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## **Chicago Theological Seminary launches a Master of Arts in Religious Leadership degree beginning Fall 2011**

Chicago Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the Fall 2011 launch of a Master of Arts in Religious Leadership degree program.

This exciting new program is designed to prepare women and men for service in a range of religious, faith-based, community and advocacy settings. The two-year degree provides a foundation in theological education, including theological field education, both to those pursuing lay ministry, and to professionals from fields other than religion who wish to develop or strengthen the theological dimensions of their work.

This program will meet the needs of those current and prospective students who are not seeking ordination but understand their vocation in terms of ministry, and who feel the need for an alternative to the traditional three-year M.Div. The degree may be particularly appropriate for those involved in faith-based non-profit organizations, or who are already serving their churches in staff positions other than pastor.

Students in the Master of Arts in Religious Leadership program will choose one of four concentrations: Religious Leadership for Interfaith Engagement, Religious Leadership for Social Transformation, Religious Leadership for Spirituality and Pastoral Care, and Religious Leadership for Word and Worship. Students also complete a unit of supervised Theological Field Education, at a site consistent with their concentration. The Master of Arts in Religious Leadership program culminates in a capstone project paper, which integrates a student's field education and theological studies.

**Religious Leadership for Interfaith Engagement** will develop the capacity to understand diverse faith traditions for purposes of interfaith collaboration toward personal and social transformation.

**Religious Leadership for Social Transformation** will develop the capacity to understand and engage the dynamics of community transformation in relation to specific contexts and religious traditions.

**Religious Leadership for Spirituality and Pastoral Care** will develop the capacity for care, counsel and spiritual guidance in specific contexts.

**Religious Leadership for Word and Worship** will develop the capacity to bring particular religious texts and traditions to bear on specific contexts through interpretation and liturgy.

These four concentrations build on Chicago Theological Seminary's unique strengths in theological education, and will allow students to build upon the foundation provided by core required courses with a specialization in one area of study.

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