



Tolle Lege October 2016

Vale Dr Rod Doyle cfc

As the last issue of *Tolle Lege* was going to press, we heard the news of the death of Br Rod Doyle, long-time and much loved member of the CTC community, In this edition we publish the eulogy for Br Rod given by the Deputy Master, Dr Frances Baker rsm at his requiem Mass at St Damian's, Bundoora, 3 August 2016.

For 32 years, Dr Rod Doyle cfc was a member of the academic staff of Catholic Theological College, part of the Melbourne College of Divinity, now the University of Divinity.

In 2006 he was appointed a Senior Fellow of the College, recognising exceptional service to Catholic Theological College and a distinguished contribution to biblical and theological education. The citation reads in part:

For 22 years [Dr Rod Doyle] was Academic Dean of the College, and has advised and assisted countless students in their course of studies, ... He is conscientious, attentive to detail, pastoral in his concern, ... [In the words of his students] he is "an innate teacher, a master of his craft, who brings passion and dedication to his subject."

While his administrative and pastoral responsibilities were remarkable, his teaching has made an extraordinary contribution to the intellectual and pastoral formation of priests, religious and laity throughout the dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania, the religious orders affiliated to the College and the wider church of Australia, Oceania, Asia and Africa.

Of Course, Br Rod would not have seen it from this perspective as he began his classes each new semester: Records show he taught New Testament Greek for 17 years, 32 units on the 4 Gospels, The Introduction to the New Testament for 12 years and units on the Letters of St Paul and the Letter to the Romans for 20 years.

He led 5 Study Tours to the Biblical Lands and continued to assist in the preparation of another 3. Br Rod Supervised research students and contributed to leadership in the wider community of the University of Divinity.

The discourse about *who* Rod was at CTC rather than what he *did* at CTC can be captured in some of what has been said over the last few days. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who taught with Br Rod and was one of the five Masters of the College with whom Rod worked, has written:

Rod was one of the most truly good and admirable men I've ever met. In many ways Rod embodied much of what was and is best in the Christian Brothers – humility, intelligence, devotion to duty and love of teaching. To this he joined a passion for the word of God in Scripture ... Generations of students were



touched deeply not only by Rod's teaching of Scripture but also by his selflessness and sheer goodness.

Another Senior Fellow recalls starting at CTC in 1991 as a very green lecturer and said he would never the "constant kindness, interest, concern and unfailing courtesy" displayed by Rod towards him.

Br Rod's presence in the College in recent years has been marked by the same qualities as his more active ministry. Who could forget the day Br Les brought him to visit the library and it took ten minutes to get from the Reception Desk to the lift - not because he was using his walking frame but because he stopped to greet everyone who passed as though they were the only person in the building and he had all day to speak with them. As someone said yesterday: "Even as Rod became more-frail he continued to greet people in a cheery way despite his physical limitations." He had indeed learnt to "embrace [his] fragility and move forward with new-found humility."ⁱ

"A Christian Brother is one who publicly aligns his life with Jesus' mission to spread the Reign of God" and the ongoing reimagining of the charism of Edmund Rice "helps shed a contemporary light on the life and teaching of Jesus."ⁱⁱ

This is both what Br Rod did as a Biblical scholar and who he was as a person in his years at CTC. His life had its source in "his deep awareness of our union with the Mystery of the Divine" and he bore extraordinary witness to the call "to bring new life to the Church in humility, integrity and simplicity as we seek to engage in God's mission."ⁱⁱⁱ

As Rev. Professor Frank Moloney sdb wrote on hearing of Rod's death: "This is sad – but blessed – news. Rod has run the race, and what a remarkable race it was. [We] are proud to have had such a close association with him."

May he rest in peace

i www.edmundrice.org/index.html

ii www.edmundrice.org/assets/erformationframework-230614.pdf

iii www.edmundrice.org/index.html

Ordination Anniversaries for CTC Staff Members

The congratulations and good wishes of the whole College community are extended to two eminent members of our staff who have recently celebrated significant anniversaries.

Reverend Professor Austin Cooper omi AM

Diamond Jubilee ~ Ordained priest, 16 September 1956



The following tribute to Fr Austin Cooper was tendered by his long-time colleague, Very Rev. Prof. Ian Waters.

I first met Father Austin Cooper in 1967 at Corpus Christi College, one of the antecedent colleges that became part of Catholic Theological College in 1972. At that time, the Oblate students from St Mary's Seminary did their theological studies at Corpus Christi College, and Father Austin, their Rector, lectured Church history at CCC. He was energetic and young with thick black hair, but more importantly his lecturing style and enthusiasm for the course – the Reformation – were captivating. In 1973–74, I was studying in Washington DC at the Catholic University of America. Father Austin, visiting USA

during that time, contacted me and arranged that we meet over a meal. This was no surprise, as at CCC I had already become aware of his great personal interest in his students, and that all his teaching was not mere lecturing, but a real communication between persons. In each of them, he was genuinely interested. At Father Austin's priestly ordination 60 years ago, he was commissioned to be an *alter Christus* – to make Christ the priest, prophet and shepherd-king present in our world.

CTC's website lists the 22 units Fr Austin offers at present in Church History and Christian Spirituality. He has a most impressive publications record, and is recognized worldwide as a leading authority on Blessed John Henry Newman. His leadership abilities are amply demonstrated by the positions he has held: Rector of St Mary's Seminary, Oblate Provincial Superior for Australia & Indonesia, Master of Catholic Theological College on three occasions (making him our longest serving Master) and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity. The esteem and regard in which Austin is held are amply demonstrated by his being appointed Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2004, a Senior Fellow of CTC in 2005 and an inaugural Professor of the University of Divinity in 2012. Leaving aside these honours, his colleagues are constantly inspired not just by his scholarship, but also by his wisdom and insight, as well as his good humor and unfailing graciousness.



Congratulations, Austin! *Ad multos annos!*

Congratulations

Very Reverend Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay

Silver Jubilee ~ Ordained priest, 6 September 1991

Meanwhile, Father Shane Mackinlay, the Master of CTC for the past 6 years, celebrated 25 years of priestly ministry on 6th September this year. Father Shane has packed a great deal into this 25 years as evidenced by this outline of his efforts so far.

Shane spent his early years in Mulgrave and at age 10 moved with his family to Ballarat, where he completed school at St Patrick's College in 1982. He took up seminary studies at Corpus Christi College in Melbourne, and completed degrees in Theology (MCD) and Physics (Monash University). After pastoral experience as a deacon, he was ordained priest for the Diocese of Ballarat in 1991 in his home parish of Ballarat East.

After appointments as Assistant Priest in Colac (1992–94) and St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat (1994–95), Shane was invited to take up postgraduate studies. His interests led him to study philosophy at the esteemed Higher Institute of Philosophy at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. He completed the Master of Philosophy program in 1997, returning to

the Diocese to work as Parish Priest of Sebastopol, part-time lecturer at both Catholic Theological College and ACU Ballarat, as well as a part-time role in the Bishop's Office.

He returned to Leuven in 2001 for doctoral studies in contemporary continental philosophy, completing a dissertation on the work of Jean-Luc Marion, which was later published by Fordham University Press. Returning to Australia, Shane has combined work as Parish Priest of Bungaree (near Ballarat) with various teaching and administration roles at CTC. In addition to Bungaree, Shane has provided sacramental ministry in the neighbouring parish of Gordon since 2009. He also serves as Chair of the Bishop's Advisory Council. He has contributed significantly to the development and implementation of Professional Standards guidelines and practices in the diocese and beyond, and was the spokesperson for Catholic Church bodies in Victoria during the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

He was elected Master of CTC in 2011, also making a significant contribution to the vision and leadership of the University of Divinity. At each stage of his journey Shane's skills in pastoral leadership, administrative oversight and academic excellence have been evident, and he has generously placed his talents at the service of the communities in which he ministered. Shane balances his busy workload with time out with family and friends to relax over a good meal or enjoy a concert or theatre production.



Prestigious Award for Very Rev. Professor Ian Waters

Very Rev. Professor Ian Waters has been recognised for his outstanding service to the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand with the Owen Oxenham Memorial Award.

Professor Waters was presented with the award at the 50th Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society held in Surfers Paradise in September. While the Society regularly presents life memberships, there have been only three other recipients of the award, first presented in 1994 in honour of the Society's founding president Owen Oxenham: Father Frank Harman (1994), Bishop Geoff Robinson (2008) and Monsignor David Price (2011).

Professor Waters has been a member of the Society since 1975 and has served as its President and a number of times on its Executive.

In presenting the award on behalf of the Society, Fr Kevin McIntosh recalled the highlights of Ian's 42 years of service as a canon lawyer. On his return from studying canon law at Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., in 1975 Ian took up full-time work on the Marriage Tribunal of the Melbourne Archdiocese. In 1976 he was appointed Associate Judicial Vicar – the youngest in Australia. In 1979, Ian became Judicial Vicar for Victoria and Tasmania, a position he held until 2015. In addition, Ian managed the daily operations of the regional tribunal for almost 13 years and was on the National Appeal Tribunal throughout its existence from 1974 until its recent closure.

In the mid-80s, Ian studied in Ottawa for his doctorate. His thesis may be a useful source as we prepare for the recently announced synod to be held in 2020. Cardinal Walter Brandmüller, a specialist in the history of church councils, who was later president of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences for nearly 30 years, asked that Ian's thesis be translated verbatim into German as Volume 23 in the collection *Konziliengeschichte*.

Ian publishes regular scholarly articles in the *Australasian Catholic Record*, *Roman Replies* of the American Canon Law Society and the Society's *Canonist*. In addition to the tribunal ministry, Ian is parish priest of St Roch's, Clen Iris, and St Cecelia's, South Camberwell, and continues to lecture in canon law at CTC. He was made a Senior Fellow of the College in 2012. He is a member of the College Senate, elected by the Academic Board, and each year prepares the future sacramental confessors before their ordination. Over the past decade, Ian has frequently given invaluable assistance to religious orders around Australia in establishing their public juridical persons in health care.

Professor Waters said that he felt "very humbled by and somewhat overwhelmed" by "this most valued and prestigious award." He encouraged the younger members of the Society to take up the motto of Catholic Theological College: *Tolle Lege* (Take up and Read!) – "We must be people who boldly announce that it is great to be alive in today's Church, ensuring that the Church is relevant and growing ... Read widely; reflect soundly and prayerfully; communicate confidently to others."



The Joyous Season of Ordinations is upon us!

Deacons Rembert Fernando mgl, David Lemewu mgl, Anthony Santhiyagu mgl were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Mark Edwards at St Dominic's, East Camberwell, on 19 August.

Rev. Tao Pham was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Denis Hart on 10 September in St Patrick's Cathedral. During the same ceremony, Toan Nguyen, Marcus Goulding and Anil Mascarenhas were ordained to the Diaconate.

Unyime (Paschal) Okpon was ordained to the Diaconate on 24 September by Archbishop Julian Porteous at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Devonport.

Deacons Adam Crouch mgl and Daniel Serratore mgl were ordained to the priesthood at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra, on 8 October by Bishop Pat Power.

On behalf of all members of the College we congratulate the newly ordained and extend to them our best wishes and the assurance of our prayers for them as they begin their new roles of service within the Church.



 <i>Rembert Fernando mgl</i>	 <i>David Lemewu mgl</i>	 <i>Anthony Santhiyagu mgl</i>	 <i>Rev. Daniel Serratore mgl</i>
	 <i>Toan Nguyen</i>	 <i>Rev. Tao Pham</i>	
 <i>Anil Mascarenhas</i>	 <i>Unyime (Paschal) Okpon</i>	 <i>Rev. Adam Crouch mgl</i>	 <i>Marcus Goulding</i>

University Review of Catholic Theological College

The University of Divinity conducts a review of each of its colleges on a 5-yearly basis. CTC's review was conducted earlier this year, with the outcome announced in August, as the University Council approved the renewal of CTC's Collegiate Agreement with the University for the maximum possible period of seven years, without condition.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Sherlock, congratulated the College on this "outstanding achievement" and commented that "The Council commended the College on its robust quality and health, the improvements it has made since the last review in 2009, and its contribution to the community, its partners, and the wider University."

The review panel was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and included Associate Professor Michael Kelly (Chair of Academic Board), Ms Merrill Kitchen (former President of MCD), Professor Dermot Nestor (Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology & Philosophy, ACU), Ms Sue Norman (former Council member and sometime CEO of UCA funds).

The review process involved the preparation of a portfolio and accompanying documentation covering areas such as: corporate identity, strategy, risk management, financial viability, infrastructure, contribution to University governance, academic quality and standards, staff and succession planning, research and support for students. The review panel then spent a day at CTC, meeting with representatives of the College's staff, students, administration and Senate.

The review report includes a number of recommendations for the College and the University, as well as a range of commendations, including for:

- the "exceptional support" provided by CTC's dioceses and religious orders
- "the positive and healthy culture of the College, as evidenced in the high levels of satisfaction of academic and administrative staff, students, and partners, and in the high levels of engagement in the mission of the College and University"
- strategic planning and risk management processes and achievement
- "robust planning for academic staff succession"
- "outstanding contributions to the governance of the wider University"
- "rigorous internal processes for monitoring academic quality assurance"

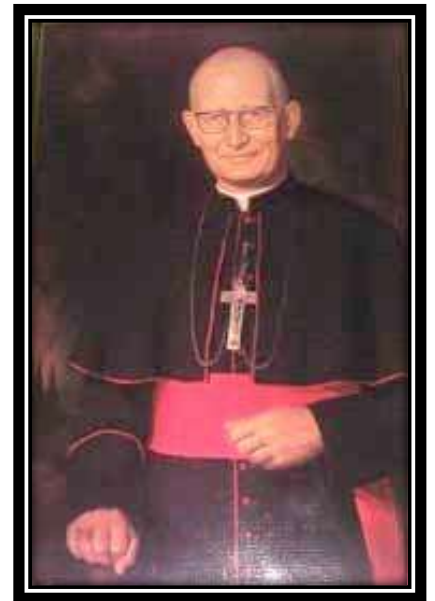


Prof. Denis Edwards to deliver 2017 Cardinal Knox Lecture

Rev. Prof. Denis Edwards has agreed to deliver the 2017 Cardinal Knox Public Lecture.

The final report of ARCIC II has just been published, and Prof. Denis Edwards will deliver a lecture reflecting on the significance of this document in the light of ecumenical progress since Vatican II, and exploring future priorities for theologians, official dialogue, church leadership and local pastoral activity.

The lecture will be delivered on **Wednesday 31st May 2017**, at Trinity College, Parkville, following an academic colloquium on the ARCIC II report in the afternoon, which CTC is sponsoring in collaboration with AUSTARC (the Australian Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue), Yarra Theological Union and Trinity College Theological School.



Prof. Edwards is a lecturer at the Adelaide Campus of Australian Catholic University. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, resident in Tranmere parish. He teaches in the areas of God the Trinity, Christology, Ecclesiology and the Theology of Faith and Revelation. He has been engaged in the dialogue between science and religion and in contributing to the developing field of ecological theology. His research here interacts with Karl Rahner and with figures from the tradition like Athanasius, Basil, Aquinas and Bonaventure. Another important area of interest is ecumenism. Denis has served on the Roman Catholic Dialogues with both the Anglican Church in Australia and the Lutheran Church of Australia and conducted research in the Theology of Receptive Ecumenism.

Q & A presented by Student Representative Council

Sex Abuse & the Church

**Francis Sullivan, CEO
Truth, Justice &
Healing Council**



**Very Rev. Assoc. Prof.
Shane Mackinlay
Master, CTC**

CTC Student Common Room ~ Thursday 27 October, 1:15pm