Christ the Teacher Institute
a mission of the Sheil Catholic Center
at Northwestern University
Sheil Seminars * Catholic Scholars * Catholic Fellows
Kenneth C. Simpson Essay Prize * Lecture Series

Information and Application
Catholic Fellows in Church Leadership

INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION
The Christ the Teacher Institute (CTI) was launched in 2010 with the mission of forming committed Catholic leaders for the Church and the world through the integration of scholarship, prayer, service, and leadership. The Institute oversees the Sheil Seminars, the Catholic Scholars Program, Catholic Fellows in Church Leadership, the Simpson Essay Prize, and the Institute Speakers Series.

CATHOLIC FELLOWS IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP
The Fellowship program is designed for the returning undergraduate or graduate student who demonstrates a passion for and a desire to learn more about a specific aspect of Church Leadership. During the Fellowship year, the student will apprentice themselves to a member of the Sheil staff who will serve as a minister-mentor and take a substantial leadership role in one of the four areas of the Sheil Catholic Center ministries (Liturgy and Spirituality, Community Life, Education and Formation, Service) with the specific goal of gaining both a theological foundation and practical experience in leadership in his or her chosen area. The Fellow may work on already existing ministries or develop new areas of ministry. Catholic Fellows may not participate in the Catholic Scholar’s Program in the same year as their fellowship.

Fellowship areas might include, but are not limited to:
- Cantoring and directing music at liturgy
- Learning to facilitate and coordinate retreat teams
- Becoming a master teacher for religious education
- Learning to be a catechist for RCIA
- Becoming a peer minister or a “Sheil presence” on campus
- Coordinating Peace and Justice Ministry, Service Learning Trips, and guiding participants in theological reflection
- Advancing philanthropy and stewardship through a Catholic lens

Being a Catholic Fellow demands a serious commitment of time (at least 10 hours a week) and a desire for the formation necessary to lead others in a specific area of Catholic Church leadership. The Catholic Fellows of CTI experience the joys and challenges of Church ministry. They learn to minister and lead with joy, faith, and knowledge and are prepared to take on initial positions as cantors, musicians, retreat leaders, catechists, service coordinators, and other leadership in specific areas of Church ministry.
FELLOWSHIP

Fellows receive a $2,000 stipend for their fellowship year. The fellowship is paid out in equal amounts for the 3 quarters of the program. At the moment, two fellowships will be awarded in a given year.

The fellowship given here will not reduce NU’s commitment to meet full demonstrated need. Any part of the fellowship not used for required costs of the program (i.e., transportation for service trips) would be considered an outside scholarship and used to reduce the self-help portion of the student’s financial aid award. In very rare instances, the fellowship may affect Northwestern scholarship assistance.

SPONSOR

Sheil Catholic Center (SCC), the Catholic community serving Northwestern University, sponsors the program.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

CTI is directed by Mary Deeley, who holds a Master of Divinity from Yale and a doctorate in Hebrew Bible and Early Christian Literature from Northwestern University. Dr. Deeley has worked and ministered on college, university, and seminary campuses since 1978. She has written many articles and scriptural resources for liturgy and has lectured extensively on scripture, spirituality, ministry, and faith issues. She is the author of Mothers, Lovers, Priests, Prophets, and Kings: What the Old Testament Tells Us About God and Ourselves…, Daybreaks 2010, and “Remembering God: Resting in the Midst of Life, all published by Liguori Press.

Dr. Deeley interacts personally with the students, and teaches some of the Seminars for Christ the Teacher Institute. She serves as an advisor to all Catholic Fellows and as the Pastoral Associate for the Sheil Catholic Center.

ELIGIBILITY

Any full-time junior, senior, or graduate student attending NU, who is a practicing Catholic and is willing and able to meet the requirements, can apply to be a Catholic Fellow in Church Leadership in the Christ the Teacher Institute.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR CATHOLIC FELLOWS (one academic year)

1. Provide substantial and visible leadership in a particular area of Church ministry for the entire academic year (minimum of 10 hours a week)
2. Willingness to learn about the area through seminars, workshops, and practical experience
3. Meet with their minister-mentors a minimum of 3 times each quarter
4. Be willing to learn about the area through seminars, workshops, and practical experience. This will normally include participating in two Sheil Seminars (or equivalent as determined by the Director and staff mentor) in the area of leadership.
5. Participate regularly in SCC prayer, liturgy, and activities
6. Write a theological reflection on their leadership at the end of the year, including what they have learned and how they will put it into practice.
7. Maintain a GPA of 2.8

SELECTION

Applications for the Catholic Fellows Program will be reviewed by the Director of the Institute, the Chaplain/Director of the Sheil Catholic Center, and the staff members under whose mentorship the students would work. If it is deemed necessary, the student may be asked to come in for an interview.

Fellows Application
Application Form
Catholic Fellows in Church Leadership

Please submit this application between May 1 and August 31, 2013
Application may be submitted electronically or by mail.

I am applying to be a Catholic Fellow in Church Leadership
in this area ________________________________

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Permanent Address:

City, State / Zip Code:
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: (__________)________________________

NU Address:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
Please include zip code if you are not living in a NU residence hall.

Cell Phone: (__________)________________________

NU Email: ________________________@u.northwestern.edu

Other E-mail if you are using that __________________________________________________________

Cumulative GPA: ______

Leadership Positions you have held since coming to Northwestern
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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(OVER PLEASE for Application Check List)
The following items must be submitted with this application form:

1. A one-page typed statement indicating the applicant’s reasons for wanting to participate in the program, the area of leadership in which he or she is interested, and the possible project(s) in the area chosen.

2. A letter of recommendation from a pastor, campus minister, or other spiritual leader (youth minister, deacon, etc) who can attest to the applicant’s commitment to the Catholic tradition, involvement in a faith community, and the potential for and interest serving in a leadership role (Recommendation Forms can be downloaded from the Sheil Website and submitted electronically by the Recommender).

3. A letter of recommendation from someone who has experienced the student in a leadership role and can talk about the strengths and challenges of the student’s ability to lead. This may be a member of the organization, another student who can give an honest assessment, or an advisor.

I will be a full-time student at Northwestern University in the 2012/2013 academic year. I am practicing Catholic and I intend to fulfill the program requirements.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________________

Applications and recommendations can be submitted electronically to Mary Deeley: m-deeley@u.northwestern.edu or by mail addressed to

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