

CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College



IMPORTANT DATES

- 21 July - Talk: Theology, Aging and the Cross
- 24 July - World Youth Day Break
- 11 Aug
- 28 July - TK Governance Board Meeting
- 28 July - L7 Staff Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

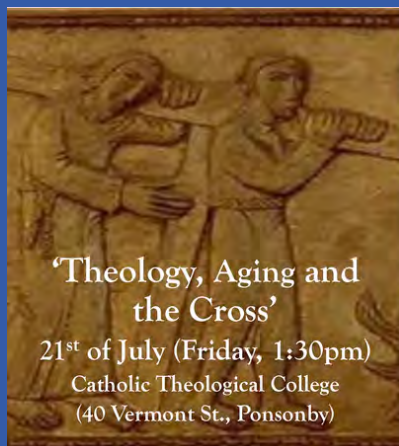
SC502 Interpreting the New Testament

Course starts on Saturday 05 August
9am-4pm at CTC Campus, Auckland

TH501 What Catholics Believe

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

For full list of Semester 2 courses, go to
www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables



'Theology, Aging and the Cross'

21st of July (Friday, 1:30pm)
Catholic Theological College
(40 Vermont St., Ponsonby)

St Mary's College Career Expo
27 June 2023 | Auckland

Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista



The New Zealand contingent to the World Youth Day have left last week enroute to Portugal in time for the Opening Mass on the 1st of August. Part of the contingent is one of our alumni, Fr Monty Bamford, who sends everyone his warm wishes. In this edition of CTC Network, I would like to feature the following from the WYD official website:

«Mary arose and went with haste» (Lk 1:39) is the bible quote chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day that will be held for the first time in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal. The biblical phrase (a quote from the Gospel of St. Luke) opens the account of the Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama).

During their conversation of the Annunciation, the angel also tells Mary that her older cousin, thought to be sterile, is pregnant. After affirming to the angel "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Lk 1:38), it is then that Mary sets out for Ain Karim, a village near Jerusalem where Elizabeth lived and was awaiting the birth of John, who would become Saint John the Baptist.

Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last edition of WYD and will be so once again in Lisbon.

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In the biblical episode of the Visitation, the action of standing up presents Mary as both a woman of charity and a missionary woman. Leaving in haste represents the attitude depicted in Pope Francis' indications for WYD Lisbon 2023: «may young people's evangelization be active and missionary, for this is how they will recognize and witness the presence of the living Christ».

Addressing young people in particular, and challenging them to be courageous missionaries, the following was written by the Pope in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: « Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some » (CV 177).

As the College goes on break for the next 3 weeks to celebrate WYD, let us all keep the Holy Father and the WYD participants in our prayers.

Ordination Weekend in Invercargill

Lita van Bunnik

Preparations for the ordinations of Deacons Joseph Long Nguyen and John the Baptist Suu Nguyen began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation at St Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Invercargill, on Friday, 23rd June. Four priests of Asian heritage were available for the sacrament. As Fr Tang Phan returned the monstrance to the tabernacle, Kinh Nguyen led the singing of Mo Maria.

On the feast of St John the Baptist family, parishioners and travellers filled the church. With the support of the parish and Vietnamese choirs, the ordination liturgy followed the prescribed rite. Bishops, monsignors, priests, a deacon, plus seminarian and pre-seminarian altar servers arrived in procession with Deacons Suu and Joseph.

These two temporary deacons were ordained by The Most Reverend Michael Dooley DD. At the conclusion, two new priests processed with fellow members of the College of Priests and Bishops, Emeritus Colin, and Michael. Frs Suu and Joseph celebrated Thanksgiving Masses at their respective Invercargill and Dunedin parishes the next morning. That evening, at Sacred Heart Church, Fr Joseph led a concelebrated Mass in Vietnamese. Fr Tang Phan gave the homily. Sr Thien SLC led the Vietnamese choir.



A joyous occasion indeed!

*Fr Suu Nguyen,
Lita van Bunnik
and
Joseph Phan*

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