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## PILOT YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE

*Together* is winding down and the “pilot” year has ended. We are happy to share that the program will continue to move forward in 2019-2020. Current participants will be returning to their communities during the summer months for rest and relaxation and other community events.

We are excited to welcome two new participants in the fall 2019! Just a note, we are still accepting applications. Please contact me at [kconrad@relforcon.org](mailto:kconrad@relforcon.org) if you are interested in learning more about the *Together* program.

During one of our formation nights, we had Brother John Barker, OFM come to speak to us about the vow of poverty. His insights connecting scripture and the vow of poverty were insightful and enlightening.

Ongoing formation is a vital part of the *Together* experience. As a community, we are committed to renew the many aspects of the vowed life in order to become prophetic women (and hopefully men in future cohorts!) in the 21st century. We are grateful to have many CTU professors who are vowed religious to share their experiences of consecrated life.

Every year, CTU celebrates its diverse international student body by having an event called ‘Taste of CTU.’ It is an evening in which students showcase their cultures by dance, music, and cuisine. *Together* participant Sushma Bodra, SCN performed a traditional Indian dance, and Tracy Kemme, SC represented the North American culture with a song. It was definitely a community building event among the wider CTU student body.



Sushma Bodra, SCN, center

All work and no play? Not for *Together*. The week before finals, we went bowling to let out some stress and have some good laughs!

I feel so blessed that our paths have crossed on our journey of life and I enthusiastically wait for many others who will join the *Together* community in the future!

**We continue to accept applications for the fall 2019 cohort. If you are interested in an individual visit, I'd be happy to set-up a time for us to meet on campus or talk over the phone.**

The CTU Admissions staff is ready to help all potential students as well. Please feel free to call or email the admissions office: 773.371.5451; [admissions@ctu.edu](mailto:admissions@ctu.edu).

Blessings on your summer adventures!

Karina Conrad, CDP  
Program Coordinator

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## TAKING STOCK

*Faith comes from hearing the message and hearing the message comes through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). I quote this because I started my journey trusting God when I came to a new land and in new culture. As I began my classes at Catholic Theological Union, I was comfortable and felt at home. Joining the Together community has been a great help for me to get familiar with the place and people. Being in the community I experience the sense of belongingness and growing together as a community.*

*-Sushma Bodra, SCN*

*Currently, I live in the intercongregational Together collaborative at Catholic Theological Union. We recently vowed sisters share intentional community and formation experiences while studying graduate-level theology or ministry. I am away from my congregation, but I am surely at home. The beauty of it is that it is never a choice between my congregation and intercongregational relationships. It is a both-and.*

*-Tracy Kemme, SC*

***Thank you to all those who supported us on our journey this year. We are grateful.***



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