

# CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga  
Catholic Theological College



*Ordination of Joseph Nguyen and Suu Nguyen  
24 June 2023 | Invercargill*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 07 July - An Afternoon with Deacon Harold
- 14 July - Matariki
- 21 July - Talk: Theology, Aging and the Cross

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TH501 What Catholics Believe

Course starts on Monday 24 July  
9am-4pm at Channel Centre, Hamilton.  
Following sessions will be online.

### TH501 What Catholics Believe

Every Tuesdays from 18 July - 12 September  
3:30-6:00pm via Zoom

For full list of Semester 2 courses, go to  
[www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables)

### Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand (SCCANZ)

The National Office of Professional Standards (NOPS) has finished the review of this course and we are now accepting enrolments again. Course starts every first day of the month.

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

## Message from the Dean

*Dr John Evangelista*

Nau mai ki te katoa. Welcome to our second semester 2023. To our returning students, it's nice to have you back. To our new students - welcome to the CTC family. To our faculty and staff - thank you for your commitment and continued hard work.

This second semester promises to be an eventful 6 months with our growing number of students and activities. The past two weeks of the inter-semesteral break have also been exciting for our students and staff.

Two of our students, Fr Joseph Nguyen and Fr Suu Nguyen, received their priestly ordinations in Invercargill. It was good to see many of our students and alumni gather to celebrate this event.

We have 14 new and returning students this second semester. Most of them are distance education students. We especially welcome Tuong Duong who is a new student from Vietnam.

We also welcome back Dr Sarah Hart and Mayte Ramos who will resume their lecturing duties this semester. We wish Dr Rocio Figueroa a fruitful sabbatical this second semester.

Lastly, join me in praying for Bishop-elect John Adams who was recently appointed by Pope Francis as the new bishop of Palmerston North.

# Campus News

## Student Excursion



Left photo: A group of CTC students woke up at 4am and travelled from Okaihau to the Cape Reinga Lighthouse to catch the moment the sun rose.

Right photo: At St Mary's, Motuti where Bishop Pompallier's remains are buried.

"The whole trip was amazing. We travelled only 2 days, but we did almost 1100 km." (Ignatius Tùng Trần)

## CTC Faculty in Germany



Dr Rocio Figueroa joined a group of international theologians where she presented a paper entitled "A Pilot Program with Nuns in Africa: Addressing sexual and spiritual abuse", in a trans-disciplinary and international workshop at the University of Regensburg (8-10 June 2023).

## Liturgy Experience



Dr Susanna Yun and Dr John Evangelista were guests at St Addai Chaldean Catholic Church where they attended Sunday Mass. It was indeed an uplifting liturgical experience and a joy to be with our Chaldean brothers and sisters.

# Upcoming Events



## An afternoon with Deacon Harold

07 July 2023  
Friday

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers – known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" – is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him.

Deacon Harold | Dynamic Top Catholic Speaker and Retreat Leader

Lunch get-together with CTC community (byo lunch) – students, faculty and staff 12:50 – 1:30pm

**Topic: Go and Make Disciples: The Call to Evangelization**

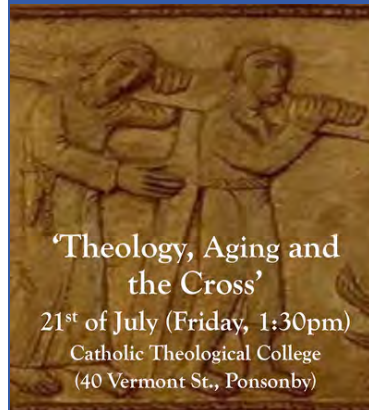
Starting with the Eucharist and the family, this presentation explains why it is important to share the love of Christ with others. Deacon Harold provides basic, practical, real-world advice on how to talk to family, friends, and loved ones about the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.

**Public Seminar - 1:30-2:30pm**

For those outside the Auckland campus, please go to link: <https://zoom.us/j/6433611954> for seminar.

**Topic: "Love Thy Neighbour: Father Tolton's Legacy - From Slave to Priest"**

Born into a black Catholic slave family, Fr Augustus Tolton (1854-1897) conquered almost insurmountable odds to become the first black priest in the US. Learn from his legacy how our faith calls us to love our multicultural neighbours better.



## 'Theology, Aging and the Cross'

21<sup>st</sup> of July (Friday, 1:30pm)

Catholic Theological College  
(40 Vermont St., Ponsonby)



Dr Michael Mawson is the Maclaurin Goodfellow Associate Professor of Theological and Religious Studies at the University of Auckland. He holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame (USA) and has taught at the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) and Charles Sturt University (Australia).

**Understanding and negotiating lived experiences of aging and decline can help us better understand complex and messy aspects of aging for better pastoral care.**

## Catholic Counseling & Psychology Network



Do you provide counseling/ psychological support to those within the Catholic Church?



Would you like to connect with others for peer supervision and professional development?

Are you interested in the promotion of faith based approaches to improving mental wellbeing?



Come join us:

**5pm, Tuesday 8th August 2023**  
Catholic Theological College  
40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

To register your interest or for more information please contact:

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# More News

## Workplace Te Reo Māori



Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute in Wellington and NZ Catholic Education Office have completed Te Kaupeka – Workplace Te Reo Māori 1 Professional Development course with Victoria University of Wellington. In the photo are the staff with their Kaiako (Teacher), Hannah Higgison

## Ordination to Priesthood



Joseph Nguyen and Suu Nguyen were ordained by Bishop Michael Dooley last 24 June in Invercargill. Their whanau from Vietnam and friends were present to witness the beautiful celebration.

## Church History



Mayte Ramos participated in a two-day conference for all DRS and HoDRE in both primary and secondary schools and colleges of the Auckland diocese, which was held on June 15th and 16th. She gave a talk on “The importance of studying Church history”.

# Colin Library

New Print Books June 2023

Many of these have been given by Fr Peter Murphy. Thank you Peter, and enjoy collecting new books.

Click the image to reserve the book online. More new books in the catalogue. Click [here](#).

