

CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga
Catholic Theological College



IMPORTANT DATES

- 22 December – Offices closed
- 08 January – Offices open
- 16 February – Level 7 Orientation
- 19 February – Semester 1 starts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrolments On-going

You can still enrol / re-enrol during the holiday break through our online forms.

Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

For full list of courses in 2024, go to
www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables

Bishop Richard Laurenson

Our prayerful congratulations to Bishop Richard Laurenson on his ordination as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton last 08 December on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.



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Message from the Director

Dr John Evangelista

Approaching the Child Jesus in the Manger

As we all journey together towards the Great Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis has proposed that the universal theme for 2024 is PRAYER. In preparation for the Jubilee, we are all invited to reflect and put into practice the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer.

We approach the Child Jesus in the manger this Christmas with confidence and great affection. We will tell him our joys and sorrows, we will confide in him our deepest longings and plans, we will ask pardon for the times we have not been faithful, we will complain to him about the things that keep us awake at night, we will also ask his help because we are weak and without him we cannot do anything... in other words, we will confide in our best friend. This is PRAYER!

My family and I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a prayerful 2024!



Message from the CE

Robert Blucher

Meri Kirihimete

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me o hoa aroha i tenei wa motuhake o te tau

Merry Christmas

May God bless you and your loved ones at this special time of year.

Congratulations students on your achievements in 2023 and thank you to all Te Kupenga staff for your wonderful work.

I wish you all the best for 2024.

Cynthia Piper Retires

We fare-welled Cynthia last 30th of November as she retires from her role as CTC lecturer and coordinator in the Hamilton Diocese. A mass was celebrated at the Saint Mary's Chapel followed by kai at the Chanel Centre in Hamilton. We wish Cynthia all the best!



Reflecting on the Synod

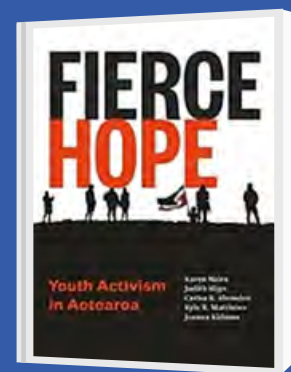
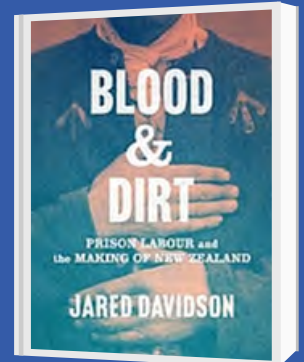
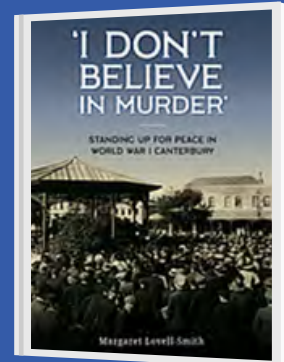


As part of the visit of UNDA and CIS last 06th of December, Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan (UNDA Dep Exec Dean) gave a reflection on her month-long experience at the Synod on Synodality Assembly in the Vatican City last October. Renee is one of the ten non-bishop members from Oceania.

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