CEPC response to the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Year 2 Program Review

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I. CEPC made three recommendations in its response to the Year 1 Report. It encouraged the program

   a. To consider whether the program should remain more focused on preparing students in the Norbertine Catholic tradition or become more ecumenical in its curriculum and content when reflecting on the future direction of the program
   b. To work more closely with OIE as it continues to evolve in its assessment activities and seeks to use assessment data as a basis for making informed decisions.
   c. To look specifically at ensuring appropriate expectations of students and course goals and thus establish consistent benchmarks for student success.

II. The Year 2 report addresses all three recommendations in the course of its five stated goals

   a. Develop and execute a comprehensive and timely assessment plan.
   b. Clarify the desired formation elements of the MTS and create a timeline to acquire needed resources. Incorporate these elements into the ongoing work of the program.
   c. Ecumenical outreach
   d. Attend to the evolving needs of our satellite program in Albuquerque, New Mexico Site.
   e. Review staffing.

III. Each goal is accompanied by a series of action steps. Some, but not all, of these action steps name the responsible entity (for example, Program Director, Advisory Committee) and time frame.

IV. The CEPC commends the MTS program for preparing such a high quality action plan and looks forward watching the continued growth and development of this thriving, viable, and important program.