

October 12, 2020

To the CTU community,

Upon polling faculty and students, and after a considered discussion among the members of the CTU Leadership Council, CTU will remain online for the 2021 Spring Semester, May Term, and Summer. As was the case this semester, field placements and liturgical practica courses will be available face to face, but with observing social distancing, face masks, and the other usual precautions.

With our experiences going back to April, we are confident that we will be able to deliver the same quality educational content in online courses as we always do in the classroom. In addition, our library services have been enhanced, allowing contactless book check-out and drop-off on the first floor of the James and Catherine Denny Academic and Conference Center at 5416 S. Cornell.

Serious epidemiological projections have indicated that even with a vaccine, it is very likely that current social restrictions caused by the pandemic will continue into the summer of 2021. In making this announcement now, we want to allow our students and faculty sufficient time for planning and course preparation. Guaranteeing that everyone can study and learn without the further anxiety of contracting COVID-19 in the classroom allows CTU to further its mission in a way that is both ethical and safe.

As a consequence of this decision, CTU will be organizing an online Commencement for May. Because we were not able to have a full graduation celebration last Spring, this ceremony will also include our 2020 graduates.

All of us on the CTU Leadership Council are cognizant of the sacrifices that this decision will demand of the members of the CTU community. As always, we thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Sincerely,



Rev. Mark R. Francis, CSV
President