



# NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

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 TE KUPENGA  
CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE

MOE Number 8717 under  
Good Shepherd College – Te Heparā Pai

# Haere mai / Welcome to Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

***Our vision is the education and formation of people who are in love with the Person and Gospel of Jesus Christ. People who will be the “salt and the light” of this world bringing back Christ to our communities, our country and beyond Aotearoa New Zealand.***

The centre of Catholic education, as Pope Benedict XVI reminded us, should be “helping all its students to become saints”.

I am pleased to present to you our academic courses and more importantly our faculty and staff who will be with you at every step of your Journey at CTC.

The Catholic Theological College provides high quality Catholic tertiary education, research, and advocacy through our programmes of study at NZQA levels 5, 6 and 7. It is our desire that with these programmes we will be able to develop and nourish leadership, knowledge, and faith formation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our academic staff are passionate scholars in their respective fields of theological and philosophical specialties. We endeavour to create a peaceful and joyful learning environment in all our learning venues. Our Colin Library takes the lead in integrating library resources and information literacy into our programme coursework.

I sincerely hope that the information we are sharing with you in this Prospectus will serve as a catalyst in your academic and spiritual journey!

***Dr. John Evangelista***  
***CTC Dean***

## What this prospectus is all about

Kia ora!

This prospectus gives you information on studying with CTC, whether you are upskilling as a teacher in a religious school, taking on greater responsibility in your parish, or wanting to grow in your faith.

In these pages, we give you some background about who we are, what to expect at CTC, and how to enrol in a class that works for you. If you have further questions, we're happy to help. Just get in touch!

***Susan Wilson***  
***Assistant Dean & Head of Level 5&6***



## About Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

*We are the successor organisation to Good Shepherd College and The Catholic Institute. The resources and experience of these two institutions are now combined in a single tertiary provider aimed at formation for ministry and leadership.*

We were set up by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference to develop leaders for the Catholic Community – in schools, parishes, social and pastoral services.

Catholic Theological College is the branch of Te Kupenga that deals with Tertiary Education. We provide courses at levels 5, 6 and 7 on the National Qualifications Framework.

We are an NZQA registered Private Training Establishment with a particular focus on providing courses for seminarians and for teachers in Catholic schools, yet open to anyone who wants to study the theological disciplines at a post-secondary level.

## OUR VISION

Humanity in love with the Person  
and Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## OUR MISSION

Provide high quality Catholic tertiary education, research, and advocacy to develop and nourish leadership, knowledge, and faith formation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## OUR 5 PILLARS

1. Gospel values brought to the forefront of our work.
2. A strong and sustainable provider of tertiary Theology education.
3. A voice for social justice within and outside the Church.
4. Engagement with people across all of Aotearoa New Zealand.
5. Educational programmes and resources to inspire and grow current and future generations for Church leadership and pastoral care roles.



**The Poutama pattern (the ‘stairway to heaven pattern’), which is featured in the CTC icon, symbolises the steps towards higher learning. The shape is inspired by Pacific art and European heraldry.**



## What our students say

*Students regularly tell us that the teaching and learning environment are the best part of studying with CTC:*

"The learning environment was kind, supportive, enabling, enlightening and enriching."

"There was a real culture of learning and support."

"Staff were always happy to answer questions via email etc."

"Great support for me during the four years I studied."

"Supplementing online with some informal face to face chats / coffee catch ups with the staff really enriched my study."

"I LOVED the online learning... As a teacher, I was very impressed with it. I was also super impressed with the support from lecturers. I always felt like an individual and was valued as such - not just a number or another enrolment."

*Comments from the Graduate Survey 2020*



## Why study the Certificate in Christian Studies?

The Certificate in Christian Studies is divided into two strands:

### Christian Ministry

This qualification will give you the knowledge and skills to confidently work in many areas of Christian Ministry. This qualification is for those interested in or already working or volunteering in parishes. This certificate is separated in four specialised areas:

NZCCS-CM – Parish

NZCCS-CM – Christian Leadership

NZCCS-CM – Hospital or Prison Ministry

NZCCS-CM – Catholic Youth Ministry

### Religious Education

This strand is open to those who are either at a University College of Education, or who are teachers in schools. NZCCS-RE will provide you with the knowledge to teach Religious Education confidently and competently and to contribute to the Catholic character of a school.

## Study anywhere

Our courses are available around the country. We offer a mix of face-to-face classes, online, distance and blended learning.

We use the latest technology for engaging online learning which is

- User friendly
- Collaborative
- Interactive
- Available in your time

A full-time student can complete all credits in a year, if they are doing 3 to 4 papers each semester. Those who are studying part time may take up to four years to complete the papers. We can assist you when planning out your study.

For more information, go to:

[www.tekupenga.ac.nz/certificates](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/certificates)





## Library Services

The Colin Library has been serving the Catholic Church in New Zealand for over a century, and has been the academic resource for all students at CTC and other Catholic institutions.

Students have free access to thousands of theological eBooks and eJournal articles available .

It also has on-line catalogue of print and electronic materials, including article level retrieval for some eJournals.

Our library staff can help with research questions, in person, by phone or email and will send answers to you.

Students can either visit the main library on Ponsonby Road, Auckland or contact our helpful library staff at [library@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:library@ctc.ac.nz).

Once you become a student, you will be enrolled in the library system and be able to manage your account.

## Student Support

The well-being of our students is our utmost priority and every lecturer and staff member is involved. CTC is a whānau and we strive to create a family-like environment where students feel at home. Our staff and lecturers are welcoming and approachable.

The pastoral support of our students has a holistic approach focused on their overall wellbeing, meeting their needs as students, and helping them to become independent and successful learners. We endeavour to create a physical, mental, and emotional safe learning environment where our students feel respected and appreciated, and can grow in their Christian knowledge as well as their academic skills. a community that know and care about each other, CTC offers our students academic and pastoral support through lecturers, staff and the pastoral care office.

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

## New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies – Christian Ministry (NZCCS-CM)

*The NZCCS-CM will give you the knowledge and skills to confidently work in many areas of Christian Ministry. This certificate is for those interested in or already working in parishes, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation, RCIA, visiting the sick, prison ministers or youth ministers. Graduates are employed in either paid or voluntary ministry work. There are four options to choose from:*

- **NZCCS-CM – Parish**
- **NZCCS-CM – Christian Leadership**
- **NZCCS-CM – Hospital or Prison Ministry**
- **NZCCS-CM – Catholic Youth Ministry**

The qualification is NZQA registered and CTC is approved to teach it. It is a 60 credit, level 5 programme. To gain the qualification you will need to complete 6 papers. Each paper is 10 credits. Most students study part-time and you have up to 4 years to complete the certificate.

### Programme Structure

#### NZCCS-CM Parish

- **SC501** Understanding the Old Testament
- **SC502** Interpreting the New Testament
- **TH501** What Catholics Believe
- **TH502** What is Theology?

*(and two of the following courses)*

- **PM501** Prayer and Liturgy
- **PM503** Mission and Ministry
- **PM504** Pastoral and Ministry Praxis

#### NZCCS-CM Christian Leadership

- **SC501** Understanding the Old Testament
- **SC502** Interpreting the New Testament
- **TH501** What Catholics Believe
- **TH502** What is Theology?
- **TH504a** Catholic Social Teaching for Ministry
- **TH505a** Christian Ethics in Ministry

#### NZCCS-CM Hospital and Prison Ministry

- **SC501** Understanding the Old Testament
- **SC502** Interpreting the New Testament
- **TH501** What Catholics Believe
- **TH502** What is Theology?

*(and two of the following courses)*

- **PM502** Spirituality for Ministry
- **PM504** Pastoral and Ministry Praxis
- **TH504a** Catholic Social Teaching for Ministry

#### NZCCS-CM Youth Ministry

- **SC502** Interpreting the New Testament
- **PM502** Spirituality for Ministry
- **PM505** Catholic Youth Ministry
- **PM506** Youth Ministry Practice
- **TH501** What Catholics Believe

*(and one of the following courses)*

- **SC501** Understanding the Old Testament
- **TH502** What is Theology

**ENTRY REQUIREMENT** Open to all students 17 years and over.



# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

## New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies - Religious Education (NZCCS-RE)

*The qualification is for those studying at a University College of Education who would like to teach in a Catholic school and for qualified teachers.*

The NZCCS-RE will provide you with the knowledge and skill to confidently and competently teach Religious Education and to meaningfully engage in a school's Catholic character.

This qualification is NZQA registered and CTC is approved to teach it. It is an 80 credit, level 5 programme of study. To gain the qualification, you will need to successfully complete 7 papers. Six papers are 10 credits, one paper is 20 credits. Students at University Colleges of Education may complete the programme within a year, however most students study part-time. You have 4 years to complete the NZCCS-RE.

All papers from the NZCCS-RE are offered online. Many of the papers are also offered as face-to-face classes. Please check the timetable to see what may be on offer where you live.

### Programme Structure

*There are 7 papers that you must complete in order to receive this award. 6 Courses in Theology, Scripture and Religious Education and 1 Practicum (for trainee teachers) or 1 project/portfolio (for practicing teachers)*

- **RE501** Religious Education Today
- **RE502** Spirituality for Teachers
- **SC502** Interpreting the New Testament
- **SC501** Understanding the Old Testament
- **TH501** What Catholics Believe
- **TH502** What is Theology?

*Either one of the two following papers (20 Credits)*

- **RE503** Teaching Practice (trainee teachers)
- **RE504** Teaching in a Catholic School (qualified teachers) \*capstone paper

*One of the following papers can be substituted for TH502 What is Theology?*

- **TH503** Church and Sacraments
- **TH504** Catholic Social Teaching
- **TH505** Issues in Christian Ethics
- **TH506** He Timatanga – A Beginning

**ENTRY REQUIREMENT** This is open to students enrolled in University Colleges of Education (or equivalent) and practising teachers. There is a pre-service component for teacher trainees and an in-service component for qualified teachers.



## Other Programmes

### Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6)

- NZ Diploma in Christian Studies Christian Leadership (120 credits)
- NZ Diploma in Christian Studies Pastoral Ministry (120 credits)
- NZ Diploma in Christian Studies Religious Education (120 credits)

### Bachelor of Theology

A structured award of 360 credits, (Level 7), three years full-time study. Part-time and distance/online study also available.

### Graduate Diploma in Theology

For people who already have a degree level qualification (Level 7- 120 credits) One year full-time study. Part-time and distance/online study also available.

### Certificate of Personal Interest (Level 5) \*

For people who wish to do one or more papers but do not intend to continue to a higher award.

### Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand \*

For people working in Catholic organisations, as part of increasing awareness and skills to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. Part-time and distance/online study available.

*\* Not NZQA registered*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE COURSES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

**[www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) OR E: [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)**

## ADMINISTRATION



**Dr Areti Metuamate**

Chief Executive &  
Lecturer in  
Kaupapa Māori



**Dr John Evangelista**

Dean of College



**Dr Mervyn Duffy**

Head of Level 7  
(Graduate Diploma &  
Bachelor of Theology)



**Susan Wilson**

Head of Levels 5&6  
(Certificate & Diploma)

## NZCCS Faculty

**Brendan Bergin**

Lecturer (Auckland Diocese)

**Dr Kevin Dobbyn FMS**

Lecturer (Palmerston North)

**Gary Finlay**

Lecturer (Wellington Diocese)

**Margaret Fitzpatrick**

Lecturer (Auckland Diocese)

**Dr Christopher Longhurst**

Lecturer (Wellington Diocese)

**Cushla O'Connor**

Presenter for Christchurch Diocese papers

**Rory Paterson**

Presenter for Christchurch Diocese papers

**Cynthia Piper**

Lecturer (Hamilton Diocese)

**Lyn Smith**

Lecturer (Auckland Diocese)



## Want to know more?

### How much will it cost to study the New Zealand Certificate at CTC?

Please go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/fees](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/fees) for all course costs.

### Are scholarships available to assist with fees?

Yes! Scholarships are available. You can find out about these at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/scholarships)

### How do I enrol?

If you are a new student, please go to [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) and click on Ready to Enrol or email [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz). Returning students should receive a re-enrolment pack by email.

### How can I find out what courses are available in my area?

Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables)

### How do I know what courses I need for a qualification?

You can find this out at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes)

### Which qualification is right for me?

Contact Susan Wilson (Assistant Dean Levels 5 and 6) at [s.wilson@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:s.wilson@ctc.ac.nz)

**FOR OTHER ENQUIRIES, CONTACT CTC**

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