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New Mañana Meeting

In mid-January of this year, the historical "New Mañana" meeting took place at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Presidents, deans, and faculty members from 16 PhD granting institutions gathered at Princeton Seminary to meet and discuss the future of the HTI with the HTI Advisory Committee and administrators at PTS. Later this year, we hope to announce the results of the collaborative efforts of the institutions that will partner to ensure that HTI continues to:

 Provide an on-going venue for discussing issues related to graduate theological education of Latina/o students, Identify best practices in connecting Latina/o students to service programs that enrich their participation in doctoral programs and maximize the likelihood of the successful completion of their degree programs, and

 Leverage additional resources for the recruitment of Latina/o faculty and students.

Below: New Mañana meeting at Princeton Theological Seminary



Upcoming Event

"Comunidades y Convivencia:

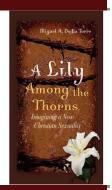
A Seminar on Catholic-Jewish Relations for Latino/a Catholics in Ministry and Theology"

at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

For Latino/a Catholics enrolled in a seminary and graduate programs in ministry, and for Latino/ a Catholics who are currently engaged in ministry, including religious education and other teaching and faith formation ministries. Academic credit and CEUs will be available. Applicants who are selected to participate

will receive full scholarships for the seminar, including travel expenses, accommodations, and meals. For more information and application, go to:

http://www.ctu.edu/ Bernardin_Center/ Signature_Issues_x_Initiative/ Latino-Jewish_Program.html



LOGROS

- **Dr. Miguel de La Torre**, author of Reading the Bible from the Margins, and Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins, among others, announces the publication of his new book, "A Lilly Among The Thorns: Imagining a New Christian Sexuality. The book, which is being published by Jossey-Bass, will be available in bookstores in April of this year.
- Join us in congratulating **Oswald John Nira**, PhD (2000-2001 Special Mentoring Fellow) for his successful dissertation defense.
- Cecilia González-Andrieu (2006-2007 Dissertation Year fellow) will be defending her dissertation in March. Cecilia will being teaching this fall at Loyola Marymount University. We wish her the very best as she takes the final step in obtaining her doctoral degree.

Cielito Lindo Ground-Breaking in Fort Worth



On Sunday February 25, Dr. Daniel Flores (2002-2003 HTI Dissertation Year Fellow) led the marching and singing procession from La Trinidad United Methodist

Church's sanctuary to the building site on the east side of the church prop-

erty. Rev. Thelma Flores commenced the public ground breaking ceremony. A playground is being built to support an outreach for children and young adults in the congregation in the near northside Fort Worth community. The project has extended its support to include mentoring and adult education. Project director John Davila designed special Cielito Lindo T-shirts which are available for donations of \$10 or more to help

fund the ongoing project. The majority of funding for *Cielito Lindo* comes from the Texas Methodist Foundation, Grace UMC in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, Amerigroup Community Outreach, and friends of La Trinidad UMC—Fort Worth. For information on what you can do to support this ministry call 817-624-3242 or email

Trinidad umc@yahoo.com



¡Felicitaciones!

María Del Socorro Castañeda (2003-2004 Dissertation Year fellow) and her husband joyfully announce the arrival of their first child, Guadalupe Tonantzín.

New Theology Review-Essay Award in Theological Reflection — Encouraging New Ideas, New Voices, and Skillfull Ministry

New Theology Review is a journal of Catholic theology that informs men and women in ministry of contemporary developments in Roman Catholic thought and its pastoral import for the Church.

The Prize

In 1999, the publisher and editors of New Theology Review instituted the NTR award for Theological Reflection, honoring an essay that offers insight, critique, or discussion in some area of pastoral ministry. Each year the winning essay is published in New Theology Review, and the author receives \$1,000.

The Criteria

All submitted articles should focus on some aspect of pastoral ministry relevant to the audience of New Theology Review, i.e., Catholics of the United States and Canada engaged in, preparing for, or interested in the Church's mission and theologically informed pastoral ministry. Submissions must be

original work and not previously published. They should be accessible to professional pastoral ministers, lay and ordained; provide new insight or synthesis of a pressing pastoral issue; and contribute to the ongoing theological reflection of pastoral ministers. Preferences will be given to submissions by newer scholars and professional ministers in the field.

The Judges

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of distinguished authors who are experts in theological reflection on ministry.

All entries are due by June 1, 2007. if the judges find an essay worthy of the award, the winner will be announced by September 15, 2007.

Essays should be submitted in English, accompanied by a cover page with author information (name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number[s], institutional affiliation [if any], and statement of

intent that the essay is submitted in the contest. Essays should be approximately 4,000 words in length and written according to the style sheet of New Theology Review (available at http://learn.ctu.edu/ Reflections and Readings/ Style_Sheet_for_NTR_Articles-0-6.pdf). No author identification should be on the pages of the manuscript. No author identification should be on the pages of the manuscript. The decision of the judges is final. The judges have the right to decide not to make the award. Faculty and staff of Washington Theological Union and Catholic Theological Union are not eligible.

Please submit two copies of the printed text along with a copy on disk using a standard program (preferably Microsoft Word). The electronic file may also be sent by e-mail rather than on disk. Submissions will not be returned.

Send all entries to:

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Call for Encyclopedia Entries

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Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre has signed a contract with ABC-CLIO to edit "Hispanic American Religious Cultures," a 2-volume, 780-page encyclopedia.

One of the important aspects of the Encyclopedia is to explore the social, historical, cultural dimensions of a people and their contribution to both the overall U.S. society, and specifically the Latina/o comunidad.

Would you consider writing one (or more) of the entries? Do you have a graduate student who may benefit by being part of this project? Below is a description of the appropriate word count.

If you write up to 1,500 words, you receive the citation in the book and access to the e-book version of the encyclopedia for 3 years. If you write up between 1,500-4,500 words, you receive the citation in the book, access to the e-book version of the encyclopedia for 3 years, and a print copy of the encyclopedia (\$185 value). If you write in excess of 4,500 words, you receive the citation in the book, access to the e-book version of the encyclopedia for 3 years, a print copy of the encyclopedia (\$185 value), and \$50 per 1,000 words in excess of 3,500 words.

For a list of available topics and to submit an entry please contact Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre at mdelatorre@iliff.edu

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opportunities,
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www.htiprogram.org
by following the
"Placement" link
and selecting
Employment
Opportunities.

Employment Opportunity: The University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies Announces a Tenure-Track Position in Biblical Studies

Applicants must have an earned doctorate at the time of appointment. The position requires a strong commitment to teaching, an active engagement in scholarly research and publishing in biblical studies, and participation in the department's contribution to the University's mission. Responsibilities include teaching the undergraduate introductory course in religion as well as more specialized undergraduate and master's courses in Scripture. Preference will be given to those with an expertise in the Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible and with experience in undergraduate teaching. Appointment anticipated at the assistant professor level, depending upon previous experience and scholarly accomplishment. Salary is competitive.

A complete application for the position consists of a letter of intent, C.V., teaching statement, transcripts, and three signed letters of references. Review of applications will begin on 23 March 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Address application to: Sandra Yocum Mize, Chair, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-1530 (mizes@notes.udayton.edu, 937 229-4321).

The University of Dayton, a comprehensive Catholic university founded by the Society of Mary in 1850, is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply. The University of Dayton is firmly committed to the principle of diversity.

The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religions has announced their new website:

http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/home/default.aspx

Please e-mail any information that you would like to be included in Journeys, to HTI at hti@ptsem.edu. www.htiprogram.org

HTI UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual HTI Selection Committee interviews will take place on March 22nd-24th, 2007. Eight doctoral applicants, one Comprehensive Exam applicant, and eight Dissertation Year applicants will attend. The group is comprised of eight females and nine males, with the breakdown of denominations as follows: eight Roman Catholics, two Pentecostal, two Presbyterians, two Baptists, one United Church of Christ, one Disciple of Christ, and one United Methodist. The diversity is also present in their countries of origin, with representatives from Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela, as well as the U.S. We wish all of them the very best in their interviews.