

TOGETHER NEWSLETTER

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NOTE FROM TOGETHER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR,
SISTER KARINA CONRAD, CDP.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
TOGETHER VIRTUAL OPEN
HOUSES IN JANUARY.



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CREATING COMMUNITY

As the end of the Fall semester approaches, I am grateful for the launch of the *Together* program.

What I am most grateful for are the women religious who are dedicating their time and energy to build community, study, and engage in ongoing formation.

Throughout the semester, communal bonds have been enhanced through shared meals, prayer, social outings, and through our weekly formation gatherings. The support for one another is evident as we journey together living intercongregationally and interculturally.

The *Together* community has shared significant experiences in common such as academic classes and lectures at CTU. The participants are currently ending the semester; and as I write this, they are immersed in writing papers and preparing for final exams.

We have engaged in dialogue regarding the needs and potential of the *Together's* pilot program. Our current members are shaping the program's growth, and we continue to improve and develop *Together*.

An essential part of the pilot year, is the end-of-semester evaluation which took place towards the end of November. The participant's



shared their wisdom, hopes, and dreams for the future of the program.

We continue to count on your prayers and support as we move forward. The *Together* Visioning Committee will meet on January 7-8 for a mid-year update, and to continue to implement the goals of the program with the three essential components: theological education, community, and formation. The spring semester 2019 will begin on January 7.

On behalf of the RFC staff, we wish you a joyful Christmas season

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karina', written in a cursive style.

Karina Conrad, CDP

“I can hardly believe my first semester at CTU has come to an end! The last months have been filled with gifts and challenges that have touched my heart, opened my mind, and expanded my world. The residential component of the *Together* program has been one of the many blessings. Although we are small, as you might expect for a pilot year, we are truly creating community. I love our rhythm of prayer, meals, sharing, and of course laughter to complement the incredible academic and formation opportunities. As I head off for Christmas break, I’m aware how special this time in my life is. I’m most grateful to live and study with people from all over the globe, making friends, deepening my vows, growing as a minister, and getting a fuller, more beautiful picture of the body of Christ.”
-Tracy Kemme, SC

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TOGETHER VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

We invite you to join us for a *Together* program virtual open house in January!

On Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm or Thursday, January 24th at 2:00pm those interested in participating in the *Together* program in 2019-2020 or after will have the opportunity to speak with me about the program, receive an overview of CTU's academic programs from the office of admissions, take a peek at the formation community, and hear from a current participant.

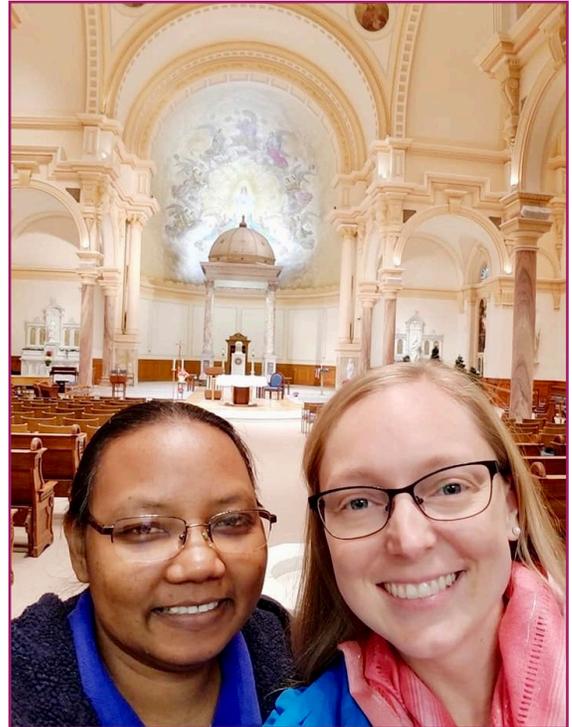
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If you are interested in an individual visit, I'd be happy to set-up a time for us to meet on campus and talk more about the program.

Please note that March 1st is the CTU merit scholarship application deadline. The *Together* program application deadline is April 8th.

More information about the *Together* program, including the application, can be accessed at: www.together-formation.com

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have questions and/or want more information.



Sister Sushma enjoys time with Sister Tracy at her Motherhouse.

***Application materials for the fall 2019 cohort are now available!
Visit the Together website:
www.together-formation.com***

for your reflection

**“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”
–Margaret J. Wheatley**

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