



Tolle Lege ~ June 2014

Graduation

May is always a significant month at CTC for at least two reasons. The University of Divinity Graduation generally takes place at this time, as does the Knox Lecture. Last year the University decided that Graduations should be held in an ecclesial setting in order to highlight our unique character as a tertiary institution devoted to the study of theology. So last year the ceremony was held in St. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral and this year





at St. Patrick's Cathedral. 363 students graduated (some with more than one award), including 88 from CTC, 54 of whom attended in person. Pablo Palet was the CTC student nominated as a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar. He obtained 7 High Distinctions in his Master of Theological Studies, which he used to enrich his work as a theology lecturer in Chile and strengthen his engagement with indigenous Indians in Chile.

Three CTC students graduated with higher degrees by research:

Kathleen McCarthy: Master of Theology supervised by Rev. Prof. A. Cooper omi AM



Nguyen Lam Tran: Master of Theology supervised by Rev. Prof. N. Ford sdb



Richard Divall: Doctor of Philosophy supervised by Rev. Prof. G. O'Collins sj AC & Prof. J. Griffiths



The 88 CTC graduates received the following awards:

Diploma in Theology	9
Advanced Diploma in Theology	3
Diploma in Philosophy	1
Bachelor of Theology	23
Graduate Certificate in Biblical Languages	2
Graduate Certificate in Guiding Meditation	11
Graduate Certificate in Teaching R.E.	17
Graduate Certificate in Theology	4
Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies	1
Graduate Diploma in Church History	1
Graduate Diploma in Systematic Theology	1
Graduate Diploma in Theology	6
Master of Arts (Philosophy)	1
Master of Theological Studies	7
Master of Theology (research)	2
Doctor of Philosophy	1

Warmest congratulations to all who received awards. A Graduation ceremony is always a suitably symbolic occasion which recognises both the achievement successfully accomplished as well as the call to serve the wider community through one's qualifications. The graduation address was delivered by Bishop John Henderson, the first Lutheran Bishop in Australia.

The Cardinal Knox Public Lecture



The Knox lecture commemorates the contribution of the fifth Archbishop of Melbourne, James Cardinal Knox to the Church in this country. It was due to the vision of the then Archbishop Knox that this College was founded and that the Catholic Church joined the (then) Melbourne College of Divinity (now University of Divinity). This year's lecture was delivered by the present Bishop of Ballarat, the Most Reverend Paul Bird CSsR on Wednesday 21st May, entitled *Living Liturgy: The Vision of Vatican II*.

Not only was there a very large audience at the Catholic Leadership Centre to hear Bishop Bird, but it his lecture was very warmly received, as Dr Paul Taylor commented in his vote of thanks: it was both scholarly and deeply pastoral. It will be available to those interested and should prove both interesting and inspiring for clergy and laity alike.



Bishop Paul Bird was ordained a priest in the Redemptorist Congregation in 1975. He completed a Master of Arts at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, specialising in liturgy. As well as working in parish mission programs, he has also taught in



Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and Samoa, especially in liturgical studies. He served for three terms as director of the Institute of Pastoral Liturgy in Brisbane and since 1985 has been a consultant Liturgical to the National Commission. He was Provincial of the Australian Province of the Redemptorist congregation from 2008 until being appointed as Bishop of Ballarat in 2012.

New Senior Fellow to be installed at Annual Dinner



The **CTC** Senate has approved the appointment of Rev Dr Michael McEntee STL (Pontif Urban) STD (Pontif Urban) as a Senior Fellow of Catholic Theological College. Dr McEntee has been a member of the academic staff of Catholic Theological College for 30 of the last 38 years. The other eight years included his five years as Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Bomana, Papua New Guinea, where he also lectured in systematic theology, and the three years he spent preparing for and implementing the Program for the Permanent Diaconate in Archdiocese of Melbourne. In his role as Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Dr McEntee's commitment to the

academic, pastoral and spiritual formation of candidates has supported and encouraged developments within the theological program of CTC. He has contributed significantly to the mission of the College to collaborate in close communion with the hierarchy in the work of spreading the gospel and the academic formation of people for the pastoral service of the Church. He has drawn on his experience as an academic and pastor in developing countries to facilitate the formal integration of some of those new to our country into the pastoral mission of the Church in Australia. Beyond CTC Dr McEntee has demonstrated a sustained commitment to theological education in developing countries in his five years in Bomana PNG as Rector and as academic. He has also conducted summer courses in Honiara (Solomon Islands), Karachi (Pakistan) and Port Moresby (PNG). He has also made a significant commitment to the ongoing formation of priests and religious in dioceses and religious orders throughout Australia and internationally.

MGL Affiliation

With their new status as a Religious Institute of Diocesan Right, the Missionaries of God's Love have now been formally affiliated to CTC. Their seminary, the John Paul II House of Formation at Burwood, joins the other five affiliated seminaries in having a formal place within CTC. We all look forward to the MGLs continuing to participate energetically and enthusiastically in the CTC enterprise.

Pacifica

Pacifica: Australasian Theological Studies was founded in 1987 and has grown in stature as a journal that makes a scholarly contribution to theological reflection. Some years ago it was adopted as the official journal of the University of Divinity. It is a great joy to note that Dr Kevin Lenehan of CTC has been appointed the new editor of this journal. Congratulations to Kevin on this appointment: we can look forward confidently to continuing success for this journal!



Changes to Library Staffing

Rosalie Cotter retires

Earlier this year Mrs Rosalie Cotter resigned from the Daniel Mannix Library. Rosalie had been with the Library for some twenty years and has been a great strength to the Library team. Rosalie decided to retire both because of her own health and also to give more time to arranging suitable accommodation for her son who suffers from autism. Rosalie has moved to the country to be close to other members of her family. We all wish Rosalie every blessing: good health for herself, suitable assistance for her son and the joy and support of living in pleasant surrounding close to family and friends. And of course, these good wishes are accompanied by warmest thanks for all her help to so many of us over the past twenty years.



Tony McCumstie steps down as Head Librarian



Tony McCumstie took the opportunity of Rosalie Cotter's retirement to step down as Head Librarian at the Mannix Library and take up a less demanding role. Tony had held this post for the past twenty years and expressed his gratitude to all at CTC. He wrote: 'I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make my professional life over the past twenty years so rewarding and enjoyable. It has been a pleasure working with you in the past and I look forward to continuing to work with you (albeit in a different role) into the future.' So the good news is that Tony will continue to be working in the library after his well-earned long service leave. In his twenty years as Head Librarian, Tony oversaw the move

from Clayton to East Melbourne (a mammoth task) and has had to deal with flooding (a nightmare for any librarian) and has worked away at cataloguing the riches stored in the compactus area. The College owes a great debt to Tony and his colleagues for the efficient and smooth functioning of this invaluable resource, the Daniel Mannix Library. Many thanks, Tony, for a job well done! We look forward to your return.

The New Librarian - Kerrie Burn

I commenced in this role at the end of April as a result of Tony McCumstie's decision to move to the Deputy Librarian position when he returns from long-service leave. My previous experience includes over 12 years as a theological librarian at Whitley College and Ridley College in Melbourne, before holding various positions at Southern Cross University in Lismore. As well as a BSc (Melb) and library qualifications, I also completed a GradDipTheol and an MA by research through the then-MCD along the way. For the last two years I worked at Australian Catholic University as Senior Librarian (Research Support).



I look forward to being part of the new library team with Lisa and Tony and working together to best meet the needs of all library users. The transition has seen a few changes already including an upgrade to the Library Management System, the start of a library spring clean and a book sale being held in the Knox Room during Study Week (Monday 2nd–Thursday 5th June). During the mid-year recess the library computers are scheduled to be replaced and some further changes will happen as part of the continuation of the library's mini-makeover. I am particularly interested in bringing fresh eyes to a range of library services and procedures, improving our support for research, and increasing access to online resources for all staff and students.

I have three gorgeous daughters and in my spare time I love catching up with friends, seeing lots of movies and going to a range of events and festivals in and around Melbourne.

Unit Evaluations

At the end of each semester, students are asked to complete a unit evaluation in their classes. Perhaps people wonder just what happens to these. They are analysed by an external expert and the results are discussed by Departments and the Academic Board. Individual lecturers frequently revise their classes in response to suggestions made in unit evaluations. Sometimes the College also makes broader responses to the evaluations, such as the introduction of ESL tutors.

Ordinations

On Saturday 28 June Archbishop Hart will celebrate three ordinations in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne: Rev. Vinh Nguyen and Rev. Michael Kong will be ordained as priests, and Francis Denton will be ordained as a deacon.

On the same day, Br Thomas Azzi op will be ordained as priest and Br Henry Natowosi op will be ordained as a deacon at St Benedict's church, Broadway NSW.

Br Karl Emerick op will be ordained as a priest on 4 July at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

We wish all of these CTC students every blessing for these occasions and pray for a long, fruitful and joyful ministry in the years ahead.

Student Representative Council

The 2014 Student Representative Council (SRC) comprises nine members. So far, we have been, in our limited ways, contributing to the College. We have been working quite hard to maintain the smooth running of Council by carrying out various obligations and duties proper such as having monthly meetings, maintaining the Student Common Room, working closely with responsible authorities in organizing CTC Masses and BBQs. We are also trying our best in various ways to be more open to the students in order to represent them well. At the moment we look forward to contributing to the CTC annual mass and dinner.

CTC and the University of Divinity

As well as the two Catholic nominees to the University Council (Rev. Dr Terence Curtin and Prof. Peter Carpenter), CTC is directly represented on the University's Academic Board and most of its committees (Learning and Teaching, Research, Student Services, Library and Academic Resources). In addition to this, a number of CTC staff and students contribute to the University as additional members of the Academic Board and various committees:



- Strategic Planning Committee: Very Rev. Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay
- Finance and Investment Committee: Mr Francis Moore (Executive Director Administration, Archdiocese of Melbourne)
- Academic Quality and Standards Committee:
 Ms Deborah Kent (PhD candidate) and Dr Callan Ledsham
- Library and Academic Resources Committee: Mr Steven Tucker (DTheol candidate) and Dr Callan Ledsham
- Academic Board: Dr Frances Baker rsm (Field D representative), Dr Callan Ledsham (Field A representative), Ms Karan Smith (Chair of Student Services Committee)

It is good to see these CTC members serving on committees of the University. It is all too easy to overlook the generosity of those who so generously devote a considerable amount of their time to serving in this manner. They deserve our warm appreciation.