishop Mark Brennan.

The Academic Convocation Mass, with principal celebrant, University Chancellor Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, included a graduation ceremony for the classes of 2020 and 2021. With 99 graduates in total, the 18 graduates present hailed from throughout the USA and Canada.

The Mass was concelebrated by four bishops—Bishop of Arlington Michael F. Burbidge; Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston Mark E. Brennan; Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles Robert Barron; and Bishop Emeritus of Arlington Paul S. Loverde. All but Bishop Barron serve on CDU's Board of Trustees. More than 20 priests concelebrated.

Chairman Announces New CST Curriculum with a Focus on Hispanic Catholics

CHAIRMAN STEPHEN PRYOR COMMENTED on the gala's record turnout and thanked Bishop Barron. "I want to talk to you about a treasure that has been called the Church's best kept secret: Catholic Social Teaching," he said, "the Church's wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of the modern world."

"The wisdom of CST is needed now more than ever before because it is a light, the beacon through all this darkness," he added, speaking of "deep divisions in America over our values as a nation and beliefs about building a just society."

He then announced that CDU is planning a new curriculum focused on CST open to all, but especially for Hispanic Catholics. The new curriculum will form leaders to serve the underserved.

"By 2030, Hispanic Catholics will be one out of every two Catholics in America," Mr. Pryor said. Currently, Hispanic Catholics are underrepresented in Church leadership positions, representing just 3% of the priesthood and 8% or 9% of lay ecclesial

ministers, he explained.

Mr. Pryor spoke of "the coming tsunami of need presented by immigration, poverty, and lack of accessibility to sound catechesis," and the implications for the Church. "Hispanic education experts have told us that there is a critical need for academic credentials as part of Hispanic Catholic leadership development," he continued. In response, CDU will develop an affordable, online Associate degree, with a concentration in Catholic Social Teaching based on CDU's existing AA program. "The formation we envision is at once theological and practitioner-oriented, equipping students to understand and confidently respond to complex social problems through a lens of faith and reason. The curriculum would include culturally attuned bilingual components to provide instruction in the language in which graduates will primarily be ministering," Mr. Pryor explained.

The program, which will couple theology and CST, will also address the need to reinvigorate parish life and engage students in corporal works of mercy by "making

every Catholic parish a center of missionary activity.” “Research indicates that ministries of charity enliven faith communities,” Mr. Pryor said. “Hispanic Catholics expect them, and young people are attracted to them, but too few U.S. parishes have active ministries of charity.”

CDU will also develop a graduate certificate in CST in English to equip ordained and lay parish ministers to lead ministries of charity.

Mr. Pryor added that, “To accelerate progress, CDU is exploring potential collaboration on this initiative with the University

of St. Thomas in Houston, an ideal partner who possesses broad institutional capabilities and a mutual commitment to fidelity in handing on the Catholic faith.”

“CDU plans to make CST a major theme in our mission to communicate the mind and heart of the Church in a digital world,” he said.

“To echo Pope Francis,” Mr. Pryor added, “what better way to present the heart of the Church than by inspiring a new movement to go to the peripheries in the service of love?”



Chairman Steve Pryor addresses supporters of CDU at the 2021 gala.

New Trustees



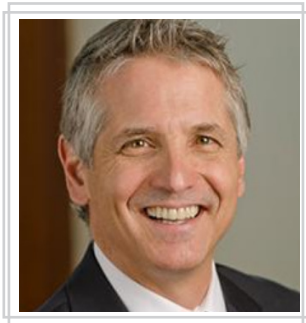
BRIAN MAHER joined the Board of Trustees in June 2021. He was appointed treasurer effective February 1st and is also chairing the Audit & Finance Committee. Mr. Maher's

vast executive-level financial management experience will benefit CDU. He is an honors business graduate of Dartmouth College and received an M.A. in International Economics from The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy.

Mr. Maher retired in 2006 from a 33-year career with Exxon Corporation and post-merger ExxonMobil, where he rose from financial analyst to senior financial management. He and his family moved 12 times during his career. He served as treasurer or in senior finance positions at key Exxon subsidiary companies in North America (New York, Miami, Toronto, and Dallas), Latin America (El Salvador and Chile), and Europe (Rome) as well as the Assistant Treasurer of Exxon and subsequently Exxon Mobil. Specifically, Mr. Maher oversaw the Corporation's capital

market debt financings; he directed financing strategy for the Corporation and approximately 200 affiliates worldwide; headed the Corporation's Financial Policy group with responsibilities for activities such as the annual Corporate Financing Plan and the multi-billion dollar share repurchase; oversaw global Insurance and Pension operations and served on the New York Stock Exchange Pension Advisory Committee; and played a central role in recruiting and personnel development of the worldwide Treasurer's organization.

Since retiring, Mr. Maher has continued to be involved in the financial industry as a Senior Advisor to Saber Partners, LLC, a boutique Wall Street financial advisory company. While living in Dallas, he served on the Board and Finance Committee of the Dallas Theater Center as well as Treasurer of his homeowner's association (HOA). After moving to Naples, he has served for five years as President of his HOA and as a member of the Board of Governors of Bay Colony Community Association.



MICHAEL MIOTTO joined the Board of Trustees in June 2021. Michael Miotto is a business-focused IT Executive with a consistent track record of adding business value and competitive differentia-

tion enabled by state-of-the-art IT capabilities.

Mr. Miotto has experience in several industries: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Higher Education, Retail, and Financial Services. In all cases, he has kept organizations at the forefront of IT innovation and digitization. He has a track record of developing strong IT capabilities by executing best practices in organizational development around people, processes, and technology.

Most recently Mr. Miotto led Ford Motor

Company through the current Industry 4.0 revolution by enabling Industrial IoT, Cloud Computing, Virtual/Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence, fueled by big data and analytics.

He has served as CIO at American Public University Systems (NASDAQ: APEI), which is one of the largest online universities in the U.S. He was CIO of Credit Acceptance Corporation (NASDAQ: CACC), which is one of the largest sub-

prime automotive finance companies in the U.S. Mr. Miotto also held CTO roles at e-Chemicals (Internet Start-Up), MRM (NYSE: IPG) Digital Ad Agency, and Ford Motor Company (NYSE: F) as Head of Advanced Technology and Enterprise Architecture.



PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS was appointed to the Board of Trustees in March 2021. He is Vice Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee and serves on the Academic Committee. He

brings many years of strategic leadership, financial expertise, and commitment to our Faith to our esteemed Board of Trustees and will be an asset as CDU embarks on its new strategic plan. He retired in 2020 after more than 16 years as president and CEO of the Investment Company Institute (ICI), the global association of regulated funds whose members manage some \$35 trillion on behalf of more than 100 million shareholders. During this time, he also served as a director of ICI Mutual Insurance Co. and of the ICI Education Foundation. From 2014-2017, he was chairman of the International Investment Funds Association. Mr. Stevens was general counsel of ICI from 1993-1997.

Outside of ICI, Mr. Stevens has had a varied career in private law practice as corporate counsel and in government service. He was a leader in the financial services practice of Dechert LLP, an

international law firm, and senior vice president and chief counsel for mutual funds and international enterprise at Charles Schwab & Co. He was Special Assistant for National Security Affairs to President Ronald Reagan, who appointed him as the first Legal Adviser to the National Security Council (NSC) and subsequently as head of the NSC's policy and support staff. At the conclusion of his government service, Mr. Stevens received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, DoD's highest civilian decoration.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Stevens has been strongly committed to a wide range of professional, church, cultural, and community activities. Currently he is a trustee of Catholic Investment Services; a member of the Finance & Investment Committee of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta; a director of the Eisenhower Foundation; and a member of the national advisory board of his alma mater, Jesuit High School of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Stevens received a B.A., magna cum laude, from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Retirement Dinner Held for Board's First Lay Chairman



A RETIREMENT celebration for Dr. Charles R. Wasaff was held on June 10th and hosted by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. Dr.

Wasaff, a trustee since 2012 and chairman from October 2017 until March 15, 2021, was honored for his strategic leadership. As the first elected lay chairman of the Board of Trustees, he led CDU through rigorous accreditation processes, and accreditation with ATS was granted under his tenure.

By developing a powerful board and instituting an advisory board, he assembled a team that rivals those of the most prestigious universities and positioned CDU for future growth. Under Dr. Wasaff's leadership, CDU developed a new MA de-

gree program in Theology and Educational Ministry and a Catechetical Coordinator Certificate program. He oversaw articulation agreements with American Public University System and Shepherd University and encouraged CDU to partner with the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

Reflecting the love of Christ, he recognized that we have the tools and expertise to educate not only those who serve but also the underserved. This vision gave rise to the Mission Diocese Scholars program, which provides scholarships to students in underserved mission dioceses. Once these students graduate, they share their knowledge and passion for the faith with those in their dioceses. Dr. Wasaff also initiated CDU's digital prison ministry program. Jesus says, "you will know them by their fruits." We are grateful to Dr. Wasaff for the bountiful harvest he created for CDU.

FAREWELL BOARD MEMBERS Sr. Mary Brendon Zajac, Mary Noel Page, Dr. Charles Wasaff, and Deacon Dave Galvin departed the Board in 2021. We are thankful for their many meaningful contributions to CDU.

Professor Bonagura Publishes Second Book

UNDERGRADUATE THEOLOGY PROFESSOR David Bonagura, Jr., published *Staying with the Catholic Church: Trusting God's Plan of Salvation*, which explains the mystery of the Church and why we need her to encounter Christ in light of contemporary challenges. This book reassures readers that the Church's ultimate mission remains to aid sinners in the achievement of salvation, in spite of, and despite, the frailty of its members and leaders alike.

"I set out to explain what the Church is, why Christ founded her, and what her mission is in the hope that Catholics would understand that the Church is a great mystery, a collection of sinners ministering divine healing to sinners, that is worthy not only of



our continued support, but our faithful love," Professor Bonagura says.

"The way to return Catholics to the Church is the same way in which people have been brought into her for centuries, all across the globe: bold proclamation that Christ and His Church are necessary for our salvation, coupled with a tireless witness of Christ-inspired charity toward other people. Scandal draws people away from the Church. Holiness attracts them. The degree to which we live out our baptismal call to holiness will predict how successful we are in bringing people back into the Church."

The book can be ordered on [Amazon](#) or from Scepter Publishers.

The Faculty Governance Council Assumes Greater Role



IN 2021, THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE Council assumed leadership of the university's assessment program. The FGC's greater role is a reflection of the university's Shared Governance Policy,

which provides a framework for the distinct and complementary roles that various university constituencies play in governing the university.

Chairwoman Alissa Thorell was recently re-elected to head the FGC, and Associate Dean for Accreditation, Dr. Elizabeth Shaw, was appointed as a member. Additional members of the FGC are Faculty Chair and Director of Assessment Dr. Marie Nuar; Academic Dean Dr. Pete Brown; Rev. Bevil Bramwell, OMI, PhD; Steven Bozza, STD; and Dr. Jim Kruggel. The FGC has been meeting weekly to continue its work in assessment, in preparation for the next steps in initial accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.

Theology of the Body Is a Game Changer for Youth in Belize

GIAN PARHAM (BA IN THEOLOGY, 2021) of Benque Viejo del Carmen, Belize, teaches adults and youth in two Catholic high schools and also serves as national coordinator of the Theology of the Body (TOB) teachers' training program. He promotes the program in all of Belize's Catholic Schools, conducting workshops with administrators, principals, faculty, and staff and establishing TOB clubs at Belizean high schools that are led by trained youth leaders.

"Girls are learning that they are valuable and worth waiting for. They have learned they deserve respect and true, authentic, sacrificial love because of their God-given dignity," he says. "The young men are realizing that the image of manhood society is illustrating is a false one. They are learning that true men must grow in virtue in order to die to self and protect the women around them, first and foremost, from themselves. Young men are being challenged to grow in responsibility and to love in an authentic way." Gian points out that TOB is not just helping to reduce teenage pregnancies in Belize, but it is also helping

to lower the abortion rate.

Gian has been married for 24 years and feels blessed to have two beautiful children. During the day, he teaches English Literature and TOB to seniors at Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School. At night, he teaches adults Computer Science and TOB. "For me, teaching is not a job. It is a passion, a vocation, something I am called to do," Gian says, adding that he is truly blessed to share his God-given gifts with both the teens and adult students he has come to love.

"The joy that comes from interacting with the young as they search for what is true, good, and beautiful is deeply moving." "Many of the teenagers I work with are living destitute lives, and having made my own journey through the fire, I am humbled that God would use me as a witness and beacon of hope that 'with him all things are possible.'" "I am grateful to be, as St. Theresa of Calcutta puts it, 'but a pencil in the hand of God,'" Gian says. "I am proud to be named among the alumni of CDU! *Gaudium de Veritate!*"

Psychiatrist Treats Patients and Staff with Justice and Charity and Serves in Parish Ministry

DR. ARACELI V. LARDIZABAL-CARNAZZO, MD, MA (Catechetical Diploma, '15; MA in Theology, '16), is a forensic psychiatrist and active in parish ministry in the Diocese of Monterey, California. She was working as a staff psychiatrist in a forensic hospital when she began studying theology at the graduate level and then added the Catechetical Diploma to better impart her enriched Catholic faith to others in an engaging way.

Studying theology helped Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo impart her work with the virtues of justice and charity. "As a Christian Catholic forensic psychiatrist, in justice, from which flows the virtue of religion, I

give to God all the glory that is His due for all that is good in me, including my gifts of medical acumen and competence, moved by love for Him above all as I serve Him through my psychiatric patients," she explains. "And in justice and charity, I give to the patients what is their due, moved by love that wills their highest good, in serving them, in imitation of the Divine Physician, as their psychiatrist."

A grounding in Theology and Catholic social teaching also facilitates her interactions with others she encounters in her

work who she treats with kindness and respect that stem from charity and justice. Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo's routine responsibilities include writing proficient psychiatric admission-intake evaluations, progress notes, discharge summaries, and medico-legal progress reports that are advisory to the court; leading the multidisciplinary staff-patient treatment plan team meetings; prescribing individualized treatment

with medications and psychotherapies; requesting appropriate laboratory or screen tests and consults on complex cases; attending to emergency-crisis states; joining the medical staff conferences; and keeping up-to-date

with the profession's continuing medical education. She also appears in court as an expert witness on a patient's competency, for example, to stand trial or to accept or refuse treatment; the need for involuntary treatment or commitment in a secure setting; the danger posed to self or others; grave disability; and whether a patient is not guilty by reason of insanity or can be safely treated in the community.

Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo is also very active in parish ministries. "I am privileged to be part of the faith journey of the chil-



dren and the adults in the parish,” she says.

As a certified catechist, Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo co-facilitates the children’s First Confession-First Holy Communion preparation classes, the adults’ Sacramental Prep-RCIA-Continuing Faith Formation classes, and helps facilitate the weekly Bible Study Group. She especially enjoys her work with the children. “I find it heart-warming to see them apply what they learned and to experience personal joy when going for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. It is gratifying, as well, to see how their parents and relatives feel blessed for what their children have accomplished through their efforts and faith,” she says.

Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo is also a co-facilitator of the Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreats in northern California for those in need of post-abortion healing. Her studies in Catholic healthcare ethics training sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association via CDU have allowed her to be a resource for relatives, parishioners, and a priest on difficult and gray areas in this field. Her Catholic social doctrine training at CDU and CUA has helped inform the conscience of her family to invest exclusively in pro-life stocks. She is also working with fellow Catholic healthcare professionals

to start parish needs-based (via surveys) Catholic healthcare ministries and to meet the requirements for a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat program for California’s Central Coast, which is home to several college campuses.

Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo is blessed with a loving family. She and her late husband have a daughter who is a hospice nurse and two sons who are active priests of the Catholic Melkite rite. Their daughter has three children: the two eldest in college and the youngest college-bound in 2023. Both sons are married, and each has seven children who are homeschooled. Before becoming priests, both sons taught online seminars at CDU. Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo was first introduced to CDU when she took one of their courses. She relishes bonding with her nuclear and extended family members, and friends, as well.

“I feel deeply blessed for my training in Theology and Catechetics at CDU, a gift that keeps on giving—to have a servant’s heart in the Lord, through service to His Church, all for His love and glory!” Dr. Lardizabal-Carnazzo says.

MA Grad's Love of Reading Led to His Conversion

DANIEL KELLY (MA, THEOLOGY, '20) LIVES in rural Mora County, New Mexico, on a small farm where he raises livestock and chickens, goats, and peacocks with his wife, who is a second grade teacher. A professor at Luna Community College, Mr. Kelly teaches a course on The History of Christian Thought. He also teaches a continuing faith formation class at his parish, and he and his wife run the local Newman Center in addition to raising their daughter and son.

Raised to believe in a philosophically sophisticated form of Hinduism, Mr. Kelly was attracted to Catholicism in his late teens by Catholic acquaintances and religious. At first, it seemed to him that Jesus fit in perfectly with the Hindu schema of thought, yet he found Catholicism to be intellectually unsophisticated. All of that changed through his love of reading.

"Then, as now, I am completely unable to resist reading any book near me," Mr. Kelly says. Delving deeply into the Fantasy genre works of C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, and J.R.R. Tolkien moved him toward the Catholic Faith, particularly C.S. Lewis' works on Christianity, and he eventually converted.

Mr. Kelly pursued an MA degree in

Theology to deepen his knowledge of the faith and to equip himself to teach. With CDU, he was able to work for his archdiocese while earning his degree. Mr. Kelly has served as director of religious education and parish secretary of St. Gertrude the Great, his home parish, and continues to serve in a variety of ministries there and in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

"I came to CDU because I loved—and

love—academia and growing academically, but I was tired of the abrasive effects of pagans and heretics in the academic world I had been in," he says, adding, "although I loved, and still love, many of them dearly."

"CDU certainly allowed me to grow in this regard. I especially liked my Philosophy (and English) classes



with Fr. Bramwell and Dr. Urbanczyk. Never have I been pushed harder to clarify my thoughts, and never has my brain grown more—not even in stats class," he says.

"CDU has benefited me in so many ways, it is impossible to count them all," Mr. Kelly says. "I have grown in my faith, in my knowledge, and in my intelligence."

Mr. Kelly's MA thesis, "My Very Self You Know: A Personalist Examination of Vocation," was published in the Easter 2020 issue of *Digital Continent*.

Maronite Sister Receives Scholarship

IN 2021, WE WELCOMED SISTER EMILY TO CDU as our new Mission Diocese Scholar in the MA program. Highly recommended as a promising student by Bishop Mansour of the St. Maron of Brooklyn mission diocese, Sister Emily is a Maronite servant of Christ the Light. Her mission is to serve the Church in the parish as a spiritual mother in imitation of Mary, radiating the Light of Christ through a life of contemplative prayer, asceticism, and apostolic mission to children, youth, young adults, families, the sick, dying, and grieving. Maronite Sisters live in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and serve alongside the priest in

pastoral ministry, reaching out with a maternal touch to the many needs of the parish family. Her superior, Sister Marla Marie Lucas, says, “Sister Emily’s CDU scholarship is a Godsend to her formation and fulfilling our mission.”

The Mission Dioceses Scholars Program is part of CDU’s commitment to serve our brothers and sisters at the peripheries. As a non-profit, CDU could not offer transformational scholarships to those who serve the Church without your support. We are grateful to The Koch Foundation and our generous private donors who support this program.

BA Grad Sees Hand of God in His Path

FRANCIS CABILDO (BA IN THEOLOGY, '21)



works as Director of Worship at Our Savior Parish in Los Angeles, California, and the University of Southern California

Caruso Catholic Center. He is also a singer-songwriter, and he and his wife Nicole

are raising five young boys.

“I was one of those students who took a long break in completing my degree,” Mr. Cabildo says. “First, I was not sure what I wanted to study. My career choice is not one that you hear about in mainstream college career choices. Looking back, I can see the hand of God guiding me each step of the way.”

“My education from CDU gave me confidence as well as valuable knowledge that has helped me in my professional life. I have also gained critical thinking skills, organizational skills, and increased my

ability to look at things through a world-view centered on Jesus and his Church,” Mr. Cabildo says.

Mr. Cabildo enjoys working with students, especially those who are furthest away from the Lord. “I love to see them realize the love of God and for them to begin a relationship with Jesus and the Church,” he says. He also enjoys helping volunteers and student leaders discover a love for ministry and leading others to Christ.

Mr. Cabildo has been in music ministry for close to 28 years. He started as a volunteer singing at his local parish and was inspired by his youth minister in high school, who played the guitar. Mr. Cabildo bought his first guitar at 18 after saving up tips from busing tables and taught himself to play.

Mr. Cabildo’s family is an integral part of all he does, and they help him to connect with God in many ways. “Being a husband reminds me that I have to die to myself daily and that I am first to serve and to die for my bride just as Christ died for his bride,” he says. “My children are gifts and blessings. They help me to grow in love and patience, and they help me practice forgiveness and mercy,” he adds.

“I chose CDU because it gave me flexibility and options,” Mr. Cabildo says. “I am raising a young family, and with my work in ministry, my schedule did not allow me to take courses on a normal schedule. CDU gave me the opportunity to complete my degree and still be present to my family and those I serve.”

Alumnus Publishes Book

RUDIMENTS OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY: AN Outline of Persons, Events, and Teachings by Michael Petruzzelli (MA in Religious Studies, 2001) was published in April by Christian Publishing, Inc. Mr. Petruzzelli is an educator who holds several degrees and taught theology at a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., for 10 years. Written in the format of an informal outline, the book

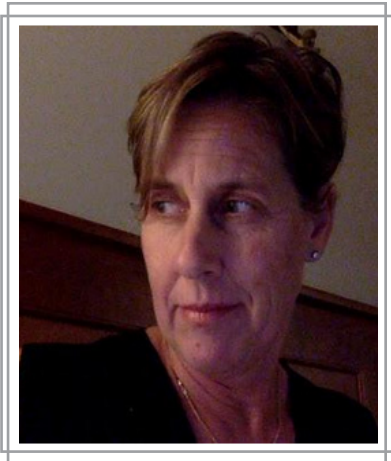
presents a summary of some of the major topics of the 2,000-year+ span of Christian history. He provides various interpretations of causal relationships of key events, insight regarding historical persons who significantly impacted the course of Christian history, and a concise explanation of basic Christian teachings and theologies.

Married Alumnus Ordained a Priest in Armenian Catholic Church



GRADUATE ASADUR M. MINASIAN (MA IN THEOLOGY, 2021) was ordained a priest on December 18, 2021, by Bishop Mikael Mouradian at St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church just outside of Philadelphia in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Father Minasian, who is married and has two daughters and one son, was ordained a deacon earlier in the year, but his priestly ordination was delayed due to COVID. Priests from Armenian Catholic parishes throughout the United States attended the ceremony, and his children processed the new priestly robes to the front of the church and took part serving on the altar and reading scriptures. In the photo, Fr. Minasian is pictured with his family.

MA Thesis Focuses on John Paul II's Theology of Family



MRS. ELIZABETH GILLSON RECENTLY EARNED HER MA DEGREE in Theology. Her thesis, "Recalling God's Design for the Family: A Review of John Paul II's Theology of Family as Expressed in *Familiaris Consortio*," was published in the Summer 2021 issue of *Digital Continent*. Mrs. Gillson shares insights from Pope St. John Paul II on the Christian family. Professor Chris Padgett reviewed her thesis and says, "In an age confused and often at odds with Catholic teachings of marriage and family, I found Mrs. Gillson's thesis an excellent reminder that the Catholic Church continues not only to uphold the integrity of its teachings in this critical area but also adapts them to meet modern challenges." Elizabeth and Michael,

her husband of 25 years, are raising their 10 children in the Diocese of Arlington. She is pursuing a career in theological writing and research.

Preparing the Incarcerated for Re-Entry

DRAWING UPON TREMENDOUS SUCCESS in working with local ex-offenders, Gatekeepers—a nonprofit based in Hagerstown, Maryland—is producing a video series that will take their “Business of Living” re-entry program into state and federal prisons. The 14-part series prepares the incarcerated for re-entry into society with step-by-step instruction. This innovative program is being digitally reproduced and distributed by CDU’s digital prison ministry team in partnership with the Order of Malta Federal Association’s prison committee and will be offered online in prisons this Fall.

CDU’s educational outreach to the incarcerated, which began 38 years ago, continues to be strong with the loving support of Marguerite Trainor. Serving prisoners with Catholic courses has a profound impact on lives as exemplified in recent notes from students.

“These few words are to express my thanks for all your work and assistance with my religious education. May God continue to bless you and the ministry... On May 5, 2021, I was officially received into the Order of Preachers... I am expected to make my life promise in about one more year... Becoming a Dominican and working for God has been the best thing that has happened in my life!”—Mr. Harold R., O.P.

“Your institution is the center of my life. You

have brought me to a place in my life which I had never envisioned, and for that I am grateful. There won’t be a time in my life in which I will not be learning with you and from you.”—MS

“It is I who must express my gratitude to you for everything CDU has done and continues to do for my own spiritual growth via the Advanced Catechist Program in which I am enrolled. Your program is an integral part of my journey to grow the seed of faith planted in me and to truly submit my will to the will of the Father through Christ and His Church. While prayer and the sacraments are, as St. Francis de Sales describes them, the rails of Jacob’s ladder by which the love and grace of God are called down and conferred upon us, my faith is also deepened through the intellectual growth that the study of the truths of our Catholic faith produces. Of course, this deepening of faith is itself a grace of God, and I see the work you do as cooperating with the will of the Father to spread His grace to His children. As I am just an undeserving yet loved recipient of His grace through your efforts, it is certainly I who should be thanking you for your willingness to serve the least among us. May the Divine Assistance remain always with you and your staff.” —Dale D.

We are grateful to be able to serve the incarcerated Church and for the donations and grant support that enables us to serve the underserved.

Engagement with Incarcerated Catholics Soars

The continuing education digital tablet program for incarcerated Catholics continues to break through prison walls. In just 3 ½ years, nearly 800,000 free Catholic courses have been taken. Thanks to our partners, and your support, 46 CDU courses (9 in Spanish) are available in 184 prisons across 29 states. Courses offered in Spanish will continue to grow in 2022 through the support of The Order of Malta Federal Association and The John C. Fricano Foundation.

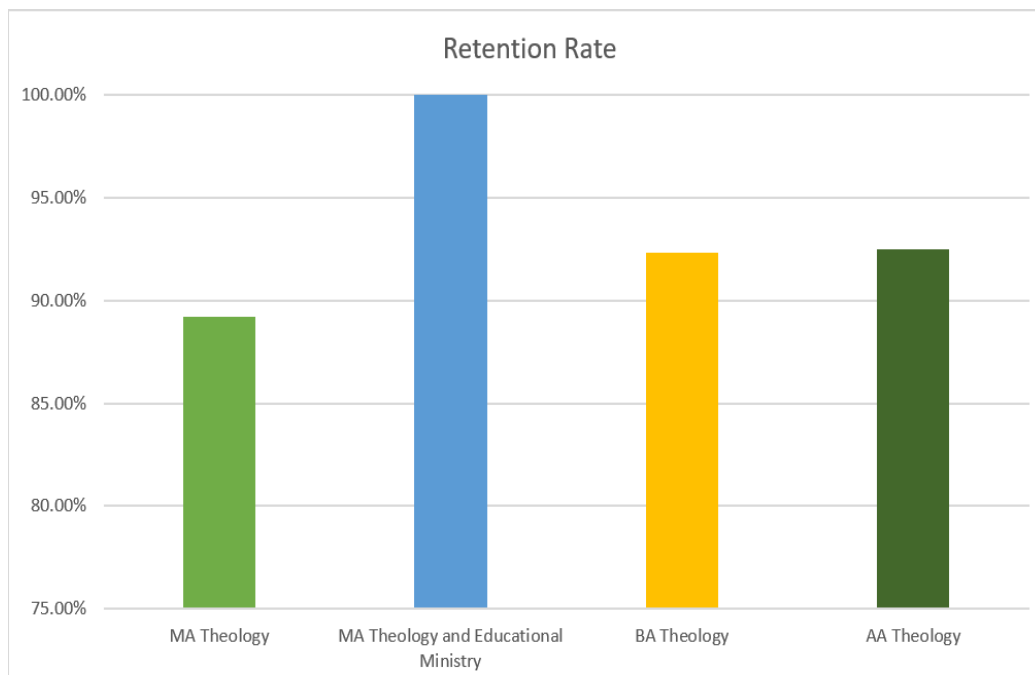
Facts and Figures: Educational Effectiveness and Outcomes

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, CDU HAS SEEN a gradual increase overall in both student and course enrollments at all degree levels. The number of students enrolled in an academic program rose 12% in the 2020-2021 academic year over the previous year, and the number of course enrollments rose 6.7% during that same period. Review of CDU's retention rates, student achievement, and Church-related ministry participation rates show the value of a CDU education.

Institutional outcomes are regularly assessed using both direct and indirect measures of student learning. The assessment program ensures that CDU's degree programs produce their intended outcomes and are educationally effective. Here are a few highlights: Retention rates for the academic year were 91% at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, which far surpass the benchmarks required by CDU's accreditors and the rates of most online programs.

Graduating MA in Theology students achieved an average GPA of 3.78 in an average time of 4.2 years, and 81% reported working in Church-related ministries upon graduation. For the 2020-2021 terms, student achievement in each MA program outcome confirms that students successfully met and often exceeded the expectations for each outcome. The retention rate for the academic year was 89.2% for the MA (Theology) degree program and 100% for the MA in Theology and Educational Ministry degree program.

Students who graduated from the BA in Theology completion program fulfilled program requirements with an average GPA of 3.71 and an average time of 3.9 years. Most students who enroll in the program either are seeking a Church-related ministry or desire to study the Faith more deeply to participate in volunteer ministries in their parishes. Among 2019-2021 alumni, 71% of undergraduate alumni reported working or volunteering in



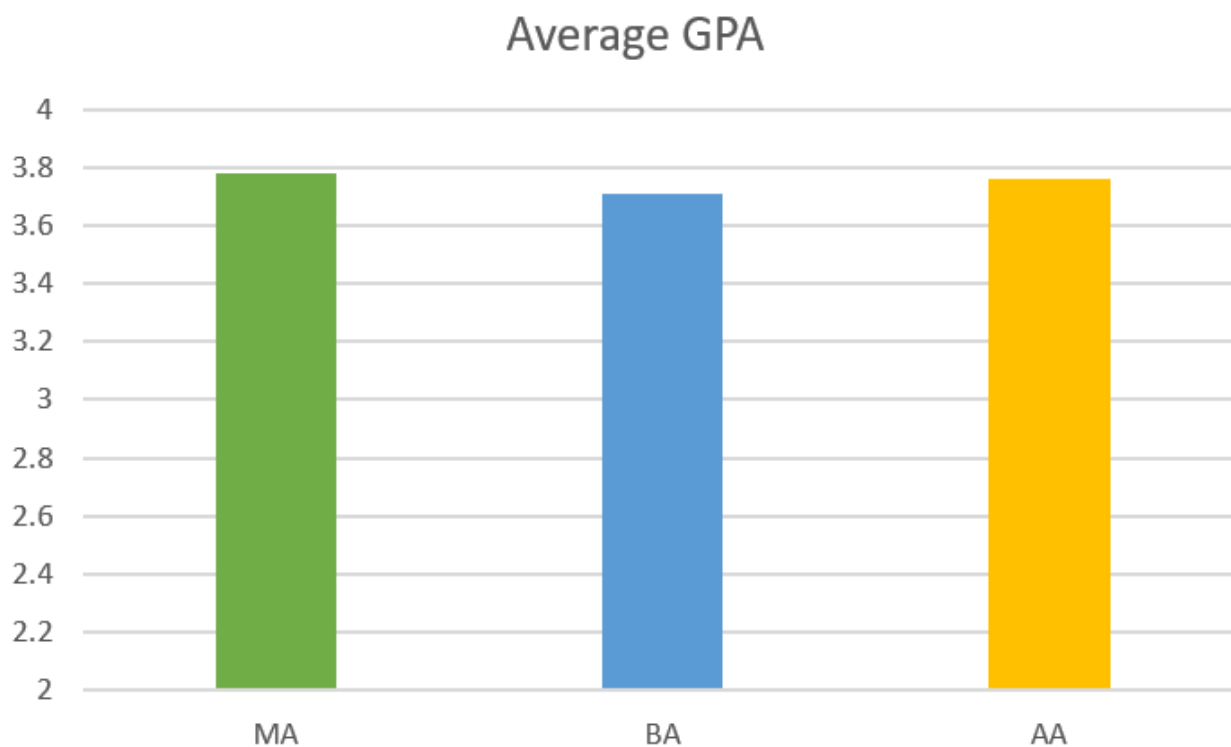
Church-related ministry positions upon program completion. Student achievement in each BA program outcome confirms that students met the expectations for each outcome. The retention rate for the 2020–2021 academic year was 92.3% for the BA in Theology degree completion program.

Those who received the AA degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Catholic Studies were awarded the degree with an average GPA of 3.76 after an average of 3.8 years. For the 2019–2021 terms, student achievement of each AA program outcome confirms that students successfully met the expectations for each outcome, and the retention rate for the 2020-2021 academic year was 92.5% for the program.

Students surveyed in 2021 upon the

completion of their programs show 100% stating that they achieved their learning goals, were satisfied with their studies at CDU, felt equipped to teach the Faith, and would recommend CDU to others, which confirms the value of CDU’s educational offerings and services.

Beyond the numbers, outcomes must ultimately be measured in the way that alumni use their gifts and talents in service to the Church — whether that be formally or informally. Perhaps the most significant effectiveness statement is that CDU has been an accredited distance education institution for more than 38 years, being the first to offer online Catholic education in the United States, and is committed to this service of Catholic theology, catechetics, and evangelization for years to come.



Deacon with Fascinating Career History Joins CDU Faculty

AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Permanent Deacon Rick Bauer delivers a powerful sermon on the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ. He challenges the widely held belief among many sitting in the pews today that the Eucharist is symbolic. He concludes, “How about it, Catholics? As it becomes more difficult to accept this teaching, more will walk away, because there will always be convenient, palatable substitutes for the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. As for me and my family, in the Communion line, when they say ‘The body and blood of Christ,’ I will say ‘Amen.’” To further make his point, he has prepared a two-page parish bulletin insert that supports the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with passages from Scripture, the Catechism, and the words of the Fathers of the Church.

Deacon Rick Bauer recently joined CDU’s faculty and will teach SCRPT 210 Reading Scripture Theologically and SCRPT 520 Pentateuch. He holds a ThM in Hebrew Bible from Harvard University Divinity School, an MA in Biblical Theology from The Augustine Institute, an MSc degree in the Management of Technology from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and an MA degree in English from the University of Florida.

Deacon Rick is also a published author of three books, a technologist, and a member of

the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program teaching faculty for the Diocese of Colorado Springs, where he has taught since his ordination in 2011, preparing groups of men—and their wives—for the challenges of being an ordained servant of Christ. He currently serves as the review editor for *The Colorado Catholic Herald*, as well.

A revert to the Catholic faith, Deacon Rick Bauer’s professional background includes stints as a Protestant minister in the Church of Christ, technology manager, consultant on cults for the FBI, and chief technology officer for the U.S. Presidential Inaugural Committee & Presidential Transition Team for President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney in 2000 and 2001. His career path—and faith life—have taken a long and circuitous path.

Deacon Rick was raised Catholic and attended Catholic school halfway through high school, but he left the Church at the University of Florida after being invited to an informal Bible study that was billed as nondenominational but turned out to be quite anti-Catholic. While he had serious questions about leaving the Faith and being baptized as a Protestant, there were no Catholic resources on campus for guidance, and he became a member of the Church of Christ.

“A lot of Catholics end up losing their



faith in the first semester,” Deacon Rick says. “Most Catholics leave their faith from age 18-22, and only a few Catholics are really paying attention to this. That’s why my wife and I support the FOCUS outreach programs going on at many campuses in the United States, and here in the University of Colorado system,” he adds.

After graduating, he decided to forgo law school to join the Church of Christ ministry training program. The church was growing rapidly, and he was offered a position as a campus minister at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Membership swelled under his direction, but the rapid growth of the Church, lack of structure, and inexperience of the leaders led to splits in the church and disillusionment of the members. “Ignorance doesn’t scale very well,” he says. Deacon Rick returned to the University of Florida to start a school of ministry and pursue a Master’s degree. Eventually, the leadership of the church in Gainesville became unaccountable, and he left for Boston to finish his Master’s degree in Hebrew Bible at Harvard University’s Divinity School. At the time, he was still a Church of Christ minister.

The more Deacon Rick studied and reflected on the Bible at Harvard, the more he realized there were holes in Protestant theology and that the Old Testament didn’t need to be taken word for word as those in the evangelical movement believe. But his renewal in the Catholic faith was ultimately driven by his realization that the Eucharist is truly the real presence of Christ. After completing his degree at Harvard, he returned to Washington, D.C., to work as a technology manager in his father’s business and study at The Catholic University of America.

One day in February 1993, he received a phone call. “It’s a strange call when the secretary says, ‘Mr. Bauer, FBI on line 2!’” he says.

With a dangerous situation brewing at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, the FBI had called Harvard University for advice on dealing with cults, and his professor had recommended him as a consultant. “We had been studying this very issue—a cult-like, violent group, apocalyptic mindset, yet with a biblical exterior,” Deacon Rick says. “It was very interesting, and I consulted without pay, but it unfortunately resulted in needless violence and the death of 76 Branch Davidians, including 25 children, two pregnant women, and David Koresh (aka Vernon Howell) himself.” Four federal agents were killed in the fighting, as well.

In the 1990s, Deacon Rick served as executive director for several technology organizations. He was working as the chief information officer for a school in Philadelphia, when James Baker III, an alum, board member, and parent, invited him to serve as a chief technology officer for the U.S. Presidential Inaugural Committee & Presidential Transition Team for President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney in 2000 and 2001. He accepted the position.

Deacon Rick eventually took a technology job in Colorado, where he was formally accepted back into the Catholic Church after years of study and consideration. “I was told by a Jesuit priest, ‘you would make a pretty good deacon’ soon after I was formally accepted back into the Catholic Church,” he says. “With all the years I had served as a Protestant minister, it was encouraging to have a few men in my life feel that there was something ‘still left in the tank’ with regard to ministry or teaching.”

“I had to ‘unlearn’ a lot of things in my 5-year formation process, but my preparation in the biblical languages and in biblical studies could find fruitfulness, which has been humbling,” he says.

HUM 260 THEO 290-590 - Theology of Sacred Architecture



CDU'S NEW THEOLOGY OF SACRED ARCHITECTURE COURSE is an introduction to the history, theology, and symbolism of Catholic sacred architecture that focuses on how the development of Catholic sacred architecture and theology has affected the shape, configuration, and use of the Catholic church throughout various architectural styles and eras. It will follow this development from Pagan and Old Testament ideas of sacred architecture throughout the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Counter-Reformation, and Vatican II. The course will give an overview of the various declarations of the Church regarding the construction and symbolism of the church edifice. Undergraduates will be able to apply it towards either their humanities requirements or theology electives. Graduates will be able to apply the course towards their theology electives.

Taught by Erik Bootsma, who was trained in the classical liberal arts at Thomas Aquinas College's great books program, he became interested in the philosophy of architecture and aesthetics. This philosophy was the foundation upon which he completed his architectural education with a Masters of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Systematic Theologian Dr. Moleski Joins Faculty

MARTIN X. MOLESKI, S.J., PH.D., A JESUIT PRIEST, EDUCATOR, AND AUTHOR, HOLDS a Ph.D. in Theology from The Catholic University of America. He taught undergraduate students for 30 years at Le Moyne College in Syracuse (1988-1990) and Canisius College (1990-2018), winning tenure and promotion to full professor. He currently works as an assistant to the editors of *Biblica* and *Orientalia* at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

He has authored three books: *Personal Catholicism* (Catholic University, 2000), *Michael Polanyi* (with William T. Scott; Oxford University Press, 2005), and *Judging Religion Justly* (Cognella, 2012) and has published 25 academic articles and 13 book reviews. Dr. Moleski was a weekly host of "Calling All Catholics," a one-hour broadcast on affiliates of The Station of the Cross Catholic Radio, for seven years.

Dr. Moleski specializes in Catholic Systematic Theology and World Religions. In addition to the Ph.D., his extensive education includes a B.A. in English from Boston College (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), an MA in Philosophy from Fordham University, and an M.Div. and S.T.B. from Regis College, University of Toronto.

He recently taught PHIL 340 See for Yourself: An Introduction to Epistemology.

Staff News



DR. ELIZABETH SHAW was named associate dean for accreditation. She also teaches philosophy at CDU and is associate editor of the quarterly journal *The Review of Metaphysics*. She holds a PhD in philosophy from The Catholic University of America, with a specialty in American philosophy.



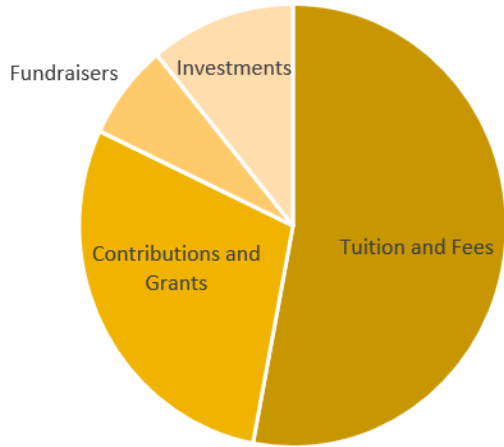
NEW LIBRARIAN STEPHANIE GARRETT has more than 30 years of business, development, and leadership experience. She is engaging with and supporting students while growing the digital library. She previously served as executive director of Tenn-share, a Tennessee library consortium in Nashville. Garrett has a Master of Science degree in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee and also earned a BA in Theology from Aquinas College in Nashville, where she graduated with honors.



CYNTHIA STALCUP, a 2020 honors graduate of CDU's MA in Theology and Educational Ministry program, joined the staff as catechetical subject specialist and Student Life coordinator. Stalcup has been active in parish youth ministry since 1992 in the Diocese of Arlington. She currently serves as a catechist at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn, Virginia, and is also CDU's Outstanding Graduate of the Year for 2020.

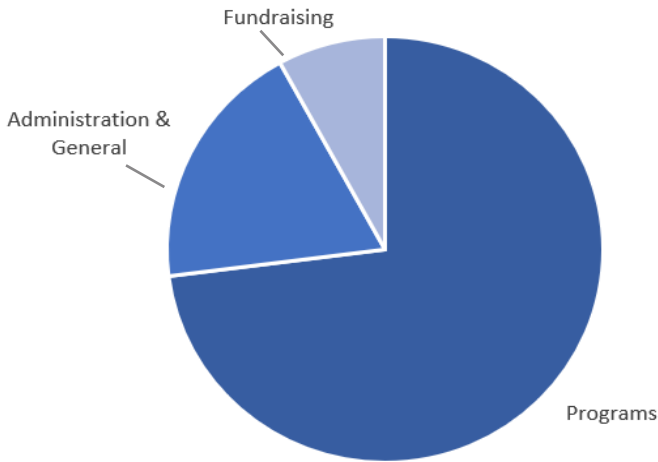
2021 Financial Report

IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, CDU's revenue totaled \$2,048,084 and expenses totaled \$1,832,986. Investments of \$405,006 were made to enhance marketing efforts, invest in information technology, expand and update the online library, improve the student learning experience, offer federal financial aid through Title IV, and pursue full accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.



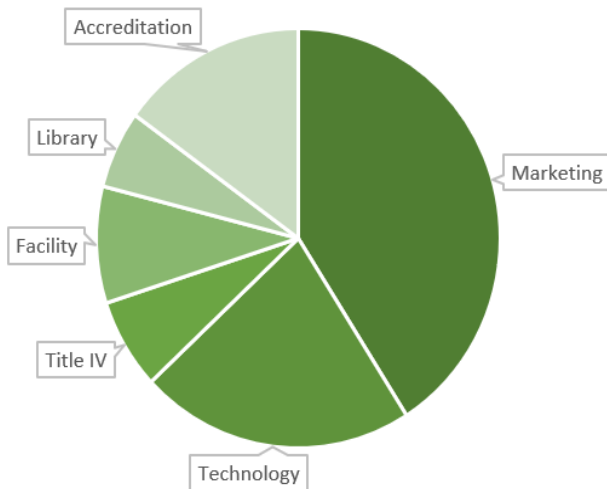
Revenue

Tuition and Fees _____	53%
Contributions & Grants _____	29%
Fundraisers _____	7%
Investments _____	11%
Total _____	\$2,048,084



Expenses

Programs _____	73%
Administration & General _____	19%
Fundraising _____	8%
Total _____	\$1,832,986



Incremental Investments

Marketing _____	41%
Technology _____	22%
Title IV _____	7%
Facility _____	9%
Library _____	6%
Accreditation _____	15%
Total _____	\$405,006

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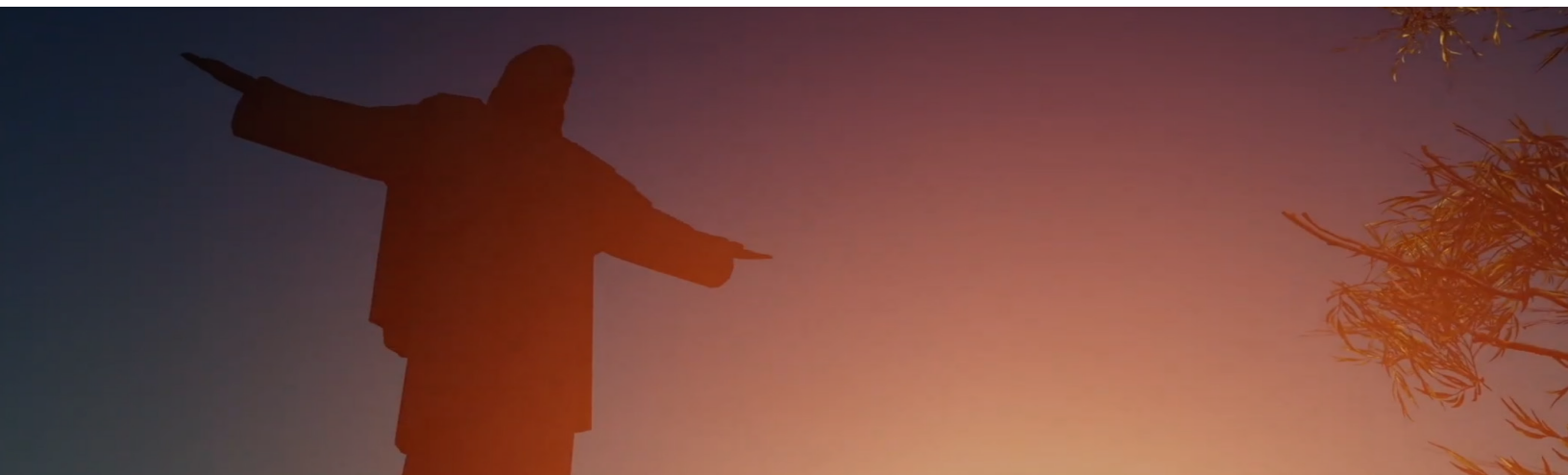
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- ◇ *Bring on-demand online courses to Catholic adults anytime, anywhere.*
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“As someone who has studied most of his adult life in one form or another—face-to-face and online, undergraduate to doctoral level—I can say that I have never had a better collection of teachers than I had at CDU.”

—Deacon Adam Walk, MA (Theology)

“CDU did not just prepare me for my job but gave me an opportunity to grow in my Faith with a wonderful community of classmates and professors. I am so grateful for my time at CDU and cannot wait to share what I have learned with my family, Parish community, and all those I encounter in my lifetime.”

—Katlyn Lawler, BA in Theology

“[Coming to CDU] was a great decision. I had all of these college credits and no degree, and the BA in Theology was the answer I was searching for. And for the first time in my life, my education was something I could be passionate about.”

—Adam Beerling, BA in Theology

“It has been a long road, and I’m grateful for the unfailing support and encouragement from the faculty and staff at CDU. I will include Catholic Distance University on my curriculum vitae with pride, as I believe the education I’ve received has been exemplary; it is also invaluable to the work that I do in psychotherapy and natural family planning.”

—Anne Marie Posella, MA (Theology)

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