

July 31, 2020

To the CTU community,

Upon the recommendation of a special Task Force, CTU previously announced that it would offer the Fall 2020 Term courses in a hybrid format. This decision was not reached lightly and took into account the science surrounding COVID known in April, along with the predictions and the protocols for Illinois and Chicago. At the same time, the Task Force promised to continuously monitor the situation and be ready to make changes if necessary.

Therefore, in light of reasonable expectations for the virus to maintain itself at present levels at least until the end of the year, CTU is making the decision to offer all its Fall Term courses online, with some possible voluntary exceptions for Field Placements and Liturgical Practica.

We are confident that we will be able to deliver the same high level of educational content in online courses as we always do in the classroom. In addition our excellent library and library staff have made and continue to make effective improvements to fully support our online courses.

At this point in time, we are making the decision out of an abundance of caution. We want to allow our students and faculty to concentrate on the course material and personal academic growth rather than on social distancing and classroom hygiene. Guaranteeing that everyone can study and learn without the further anxiety of contacting COVID in the classroom allows CTU to further its mission in a way that is both ethical and safe.

Of course, it is our hope that things will be different for the Spring 2021 semester.

With sincere appreciation for your understanding and flexibility,



Rev. Mark Francis, CSV  
President