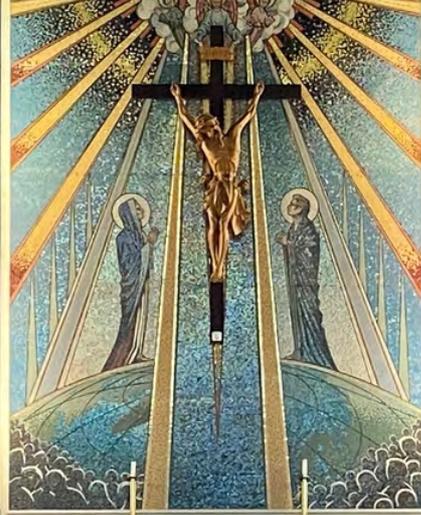


CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga
Catholic Theological College



College Inaugural Mass | Sacred Heart Church Ponsonby | 24 February

IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 March - Level 7 Staff Meeting
- 20 March - Otago Anniversary
- 24 March - TK Governance Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Talks

Lent prepares us not only for the death of Christ upon the cross and his resurrection, but our own death and resurrection as well.



Our Lady of Fatima (Meadowbank) Parish* Lenten Talks 2023:

- Mar 06 **The Story of Death** (Dr John Evangelista)
- Mar 13 **The Afterlife** (Fr Merv Duffy, sm)
- Mar 20 **The Hour of Our Death** (Dr Rocio Figueroa)
- Mar 27 **The Faithful Departed** (Fr Austin Fernandes)

6:15 pm Tea and Biscuits
6:30 pm Talk (Cleary Center)
7:15 pm Personal Reflection
with the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 pm Benediction

* Our Lady of Fatima Parish (St Lucia Glade)

St Luke's Flat Bush is hiring!
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- ASSIST THE PARISH PRIEST
- COORDINATE MUSIC MINISTRY
- COORDINATE RCIA, BAPTISM, CHILDRENS LITURGY, SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

JOIN OUR TEAM

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Message from the Chief Executive

Robert Blucher

I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho

A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions

This whakatauki refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance.

All of these are needed to be successful in academic study – I wish all students an enjoyable and successful academic year in 2023!

The six diocesan Catholic Bishops are the Trustees of Te Kupenga, which was formed in 2020 by merging previously separate agencies.

The Trustees' vision was for skilled and collaborative education, scholarship, leadership, ministry, witness and voice in and from the New Zealand Catholic church.

Over the next 12 weeks we will doing an internal review on how well we are meeting the Trustees' vision.

If you would like to share your thoughts with me on how well we are meeting this vision, please email them to me at r.blucher@tekupenga.org.nz

In this season of Lent let us remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with our fellow New Zealanders affected by the recent extreme weather events.

Meet Your Student Rep

As the second youngest of three sisters and five brothers, Ignatius has come from a “large and devout” Vietnamese Catholic family. After high school, he studied languages at a university in the city of Hue; he chose English as his major, since his goal was to become either an English teacher, or a successful businessman “who could travel around the world.” This goal shifted, however, when at the end of his second year, he received an invitation to come to New Zealand to study for priesthood. Ignatius admitted that along with discernment, it was his tendency to “take risks” that compelled him to say yes, and thus he became a seminarian for the Diocese of Christchurch. His “yes” appeared to be tested almost immediately after he arrived in Aotearoa: “food seemed to be a huge problem,” he said. “And now that I’m in the middle of seminary life, time has become a new challenge. Perhaps it’s because my time-management skills need work!” In fairness, Ignatius has taken on a number of roles this year, serving as both student president and music liaison at Holy Cross Seminary, and as a student representative here at the college. When not engaged in these roles, he likes reading, contemplative walking, music, and making artificial bonsai. Ignatius said that “although those hobbies cost me a great deal of time, they really help me to relax. When I walk, I like going under the Harbour Bridge, where I can sit on the park bench and enjoy the sunset.”

Ignatius has been a CTC student for the last three years. When asked what he liked about being a student here, Ignatius shared that his favourite thing was “the sense of belonging that Te Kupenga brings to me. I am truly amazed by the staff’s knowledge, as well as their humility and their dedication to spreading the knowledge of God into secular society.” Having said this, Ignatius was realistic in his advice to prospective students. “CTC won’t magically solve those huge theological or philosophical questions we’ve been asking for centuries,” he said, “but if you want to explore your faith in an open and warm environment, CTC is one of the best choices you can make.” To this, he added, “For those in their first year, makes sure to frequently visit Mark the librarian!”

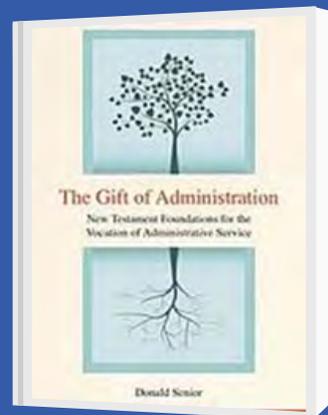
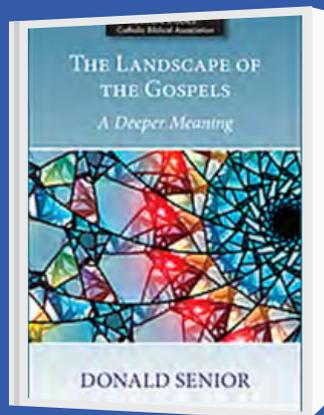


Ignatius Tung Tran (R) interviewed by Mark Bond (L)

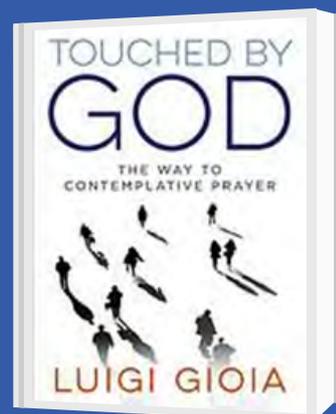
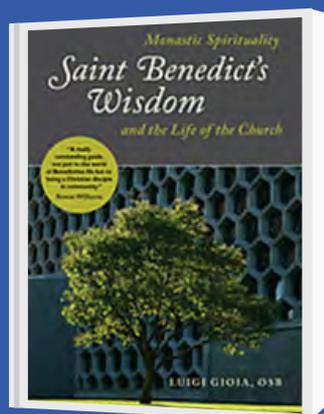
Colin Library

Recent Ebooks

Donald Senior was a gifted Biblical scholar, for many years editor of Bible Today. He died recently. Click on the photo to view some of his books.



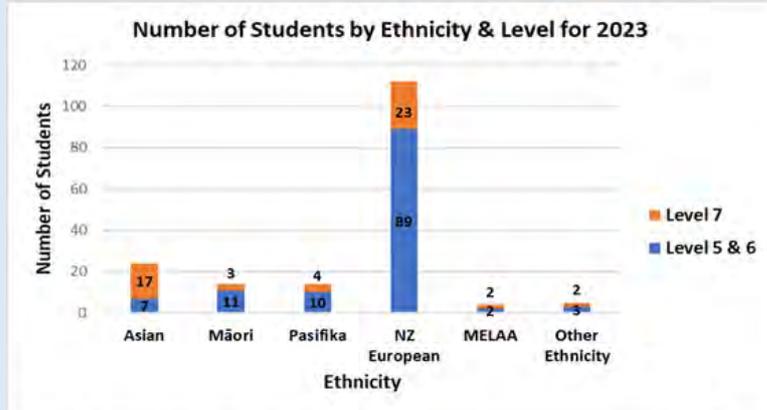
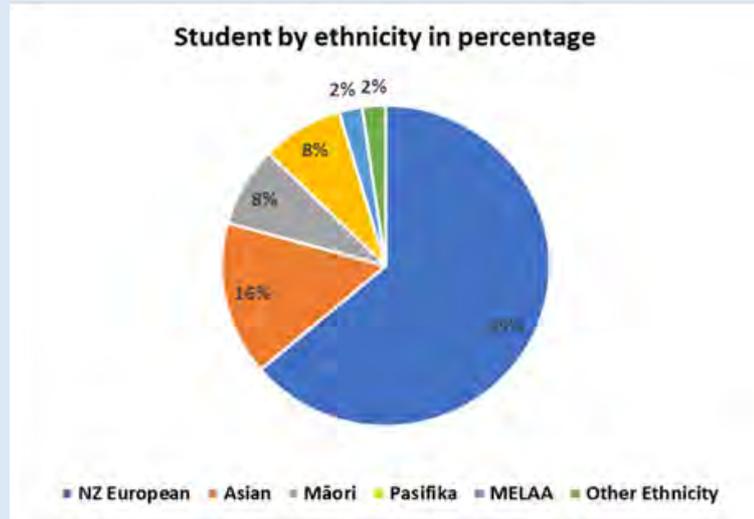
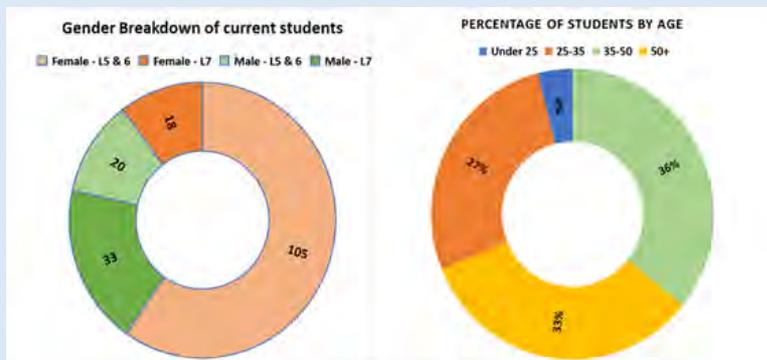
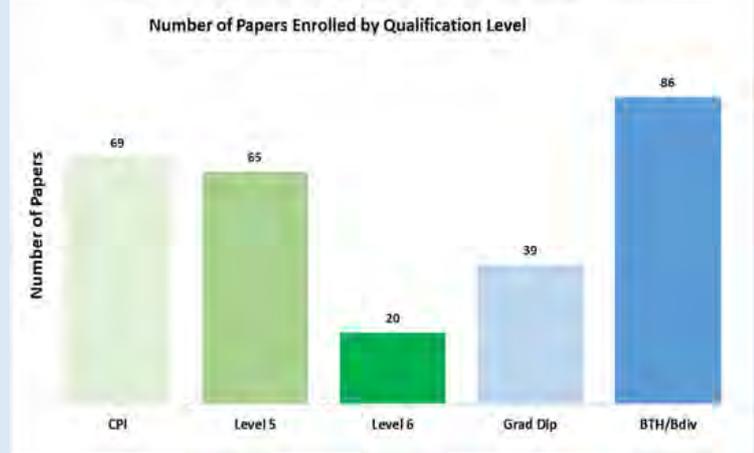
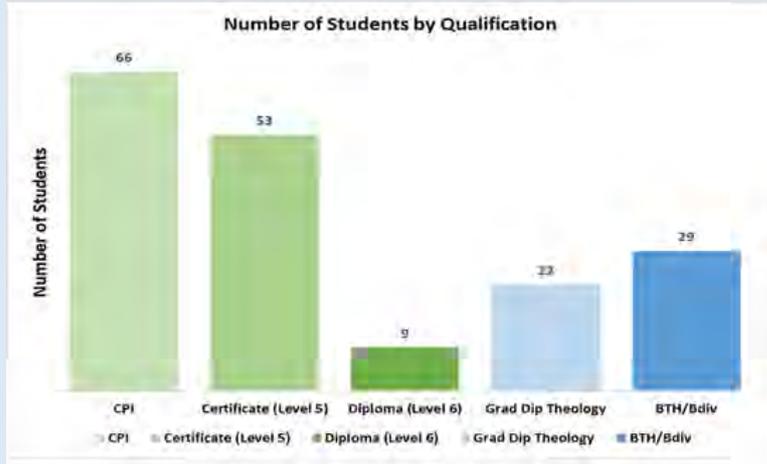
Luigi Gioia writes in a contemporary way, from the Benedictine tradition



Sound advice indeed—Mark Hangartner is indispensable to a well-researched assignment, and the warm atmosphere of CTC is evident in activities such as the Friday community lunch. Ignatius was asked what Catholic saint he would invite to that lunch, and he at first jokingly replied that he would bring along “my favourite and patron saint, Ignatius of Antioch...but he might bring some lions with him, and that’s not a good idea!” More realistically, Ignatius said he would invite “St. Pope John Paul II because of his knowledge, his virtuous life, and the way he inspired millions of people. Maybe during lunch, I could convince him to visit my country. Having come from Poland, he would understand the situation in Vietnam, where enjoying freedom and human rights still seems unreachable for many people, due to the political situation.”

Ignatius is now in his third year at Holy Cross Seminary, and as he continues his studies and discernment, he asks for your prayers, and assures you of his own.

2023 Semester 1 Statistics



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Saturdays 01 April, 06 May, 03 June
9:00am - 4:00pm
Ponsonby, Auckland

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Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

The National Office of Professional Standards (NOPS) is currently doing a review of the Safeguarding Course with the intention of producing an updated version of the course to be made available no earlier than June 2023. NOPS has partnered with the Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College in delivering the course for the whole of New Zealand. We will inform the public once the review is finalised and when the new version would be available for enrolment.