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Reappointment of Master



At its meeting on Thursday 5 June, the CTC Senate appointed the Very Reverend Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay as Master of the College for a second term of four years, which will conclude at the end of 2018. The appointment of Master begins with a consultation of faculty members, affiliated seminaries, the Mannix Librarian and the SRC President. After this, the Academic Board (including 2 student representatives) votes to indicate its recommendation on the priests who are available to serve as Master. Finally, the Senate considers the recommendation of the Academic Board before electing the Master. In this instance there was very wide support expressed by members of the College faculty and others for the current Master, which speaks highly of the confidence placed in him. All members of the College will wish Associate Professor Mackinlay warmest congratulations on his reappointment and every blessing for the forthcoming four-year term.

Annual Mass and Dinner

Along with the annual Knox Lecture (commemorating the College founder, James Cardinal Knox) the annual Mass and Dinner are the major events in the College calendar (celebrating the Festival of our Patrons, Ss Peter and Paul). The Mass was celebrated at the Church of St John, Victoria Parade, East Melbourne within a short distance of the CTC campus. On this occasion, in recognition of their formal inauguration as a Religious Institute of Diocesan Right, the preacher was Very Rev. Dr Ken Barker mgl, Founder and Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love. Following Mass, the Dinner was held at the adjacent Catholic Leadership Centre. This occasion offers the College an opportunity to recognise members of the College community. Rev. Dr Michael McEntee, a long serving faculty member was made a Senior Fellow of the College.



Rev. Dr Michael McEntee installed as Senior Fellow



After his installation, Dr McEntee spoke in response:

Your Grace, My Lords, Fathers, Sisters, ladies and gentlemen, it is an honour and a pleasure to stand here.

In preparing some biographical notes, memories were stirred of much hard work and much satisfaction on my part; and of much generosity experienced in the example, the collaboration and the encouragement of my peers in the faculty and seminaries. Not to forget the affection and trust of students who remind me from time to time of some of

the more lunatic expressions of my ministry in this community of faith and learning. Finally, thanks to Archbishop Hart and the Senate of CTC for approving this nomination, the Master and Deputy Master with the Academic Board for proposing it, and you for your generous acclaim tonight.

As an acknowledgement of this honour, I offer a short reflection on some of the thought of Pope Francis relative to the vocation of theology.

Last week in Jerusalem, at the Dome of the Rock, the Pope recalled that Abraham's *faith* made him a pilgrim.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, he warns that, whenever secondary aspects of the gospel message appear to the faithful to be identified as the very Gospel, a counterproductive movement is set in motion. In this case, the faithful struggle to "relate what we say to the very heart of the Gospel which gives it meaning, beauty and attractiveness." (EG #34)

We are pretty comfortable whenever we have *control* of secondary aspects of any endeavour. That's the confidence of a person who knows a little Canon Law. True Canonists, of course, are firmly grounded in strict theological mystery, the mystery of God's love present and active in our ecclesial relationships. This mystery is something that we can only *receive*. We are given, by gracious God's initiative, a precious gift – the heart of the Gospel.

Surely, pilgrims are engaged in a search for something that is yet to be given them. They are seeking out a path, needing nourishment on their way, waiting for grace to enter and open up their heart, yearning to reach a goal, to enter a homeland.

A preacher enters into the experience of a pilgrim each time they endure the effort of preparation, each time they feel themselves extended – out of their depth – in discerning the particular light cast at any moment by the Word of God into the world's darkness. The preacher's call is to throw light on the path that is being trod by the community of faith, despite the path's being uncertain. One experiences something comparable in completing one's first assignment as a student of this College!

The task is always the same. How be formed by and express what Pope Francis holds up as "the path travelled by God's word in the heart of the Church"? If I may be so bold to say, he succeeds in identifying this path in this sentence of *Evangelii gaudium*: "The baptismal embrace which the Father gave us when we were little ones, makes us desire, as prodigal children – and favourite children in Mary – yet another embrace, that of the merciful Father who awaits us in glory". May our CTC community have the grace to preach, teach and learn so that people "live in the midst of these two embraces." (EG #144)

Noting that the Church is a pilgrim, a "missionary disciple" (his preferred denomination of every Christian), Pope Francis calls for respect and love to guide our theological endeavours. (EG #40)

This attitude explains the fact that, in his words again, "Within the Church countless issues are being studied and reflected upon with great freedom." (EG #40) Here is a foundation that one can rely upon as one's mind continually opens up to the depth and breadth of theology.





Perhaps offering an antidote to taking oneself too seriously, last week the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox recalled to Francis the words of Patriarch Athenagoras to Pope Paul VI in the same place in 1964: “Let us two just walk together as pilgrims and hold up the theologians on a desert island.”

My professor of ecclesiology in Rome underwent an intellectual conversion during the first session of Vatican Council II when it dawned on him that the Holy Spirit had guided the bishops to ditch the schema on the Church that he had helped so laboriously to prepare. He repeated this quite often with a certain grim humour! Wishing us not to be fearful, he urged us, despite our uncertainty, to dip our toes into the deep waters.

Pope Francis is young – and discerning – of heart and mind, vigorous in faith, courageous in love, anchored in hope. I pray that we follow his example as missionary disciples, happy ourselves to be descendants of Abraham our father in faith.

Master’s Prize and Awards for Outstanding Essays

The Master’s Prize:
Br Arun Michael Charles sdb



The Archbishop’s Prize for
Systematic Theology: Br Thomas Azzi op



The Archbishop Coleridge Prize for
Biblical Studies: Br Robert Krishna op



The Baronius Prize for
Church History: Lindsay Sant



The Thomas Shortall Prize for
Moral Theology: Johanna Hart



The John Maher Prize for
Philosophy: Justin Glyn sj



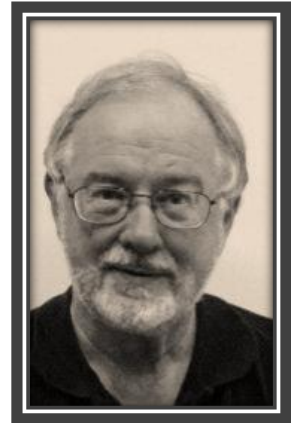
Warmest congratulations to all. May you always maintain a love for learning.

Honorary Researchers

From time to time, the University of Divinity appoints Honorary Research Fellows and Associates who contribute to the University's research activities in collaboration with one of the University's Colleges. Two of these appointments have been made recently for researchers who will be connected to CTC. We look forward to their contribution to the scholarly community at CTC.

Frà Dr Richard Divall: Honorary Research Fellow

As noted in the graduation report above, Frà Dr Richard Divall has just successfully completed a PhD at the University of Divinity. Frà Richard is closely associated with the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral and also that of St. Francis' Church, as well as Monash University and Newman College. He is a Frater in Solemn Religious Profession in the Order of Malta. He is engaged on a research and publishing project of editions of Australian Sacred Music (1833–1940). When complete, this will comprise over 80 works that will be fully edited into modern editions and published on-line on the Music Digital Archive at Monash University. He is also currently editing the complete sacred works of the Maltese-Neapolitan composer Girolamo Abos (1715–60) and the English Baroque composer Michael Christian Festing (1705–52).



Dr Gina Bernasconi: Honorary Research Associate

Dr Gina Bernasconi works for the Catholic Education office in Ballarat as a curriculum adviser for Religious Education (Secondary). She has worked closely with the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project (ECSIP), which has been developed in Victorian Catholic schools by the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium). Dr Bernasconi's research project will investigate the discrepancies shown in ECSIP data for Victoria between the recontextualised model of belief that most Religious Education teachers hold themselves and the more literal model of belief that they tend to use in their teaching approach.

Books Launched at CTC

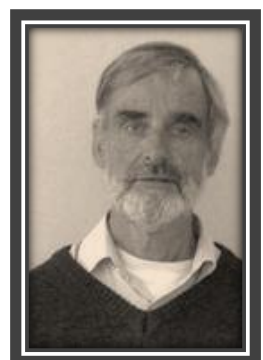


On Monday 20 July, H. E. the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher and Professor Pauline Allen FAHAS launched three new Australian editions of works by Archpriest Lawrence Cross OAM and colleagues, including CTC staff member Dr Birute Arendarcikas rsm and former student Rev. Dr Joe Leach.

On September 5, Dr Mary Raeburn nds launched a new book by Associate Professor Mark O'Brien op entitled *Restoring the Right Relationship: The Bible and Divine Righteousness*. Assoc. Prof. O'Brien co-authored with Rev. Dr Christopher Monaghan cp another book launched this year at YTU. A very commendable publishing record!



On September 17, H. E. Mr. Noel White, Ambassador of Ireland to Australia launched *Daniel Mannix: His Legacy* edited by Val Noone and Rachel Naughton. This was the papers of the Mannix Conference held at the State Library of Victoria in 2013.



Ordinations and Vows

One of the major contributions of CTC to the life of the Church is the preparation of people for ministry in the Church. This is the season for the conferring of Orders and the College wishes to recognise the following students:

Ordination as Priests



Rev. Michael Romeo



Rev. Sang Ho



Rev. Linh Pham



Rev. Minh Tran

May their ministry as priests be long, fruitful and joy-filled.

Ordination as Deacons



Rev. Michael Zylan



Rev. Patrick Bradford



Rev. Justel Callos



Rev. Goerge Feliciouz



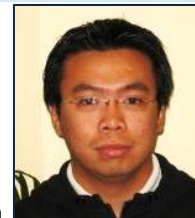
Rev. Daryl Montecillo



Rev. Joel Peart



Rev. Stephen Bolling



Rev. Novelito Lim



Rev. Dong Tran



Rev. Junray Rayna

Congratulations to these ten deacons!

Perpetual Vows



Baiju Thomas



Isuru Weliwatte



Lenin Thenamirtham



Rembert Fernando

Very best wishes for every blessing for these brothers.

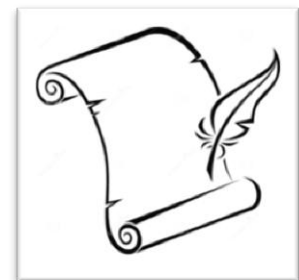


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Collegiate Agreement and Compact

CTC has now signed a *Collegiate Agreement* with the University, and the College's 10 sponsors (2 archdioceses, 3 dioceses, 5 religious orders) have joined it in signing a *Compact* with the University, both of which documents expire at the end of 2018. The *Agreement* creates a corporate relationship with the University, in which CTC becomes a College of the University. The College can then be accredited to offer awards of the University, and its academic staff and students of the College become members of the University. The *Compact* between the University, the College, and each of the College's sponsors ensures maximum ownership and understanding of the relationship between the College and University, and of the vision and mission of each College. This formally identifies the College's sponsors and their undertakings to support CTC and the University. The Compact fosters engagement between all the supporters of a College, including the University. The Compact therefore creates opportunities for greater cooperation and partnership, such as resourcing mutual needs, and establishing and pursuing shared strategic objectives. The College's sponsors are listed on the UDiv website: www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/our-partners/

The Agreement and Compact clarify a long-standing commitment to the University by its Colleges and their sponsors, and greatly enhance its sense of unity, purpose and identity. As a group of faith-inspired Colleges, they also greatly contribute to the ecumenical nature of the University.



The Graduate Certificate in Guiding Meditation (GCGM)

This Graduate Certificate develops skills in meditative practice in the Catholic tradition suitable for use in schools, parishes and other contexts. With the growth in interest in meditation today, this is a valuable opportunity for professional development especially for those interested in, and those thinking about leading and guiding meditation. The Certificate involves three units that are offered in an intensive mode. The units are also available as electives for all graduate students of the College.

1. Meditation in the Christian Tradition
2. Applied Meditation
3. Meditation and Wholeness