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Colleagues and Friends,

After much reflection and with deep gratitude, I write to share that I will retire as President of Centenary College of Louisiana effective June 30, 2027.

By that date, I will have had the privilege of serving as your president for eleven years. When I arrived in 2016, Centenary was navigating a challenging period in its history. Together, we set about strengthening the College's academic foundation, financial position, and public standing while remaining faithful to our mission as a residential liberal arts college rooted in the United Methodist tradition and committed to serving our region. Today, Centenary is stronger, more resilient, and well-positioned for the future. That progress belongs not to any one individual, but to an entire community working together.

I am proud of what we have accomplished. We resolved accreditation concerns, developed strategic and campus master plans, completed the FORWARD campaign with more than \$52 million raised, opened Bicentennial Village, expanded academic programs and partnerships, launched major investments in health sciences, restored varsity football, and celebrated our bicentennial year with confidence and optimism about Centenary's third century. These achievements reflect the talent, commitment, and perseverance of countless members of the Centenary community.

Above all, I want to express my profound appreciation to the faculty and staff whose daily work fulfills the College's mission. Your dedication to our students, your willingness to embrace change when necessary, and your unwavering belief in the value of a Centenary education have inspired me throughout my presidency.

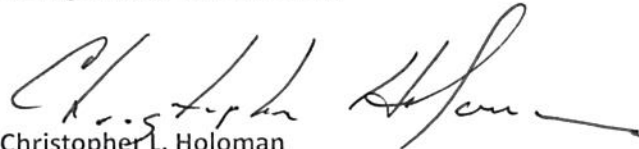
I am especially grateful to the members of the President's Cabinet, both past and present. Their wisdom, integrity, professionalism, and friendship have supported me through challenges and made possible many of the accomplishments we celebrate today. The strength of any presidency rests on the strength of the team surrounding it, and I have been blessed with extraordinary colleagues.

I also want to thank our Board of Trustees, alumni, donors, church partners, community leaders, and friends throughout Shreveport-Bossier City and beyond. Your confidence in Centenary and your support of its mission have provided the resources, encouragement, and advocacy necessary for our success.

The months ahead will provide an opportunity to celebrate our progress, continue advancing important institutional priorities, and ensure a thoughtful and successful leadership transition. Until my final day in office, I remain fully committed to the work before us and to the bright future of this remarkable institution.

Serving as Centenary's president has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, for your partnership, and for all you do on behalf of our students and our college.

With gratitude and affection,



Christopher L. Holoman