



# *Tolle Lege*

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Celebrating Forty Years: 1972~2012

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Welcome to all those who are joining CTC for the first time this semester. All at the College hope you find this academic community a pleasant atmosphere in which to pursue a love of learning.

In a special way we extend a warm welcome to a new lecturer: Dr Cullan Joyce. Dr Joyce will be lecturing in Philosophy and this semester will be taking *AP124 Know Thyself: Introduction to Greek Philosophy* and *AP127 Philosophy of the Human Person*.

Cullan's PhD undertook a philosophical reading of Maximus the Confessor. The work concentrated on articulating the structures Maximus uses for describing the living organism.



### Knox Public Lecture

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Late last semester, the College celebrated two of its most important annual events.



On 16<sup>th</sup> May, the 2012 Knox Lecture was delivered by Associate Professor Orm Rush of Australian Catholic University, (McAuley Campus at Banyo, Brisbane). This annual event commemorates the life and ministry of the founder of The College, the late James Robert Cardinal Knox, fifth Archbishop of Melbourne. Over the years this has become one of the chief ways in which the College as a Catholic institute addresses the wider community on issues important to the faith. A large number of CTC faculty and students attended, as well as numerous visitors.

In his fascinating presentation Fr Rush outlined the experience of the Australian bishops who were present and for whom the Council experience was a 'complex of many councils: discussions, dinners, conversations, coffees, conference meetings, colloquia, and chats with foreigners,' in the words of one of them.

All members of the Church are called to holiness, so that through our lives the power of the gospel may shine forth as a *lumen gentium*, a light to all people, just as Christ was. Father Rush assured us that 'Five decades on, the Council continues to call us all to conversion to its vision.' In a fascinating, but all too short, question time, Father Rush displayed his easy familiarity with the great body of teaching associated with the Council, and its practical application to living the faith today.



## Annual Mass and Dinner

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Not long after the Knox Lecture, the College held its annual Mass and Dinner. Mass, anticipating the College Festival (the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, 29<sup>th</sup> June) was celebrated at St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy on Thursday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> June, with the President of the College, Most Rev. Denis Hart, DD, Archbishop of Melbourne, as the principal celebrant. He was joined by several Bishops, Provincials, Rectors of Affiliated Seminaries and the Master (Dr Shane Mackinlay). The preacher for the occasion was Fr Harry Dyer omi, Provincial of the Oblates. Among the congregation were the Inaugural Chancellor of the MCD University of Divinity (Dr Graeme Blackman) and Mrs Blackman, the Inaugural Vice Chancellor (Professor Peter Sherlock), and a large number of faculty and students from CTC. To mark CTC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, many of the College's founding staff attended as special guests. On this typical Melbourne winter night, the Mass was followed by the College Dinner in the warmth and comfort of the San Remo Reception Centre, opposite the Church.

One of the pleasing aspects of this occasion is the granting of awards to students by the Archbishop, the Master (Dr Shane Mackinlay) and the Deputy Master (Dr Frances Baker rsm). The following awards were made.



### **The Master's Prize**

*Rev. Andrew McCarter*

This Prize is awarded not solely on the basis of academic achievements, but for general contribution to the life of the College. Previous recipients were: Charles Balnaves (2007), John Duiker (2008), Gregory Bellamy (2009), Kevin O'Sullivan (2010), Rosemary Drum mgl (2011)

Following a long standing tradition, those who received awards or degrees at the Annual MCD Conferring were presented with a gift. This year presentations were made to the following graduands who were present at the Dinner:



This year for the first time several annual academic awards were made for outstanding essays, thanks to generous benefactors of the College:

The Archbishop's Prize  
**Systematic Theology**



*Paul Nulley*

The Archbishop Coleridge Prize  
**Biblical Studies**



*Katherine Stone mgl*

The Guilford Young Prize  
**Liturgy**



*Joseph Leach*

The Baronius Prize  
**Church History**



*Susan Kempen*

The Thomas Shortall Prize  
**Moral Theology**



*Aaron Lane*

## Congratulations

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The Deputy Master of CTC, **Dr Frances Baker rsm**, has been elected President of the Catholic Moral Theology Association of Australia and New Zealand.

**Dr Chris Shorrocks OFM Conv.**, the Head of the Church History Department at CTC, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood on 25<sup>th</sup> July. To mark the occasion, Mass was celebrated by Father Chris at St Mark's Church, Dingley, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. *Ad multos annos!* Fr Chris has also recently been appointed as the new Provincial Delegate for the Order of Friars Minor Conventual within Australia. This follows the Australian friars and friaries becoming a Delegation of the Province of St Bonaventure, based in Chicago, USA. We congratulate Fr Chris, and wish the Australian friars well in adapting to this change of juridical status.

**Father Shane Hactor** has had his MTheol accepted by the University. His thesis was on the Eucharistic sermons of the late Monsignor Ronald A. Knox. These were preached over several decades at Corpus Christi Church, Covent Garden, London, on the patronal festival of the church. Father Hactor is Parish Priest of St Gabriel's Parish, Reservoir. The degree will be formally conferred at the next MCD Graduation Ceremony.

## Prayers

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Since the last issue of *Tolle Lege*, two members of the CTC community and another former student have died. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

### **Brother Mark O'Dea mgl**

On Trinity Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> June), Mark died suddenly of natural causes, after a swim in Port Philip Bay. Mark was forty two years old, and was in his first year of studies at CTC. He joined the Missionaries of God's

Love three years ago, leaving behind a successful legal practice which he had built over many years on the Gold Coast. He sought to give his life wholeheartedly to the Lord. Indeed, he was a man of great faith, with a great love for the Scriptures.



### **Brother Jason Duck omi**

Jason was born at Beaufort, Victoria, in 1971 and educated in Ballarat. He was involved in Labor politics for many years, managing the electoral office of the local MP. He joined the Oblate Community at St Mary's in 2007 and graduated with a BTheol in 2012. Father Tony Rigoli, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an underprivileged area of New Orleans, where Jason recently completed a pastoral placement, described him as 'a very hard worker .... [with] a great love for the poor, especially at Lazarus House [a hospice for AIDS patients].' Jason died suddenly on 15<sup>th</sup> July, during his pastoral year at Moe.

### **Sister Mary Grace O'Connor mss**

Mary was born in Rockhampton in 1919 and after teaching for some years joined the Missionary Sisters of Service in Hobart. This new life afforded Mary an even wider sphere of influence, preparing and tutoring in much appreciated Scripture courses. She taught Biblical Studies at the Tasmanian Pastoral Institute for some years. Desiring to study Scripture more deeply Mary enrolled at YTU in 1980, also undertaking Spirituality units at CTC. Later Mary completed a Masters degree on Evelyn Underhill at Monash University at the age of 78. Mary had hoped to publish this work but died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.





# Fruits & Future of Vatican II

19 – 21 September 2012 | Melbourne, Australia



**Symposium to mark  
the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the opening of the  
Second Vatican Council**

[www.ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii](http://www.ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii)

Keynote speakers:

- **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**  
Archbishop of Brisbane
- **Professor Alberto Melloni**  
Director of the John XXIII Foundation for Religious  
Studies, Bologna
- **Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ AC**  
Former Dean of Theology, Gregorian University

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