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A New Year at CTC

A warm welcome to CTC staff and students for the 2014 Academic Year. As well as those returning, it is a great delight to see new faculty members and some seventy new students joining us this year. This includes a very encouraging number of research students. The College now offers some 500 units in all, in different semesters and at a variety of levels. This is another encouraging facet of College life. As a vibrant college within the University of Divinity we can be also enthused by the University logo at the head of this newsletter: it is modern heraldry at its best. Symbols can enshrine ideals and encourage people to pursue them. The star forms a constellation of open books. For us this could obviously represent the star which points the wise ones towards Christ. It is also an Australian symbol in the form of the Southern Cross, which appears on the CTC crest. Like all great symbols this logo is open to a variety of interpretations. What do you make of the cluster of open books? The Word of God? A love for learning? Can it represent the various Colleges, each open to receiving the Word and also a means of imparting wisdom? And the constellation of books creates two stars, one on the outer and one on the inner, perhaps representing the University's commitment to fidelity to the tradition and also an openness to reading 'the signs of the times'. It certainly can give rise to wise and prayerful pondering on just what we are about here at CTC and in the wider University.

The New Dean and Associate Dean



Appointed by the College Senate last year, the Academic Dean (Dr Rosemary Canavan) and Associate Dean (Rev. Dr. Kevin Lenahan) have now assumed their new responsibilities. We wish them well as they commence these challenging and essential tasks. In recognition of their scholarship, academic contribution to the life of the University, and engagement with the community, they have also both been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Warm congratulations to both!



New faces at CTC

Chris Morris

Before coming to CTC fulltime I worked in Catholic education in various capacities including primary and secondary teaching, Religious Education coordination, and as an Education Officer in the R.E. team at the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. I am married to Louise and have two daughters, Evie 7, and Agatha 4. My inclination has always been towards the monastic tradition, and this led me to become an oblate of the Camaldolese Benedictines. My graduate study was in the area of Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction and I have taught in the Graduate Certificate in Guiding Meditation since it began in 2012. Over the last 5 years I have studied the work of Bruno Barnhart, a Camaldolese monk, and his focus on sapiential Christianity. This is the subject of my PhD. I feel greatly privileged to be a part of CTC and to have Austin Cooper as my supervisor.



Paul Rowse op

Mine is not strictly a “new face” at CTC – rather, I myself am seeing new faces who have appeared! After I was ordained priest in 2010 I had three marvellous years in pastoral ministry as Chaplain to the University of Sydney, which was enriched with teaching biblical studies at the University of Notre Dame Australia. My return to Melbourne in 2014 means a return to CTC as a faculty member, a continuation of the Dominican Vocations role I’ve had since 2012, and a beginning in the formation of our young friars as Sub-Master of Students. This is all very exciting!



Chris Sonek op

I am a Polish-born priest of the Dominican Order. I have recently been invited to teach at CTC and to share my knowledge of Old Testament and Hebrew in both academic and pastoral contexts. After completing my doctoral studies at the University of Oxford, I taught at the École Biblique in Jerusalem. Then, following the advice of the Dominican Master General, I swapped the multi-religious ambience of Jerusalem for the multi-cultural context of London. In London, I worked in two parishes and continued research at the British Library. The focus of my current research is on the reception of the book of Genesis in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic commentaries in Late Antiquity.



The Experience of Catholic Culture Study Tour

The group of eighteen on the tour at the end of last year visited sites associated with Catholic history in Ireland, including St.



Kevin's hermitage and monastery at Glendalough [at left and right], the Rock of Cashel (an imposing medieval ruin in Tipperary) and of course sites in and around Dublin.



The group then moved to England and among other places visited Canterbury, Durham (where the great Church Historian, St Bede the Venerable is buried), Littlemore in Oxford (the scene of much of the work of John Henry Newman [*Newman's library pictured at left*]) and Ufton Court (a Catholic home throughout the days of persecution where priests were hidden and Mass celebrated).

Then the tour moved on to Spain with visits to Avila [*pictured at right*] (and a recalling of Teresa's finest work, *The Interior Castle*), Segovia (the burial place of St John of the Cross [*pictured below left*]) and Cordova with



its famous Cathedral built in the centre of a mosque [*pictured below right*], reminding one of the centuries of Islamic rule in Spain, and then El Escorial, an impressive symbol of Spain's Catholic and Imperial centuries.



Finally the tour appropriately included a visit to Rome with

its rich associations of the abiding ministry of Peter in the Church. Visits were also made to Ravenna (touching the Byzantine tradition at its best) and Florence. One of the participants wrote 'I continue to feel overwhelmed with gratitude for the real presence of God in fellow pilgrims, and in places visited ...' to visit such sites is always an opportunity to experience the Catholic tradition in a deeply personal way. It is encouraging to find that it does enable so many to do just that.



This year the College is holding a *Study Tour of the Biblical Lands* and in 2015 another *Church History – Spirituality Tour*. These Tours are an integral part of CTC's service to Catholic cultural life.

Travelling in style in Toledo!

The Missionaries of God's Love: A Religious Institute of Diocesan Right

Yet another sign of vitality in our midst has been the Inauguration of the Missionaries of God's Love (MGLs) as a Religious Institute of Diocesan Right. This took place in a moving ceremony on Saturday 8th February at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. This means that the Church now formally recognises the brothers consecrated to Jesus through their new public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and dedicated to a common mission to evangelization, especially among the young and the poor. Their journey began in 1986 when Fr Ken Barker founded the Missionaries, who have been involved in CTC from their very beginnings. They have since then been blessed with vocations and opportunities to serve in a variety of missions. This celebration marked the official recognition of the MGLs by the Church, through the Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn.

All at CTC will rejoice in this news and wish every blessing for the MGLs and their mission.



Some Dates to remember

Tuesday 18th March: Census date for First Semester

Friday 2nd May: University Graduation in St Patrick's Cathedral

Wednesday 21st May: Knox Public Lecture, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Michael Zylan ordained Subdeacon for Ukrainian Catholic Church

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy celebrated a very important day on Sunday 1st December 2013. Michael Zylan was ordained to the Subdiaconate at the cathedral at North Melbourne by Bishop Peter Stasiuk. He was ordained in front of a full church with his wife Nadia, mother Stefania, children and grandchildren, family and friends attending.



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