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ATS Grants Associate Membership to Graduate School of Theology

Catholic Distance University's Graduate School of Theology was granted associate membership in the Association of Theological Schools at the accrediting agency's biennial meeting in Denver, Colorado, on June 20th. Associate membership is the first step toward full accreditation by ATS.

Dr. Marianne Mount, President, and Sister Mary Brendon Zajac, board member, attended the meeting. "CDU's associate membership in the Association of Theological Schools is an incremental fulfillment of the University's first strategic goal to pursue regional and programmatic accreditation," says Dr. Mount, who has served the University in a variety of leadership positions since its founding in 1983.

"CDU's Graduate School of Theology was welcomed as a colleague of more than 270 theological schools that includes most Catholic seminaries in the U.S. CDU is deeply grateful to our hard-working staff and committed Board of Trustees," she adds. "This accomplishment is especially important for our graduate students and MA graduates."

ABOUT CDU: A pioneer in distance learning, CDU was founded in 1983 as the first catechetical institute in the United States to award the Catechetical Diploma and teach the Catholic faith to adults using distance education. CDU offered its first degree program in 1996. Today CDU is a fully online accredited university offering BA and MA degrees in Theology, an MA in Theology and Educational Ministry, an AA degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Catholic Studies, several graduate certificates, an undergraduate certificate, and continuing education certificates and courses. The university also continues its active outreach to the incarcerated Church. Dr. Charles R. Wasaff is Chairman of CDU's Board of Trustees, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio serves as Vice Chairman of the Board and Chancellor of the University, and Marianne Evans Mount, PhD, serves as President. For more information, visit cdu.edu.

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