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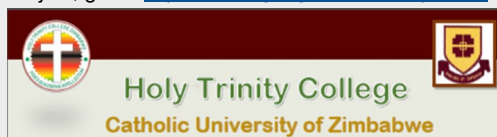
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Good Shepherd College - Te Heparā Pai

Join Rev Dr Bernard Teo for an open lecture on Saturday, 30 October 9pm (NZ time) organised by Holy Trinity College – Catholic University of Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

To join, go to <https://meet.google.com/zcf-ejhz-zbr>



OPEN LECTURE

Theme: Mercy: Key to understanding Pope Francis papacy

Presenter: Fr Bernard Teo CSsR

Date: Saturday, 30 October 2021

Time: 10 am (Zim Time)

Venue: Virtual (Google Meet)

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zcf-ejhz-zbr>

Format: Presentation followed by discussion



Fr Bernard Teo CSsR (born 1952, ordained 1979) spent the first five years doing mission and formation work in Singapore and Malaysia. From January 1985 to December 1989, he studied Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he obtained the S.T.L. in 1987 and the thesis work for the degree was on the Principle of Subsidiarity in the political writings of Jacques Maritain. In December 1989 he was granted the S.T.D. with the major dissertation work raising the issue of whether a public policy of presumed consent in the procurement of cadaver organs for organ

transplants could be morally defensible.

From 1991, he worked in Melbourne, Australia, where he taught studies in Moral Theology at the Yarra Theological Union, a recognized teaching institute of the Melbourne University of Divinity. He has also taught in Diocesan and Redemptorist seminaries in Singapore and Davao, Philippines, and has also served on the medical ethics committees in hospitals in Singapore and Melbourne. During his sabbaticals Fr Bernard served as visiting scholar in Weston School of Theology in Boston (1999) and University of Notre Dame in Indiana, USA (2011) doing research and preparing for teaching in the area of Human Rights.

From 1999 to 2002 he served as the Major Superior of the Redemptorists in the region of Singapore and Malaysia. After his term of office, he returned to YTU where he continued teaching up to now. Currently he is stationed in Auckland, New Zealand and is involved in Redemptorist mission in the parishes, as well as teaching moral theology.

Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista

As the 2021 academic year comes to a close, we are reminded of the phrase which was coined by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 1300's: "All Good Things Must Come to An End". I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faculty and staff for all your hard work and dedication to the pursuit of academic excellence and the formation of our students. We also extend our sincere gratitude to our Board of Studies, Academic Advisory Board, Library Committee, Research Committee, and our Pastoral Care team.

Valedictory Message



It would be fitting to share with you a valedictory message from Joseph Mijares, our Student Representative for 2021:

My old high school, Tawa College, had the motto: "Enter to learn, depart to serve." I thought this was highly appropriate to refer to in this valedictory article because it captures exactly what every student experiences in this institution. We start off as students and leave as servants.

CTC is a unique place of learning because unlike getting a degree in the empirical sciences or other mainstream subjects, what we learn at CTC can help nurture relationships with God. This can either be our own or someone else's relationship with God. The wisdom that passes through our lectures, assignments, and exams, can be applied to the various ministries we end up in. I've been fortunate to have gotten close to many students here at CTC. Some that are training for the priesthood, lay pastoral ministry, teaching, or just out of interest. Yet, what we all have in common is that desire to know more, in order to love more.

There will be moments when we feel like we have run out of energy or come to the end of our time. Perhaps we think we don't have the capabilities to keep on serving. Many of us have felt beaten down after this unprecedented experience of several lockdowns. However, just think about how embers at the end of a campfire still have the potential to cause a forest fire. We all have the potential to set the world on fire with the Good News. Even from our homes, in our little country, in the bottom of the world. We can start by sharing the content we have learned to our bubble and local community.

Many of you would recognise this well-known Māori proverb: *Kāore te kūmara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka* (The kūmara doesn't speak of its own sweetness.) This phrase accentuates the value of humility. Humility is what I have seen in all the lecturers and staff at CTC. We are fortunate to have such a highly distinguished academic faculty. Qualifications that would probably allow them to teach anywhere in the world. Yet, they choose to serve in our humble institution.

Thank you to all staff and students for your participation in CTC 2021! We may enter to learn content in this place, but we end up developing character along the way. We become more humble, authentic, and equipped with the knowledge to serve the world in front of us.

The Sistine Chapel



The Last Judgment



The Creation

CTC Lecturer, Dr Christopher Longhurst led a webinar course last October 25 on the Sistine Chapel entitled "Divine and Human Interaction in Art History's Crowning Glory". Dr Longhurst accompanied the participants inside the Vatican's Sistine Chapel to look in-depth at Michelangelo's two master frescoes, *The Creation* and *The Last Judgement*. It was inspiring to hear Dr Longhurst explain how the Renaissance master has raised art to be a source for Christian theology. Dr Longhurst served as an *operatore didattico* (educational officer) in the Vatican Museums from 2001 to 2017. This was preceded by another webinar on 18 October entitled "The Unity of Being". Dr Longhurst would like to thank everyone who participated in those webinars.

Arrivederci Roma

We bid our students, Tom Manihera and Joseph Mijares, a "temporary goodbye".

As part of their consecrated religious formation, Tom and Joseph will be undertaking a canonical year of "Novitiate".



This is a spiritual year and the focus is on becoming a man of God and a Marist. The students doing their novitiate come together from all over the world. By the end of the novitiate, they will take temporal vows of the evangelical counsels as well as make their first profession to the Society of Mary.

Tom and Joseph will fly out of Auckland to Rome on November 10th and will be staying in Montauto till January 2023.

CTC Faculty & Staff Seminar

SAMARITANUS BONUS

*The pastoral care of
persons in the critical and
terminal phases of life.*



Speaker: Fr Merv Duffy, SM
October 29, 2021
(Friday: 1:30 pm)