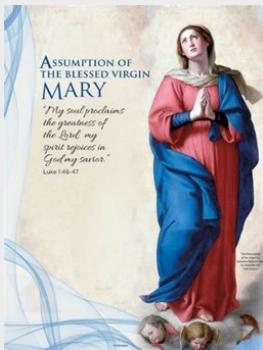


IMPORTANT DATES

- 13 August - Library Committee Meeting
- 15 August - Feast of the Assumption
- 20 August - Board of Studies Meeting

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Dedication to Mary, Mother of God, Our Mother



In January 1838 Bishop Pompallier, Aotearoa New Zealand's first bishop, dedicated New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. On this year's Solemnity of the

Assumption, on the 15th of August, the New Zealand Catholic community is going to renew that dedication following the numerous requests the bishops received during the lockdown asking for Mary's protection of Aotearoa New Zealand in such troubling international times.

Praying the Rosary @ CTC



With the start of the second semester the College saw a new group come into action. Every Tuesday and Thursday at midday, a group of College students and staff gather together in the Chapel to pray the Holy Rosary. It is an additional way for the College community to grow together in faith. All are welcome to join.
– Tom Manihera

Message from the CTC Leadership Team

The NZQA External Evaluation and Review (2021) of Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College has rated our institute **Category 1**. This is the highest rating and means NZQA is Highly Confident in the educational performance of CTC.

NZQA regularly evaluates all tertiary education providers and in 2021 it was the turn of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College - its first External Evaluation since the merger that brought the present organisation together. The full EER report is available on the NZQA website but to cite some of the things they said:

Highly Confident in educational performance.

The most important needs of learners and stakeholders are well met. The College's programmes offer significant value. Learners grow important skills and knowledge to benefit their roles and communities. Highly effective processes contributing to valued outcomes include close learner engagement and support, responsive educators, and contextualised learning and activities.

The PTE's purpose and direction is clear. Academic leadership is strong, furthered by the benefits of the recent merger.

Contributes significant value to the community

The College contributes significant community value as the sole formal, funded provider of Catholic theological, ministry and religious education in New Zealand. For school communities, the level 5 qualification is instilling teachers with greater self-awareness and knowledge of the Catholic religion to confidently and effectively deliver religious education in Catholic schools.

The Bachelor of Theology is valued by stakeholders for the standard of education and the growth learners gain, including in confidence, knowledge, empathy, understanding of different perspectives, critical and logical thinking, communication and language. The qualification is needed for entry to the priesthood and supports lay leaders to better support their communities. Ninety-one per cent of graduates surveyed confirmed the relevance of the qualification to their roles.

Supportive and Proactive Learning

Learning is supported, and challenges to learning are minimised by close teacher-student relationships, responsive academic staff, relevant learning contexts, activities and teaching approaches, and flexible modes of learning. Level 7 learners and staff value the proactive learning support facilitated by the College's librarian and access to an extensive on-site library.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone!





Te Kupenga - CTC: A meeting place for diverse life

Alfred Tong

Over the years, CTC Auckland campus has always been the centre for diversity in its student population, drawn from various walks of life. Often universities are thought of as places of learning for students, but as it is obvious at CTC, diversity means that learning or formation also takes place outside of the formal lectures. Indeed, while CTC is the default institution responsible for the academic formation of many of the diocesan and religious clergy in New Zealand, there are in fact more students attending who are not in clergy formation. This of course means that those in clerical formation learn not only from lecturers but their peers, who may have a lot to share about their life and vocation that enhances the learning experience. To put it in theological terminology, such 'Sensus fidei' is an important aspect of building the Church as the diverse 'Body of Christ'.

In this issue of CTC Network, I would like to give a brief synopsis of some of our new students from diverse backgrounds, who bring their lives to the fellowship table at CTC:

Brother Zecharia Mathew OFMCap

Pax et Bonum!

My name is Br. Zecharia Mathew OFMCap.



I studied predominantly at Liston College, Auckland, and after graduating I followed my vocational calling into religious life for the Franciscan Capuchin Order. I spent 3 years in the Philippines for my initial formation: 2 years in Postulancy and 1 year in the Novitiate; before coming to New Zealand and making my First Profession on the 27th of June 2021 at Holy Cross Parish, Henderson, by which I took on the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience for the sake of God, His Church and His people. Now I am undergoing my theological and philosophical studies at the Catholic Theological College, in the hopes of one day being Ordained and serving my country which I ardently love.

Lysa Ridling

My husband and I have two sons and two daughters, and we live in Auckland on the North Shore in the Parish of East Coast Bays. In the past I have participated in our parish as a catechist and helped with Children's Liturgy.



In 2015, I became a professed member of the Secular Franciscan Order and am an active member of the local North Shore Fraternity of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. We have monthly meetings at St John's Church in Mairangi Bay where we celebrate Mass, and have a formation time to encourage us on our faith journey. In my spare time I love to read, spend time in the garden, or go out on the water kayaking or fishing. In the last couple of months, I became involved as a volunteer in the Northland Whangaruru Pest Control Programme, which has had a significant impact on the increasing number of kiwi now living in the area.

Paul Capundag

Having been married for four years and currently have two kids, I have been reflecting on my life as a husband and particularly as a father on how I can provide the best for my family and the society. Looking at the challenges, difficulties, and the lack of spirituality in this generation, my desire to know more about God grew as I found that providing spiritual needs are of more importance than of any material needs and I feel that the church now needs theologically educated people prepared for ministry and leadership.



Our decision on me returning to school to study theology is one of the biggest decisions we have ever made as a family, and so far I am enjoying learning more about God at Te Kupenga - CTC and looking forward to where God will lead me.

Fr Brendan on Canon Law and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons

Rev Fr Brendan Daly has been invited by the Catholic Safeguarding Institute (CSI) as their resource person on Canon Law and Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons.

The Catholic Safeguarding Institute (CSI) seeks to create a culture of relational safety in persons and institutions of the Catholic Church in Asia and the Pacific Nations, by engaging in culturally effective formation of leadership, organizational consultation, and scientific research, informed primarily by the stories of victim/survivors and Gospel values. CSI recognises that safeguarding is a perspective and way of life that needs to become an intentional part of the daily life of every Catholic.

CSI is based in the Philippines and offers the Basic Orientation Workshop on Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons (BOWS) to various church groups internationally as a 10-day distance learning workshop using both online and offline formats.