A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

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IMPORTANT DATES

18 November - L7 Auckland Staff Meeting

18 November - End of Semester 2

23 November - Examiner's Meeting

02 December - TK Governance Board Meeting

02 December - Academic Advisory Board Meeting

02 December - CTC Staff Annual Advent Recollection

02 December - College closes for 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI

Enrolment 2023

A reminder that CTC Enrolments for Level 7 close on November 25. You will be advised when you are able to access the UNDA website for enrolment.



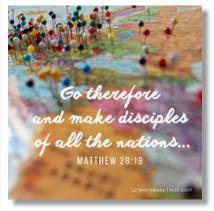
UPCOMING EVENT

Are the arts a place we can go to learn about God? Register <u>HERE</u> to join.



Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...

This week marks the end of the 2022 Academic Year. We give thanks to God for all the blessings He has gifted us this year.

Some of our students mark the end of their academic journey with us at CTC. As they leave us, we remind them of the Great Commission given to us all by Jesus: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ..." (Mt 28:19).

Each one of us will continue our work in God's vineyards – some as priests and religious, some as educators, some as chaplains and some as lay leaders in different parishes, Church organisations and any place we find ourselves. All participating in our common priesthood as baptised Christians.

We need to bring Christ to the world. Most of the time it will be difficult, and we will encounter the Cross many times. Let us not forget the words of Jesus before he left us in this world: "... I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt 28:20).

Nga mihi

NZCPPA Visits CTC

The New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association Executive Team were given a tour of the refurbished St Columba Centre followed by morning tea with the staff. TK CE Robert Blucher gave an update on the operations while Dr John Evangelista discussed the wide range of courses available through CTC. Colin Library librarian, Mark Hangartner discussed the resources available for teachers and the services offered. Sr Jane Maisey of the NCRS provided an update of the new Religious Education curriculum



Tō Tātou Whakapono (Our Faith) while Jelvine Cortez shared updates on Te Kupenga events. Auckland Diocese Religious Education Advisor for primary schools Margaret Fitzpatrick gave some insights into the delivery of courses for teachers.

A brief discussion on how the College can support teachers took place. Janet Cummings, Executive member and Principal at Our Lady of Assumption School in Christchurch said they all felt welcomed by the staff. Principals who studied the programme expressed their appreciation and valued the knowledge they got from studying.

NZCPPA aims to support principals in the delivery of quality Catholic education to students in Aotearoa New Zealand Catholic primary schools.



Student Life

Wow! Another Year Gone

India Rose Cunningham



The past three years of my bachelors degree have flown by and I have finished up my time at Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College! To be honest, theology was not originally my planned degree or the direction I thought my life would go in. I never saw myself studying it. Throughout high school I wanted to work in the sporting industry, I was even very particular in wanting to work in the rugby realm. But, when it came to applying for my tertiary studies I

came across theology. I loved religious education at high school and my teachers were amazing, so I had my mind set. I chose to study it. After completing one year of university in 2019 at a different university studying a Major in Theology and Anthropology I decided that I wanted to dive more into the Bible and the Catholic faith. My mum came across CTC in 2019 (at the time it was Good Shepherd College), so I applied and started in 2020. I am so happy I did! I have met so many awesome people from many different backgrounds and cultures and have had an awesome time learning at the college - I seriously had no idea how broad theology was. I have studied a wide range of topics, Theology - Moral and Dogmatic, Sacred Scripture, Humanities - Philosophy and Church History and Pastoral Studies and Practice - Pastoral and Liturgy. There are more subtopics offered that I unfortunately did not have time to complete but that's why a post graduate is offered! The lecturers are a very special aspect of the college. They are dedicated to their topics and students, and really want the students to pass. They are helpful and are approachable to have conversations with and ask questions. The librarians are super helpful and are always keen to help students find books that may

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An End-of Year Evening of Music and Fun

Our talented students and guests entertained us for a night of music and laughter on 04 November. Watch them sing songs in Croatian, Bosnian, Samoan, Vietnamese, Italian, Maori and English in this <u>video</u>.



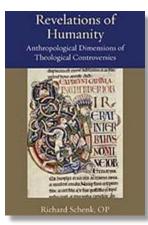




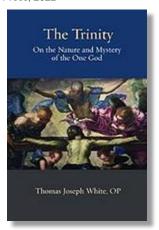


What's New at Colin Library

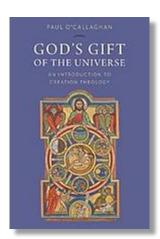
New E-book Titles



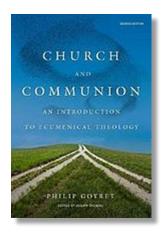
Schenk, Richard. Revelations of Humanity: Anthropological Dimensions of Theological Controversies. Thomistic Ressourcement Series, Volume 20. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2022



White, Thomas Joseph. The Trinity: On the Nature and Mystery of the One God. Thomistic Ressourcement Series, Volume 19. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2022.



O'Callaghan, Paul. God's Gift of the Universe: An Introduction to Creation Theology. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press. 2022.



Goyret, Philip, and Joseph Thomas. Church and Communion: An Introduction to Ecumenical Theology (version Second edition.). Seconded. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2022.

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help them with essays and studies. Doing classes online/ distance is also just as good, you can zoom into lectures or watch the lectures later and take part in discussions on the weekly topics on blackboard. Another bonus is that the lecturers are just as amazing at teaching the distance students. The new CTC building is wonderful and even has parking so you don't have to worry about pay and displays! It is also located in the middle of Ponsonby, how awesome is that! My experience at the college was wonderful and I am so happy that I took theology as a degree at CTC. Theology is a very interesting subject and I really encourage anyone looking at it to give it a go, in my opinion it is well worth it. I wish all the best to everyone who still has studies left and congratulations to those who have finished their degree and are onto something else!

(We congratulate India Rose for her new role at St Mary's College, Ponsonby. Way to go!)