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**Subject: Until We Meet Again**

Hello Everyone,

Well, they say all good things must come to an end and that parting is such "sweet sorrow". I don't know who "they" are, but I am starting to understand what they mean. I am sad to report that the Archdiocese of Hartford has decided to stop financially supporting college campus ministry and has eliminated the three full time positions in their Campus Ministry Office, including my position and thus my assignment to Trinity College. (the other two are in New Haven, (SCSU), and Waterbury, (Post and NVCC). They have told us that their plan is to ask parishes local to the college campus to take on the campus ministry as part of their outreach programming. Once this is set up, I will be able to "apply" for a position with said parish. No parish has been asked as of yet to take on this responsibility, so I have no way of knowing if or when this plan will be put into place. I have reached out to Fr. Matthew, our Liturgical Chaplain, to see where he stands in this new plan and in an exchange of voice mail messages, he has told me that he has not been told anything about a change in his assignment and hopes to be back in his role at Trinity in the Fall.

My thoughts go to all of you who have been so active in, and so well served by our ministry here. My 14 years at Trinity College have been spent learning much from my colleagues in the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, and the Faculty, Staff, and Administration, but mostly I have learned from all of you, and tried the best I could to pass on my faith, and to witness to the foundational tenet of my faith, "Love God with all my heart and love others as God loves me." I hope I have done some to make this journey through Trinity College a little more comfortable, a little more spiritual, and a little more peaceful to those I have encountered, and that where I was, was a safe and happy place for all who stopped by. My wish for the future is that our community continue to move closer to being a safe, loving, and hope filled space for all who enter, and that the Catholic Community including our Newman Club will be a leading force in making this a place where all feel welcome.

I thank you for all that you do, and all that you are. I thank all the alumni who over the years have been so kind and loving to me. I will remain available to all of you until the next step in this process is complete and someone is in place to walk with you.

My cell number is 203-218-9552 and this e-mail is still active, so feel free to reach out at any time for any reason.

I don't know what's next, but I know I still have the energy and desire to continue this work of sharing my faith. Please, say a prayer or give a good thought for me and my family.

God Bless!

All the best,

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*“Any message that is not related to the liberation of the poor in a society is not Christ’s message. Any theology that is indifferent to the theme of liberation is not Christian theology.”  
Rev. Dr. Cone*