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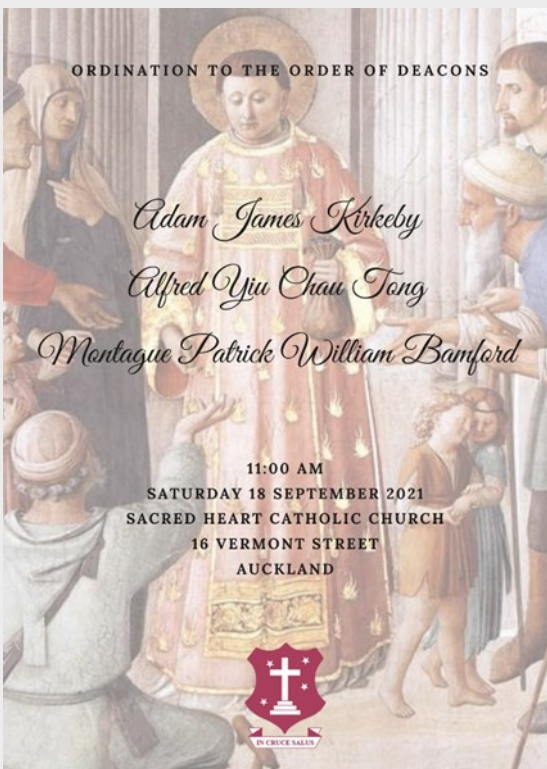
A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

IMPORTANT DATE

20 August - Board of Studies Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI

Diaconate Ordination



Message from the CTC Leadership Team

As we go into lockdown here in Aotearoa New Zealand, we cherish the words of Pope Francis on that memorable Urbi et Orbi livestreamed from an empty St. Peter's Square more than a year ago.

“We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other.”

Communication was sent to students and staff to guide them on what needs to happen during the lockdown period.

- For all the Bachelor of Theology and Graduate Diploma in Theology classes this means that course materials can be accessed on Moodle. Students are asked to work from home and to do the online tasks set by their lecturers. They can contact their respective lecturers by email if needed.
- Current Level 5/6 papers are being done online. Any imminent face-to-face classes can be accessed online as well if the lockdown persists for a longer period.
- E-books and e-journals can be accessed from the library online.

We encourage everyone to accompany each other in these very unsettling times through emails, phone calls, social media and above all through our prayers for one another.

Lastly, let us heed the call of Pope Francis in his video message this week urging people to get inoculated against COVID-19, saying the vaccines could bring an end to the pandemic, but needed to be taken by everyone. The Holy Father referred getting the Covid-19 vaccine as “an act of love”.



Faith Formation



Formation and learning for aspiring permanent deacons, prison and hospital chaplains, teachers and parish ministers commenced last 14 August. This is a Level 5 programme facilitated through blended learning (face-to-face and online).



Message from the Acting CE

Kia ora tatou,

While many people have been saying that it is a case of 'when' rather than 'if' we would get a community outbreak of COVID-19, the news of going into a Level-4 lockdown will be causing serious disruptions, and even anxiety, for many people. This may well be exacerbated by the prediction of Health officials that cases are likely to swell.

As more information comes to light, we will keep you updated about what that means for Te Kupenga, for our students and for your work.

Under Lockdown Level 4 arrangements, all working premises are out of bounds. Thank you for your willingness to adapt and be flexible in terms of your working arrangements. Thanks to all of the CTC lecturers and supporting staff who are doing all they can to minimise disruption for our students.

The Te Kupenga Leadership met briefly by ZOOM this morning (18 August). By now, you should each have had a personal communication from whoever runs the team you are part of.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone else from the Leadership Team if you need support in some way.

In the meantime take care.

Regards and blessings to you and your families.

Dr John Kleinsman (PhD)

Welcome

Join us in welcoming Stephen Watkinson who joins CTC as our Quality and Compliance Officer. Stephen has a rich background in the education sector and the IT industry. Before joining CTC, he was the I.T and Compliance Officer of The Learning Connexion - a tertiary art and creativity school based in Wellington.

Stephen finished his Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) from Unitec Institute of Technology (Info Systems major, Management minor). He also earned a Diploma in Computing Systems from Unitec and a Diploma in Ministry from Laidlaw College.

Stephen will be working from our Wellington office until November 2021. Soon after this, Stephen will move with his family back here in Auckland and will be joining the team at the Auckland campus.

Young Religious of Auckland

Joseph Mijares

Last Sunday (15 August) on the Solemnity of the Assumption, aspirants, postulants, novices and temporary professed members of various congregations/orders gathered for faith formation. (Marist Fathers, Marist Sisters, Mercy Sisters, Capuchin Franciscans, Carmelites) Four of our current CTC students were present. This group meets around four times a year to build friendships and reflect on our personal discernment towards consecrated religious life.

Pray for each of us and more vocations to be consecrated to religious life!

