

CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga
Catholic Theological College



Stained glass at CTC Campus

IMPORTANT DATES

- 09 February - Board of Studies Meeting
- 16 February - Mihi Whakatau
- 16 February - Level 7 Student Orientation
- 16 February - Inaugural Mass
- 19 February - Start of Semester 1
- 23 February - TK Governance Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orientation Day 2024



ORIENTATION DAY: FEBRUARY 16, 2024

- 9:00 am Mihi Whakatau
- 9:30 am Morning Tea
- 10:00 am L7 Student Orientation*
- 12:10 pm Inaugural Mass officiated by **Bishop John Adams**
- 1:00 pm Lunch

*students who are not able to be on campus for the orientation can join the orientation via this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/6493611054>

New Micro-credential Course

We are delighted to announce that the micro-credential for Management of Church Organisations has been officially approved by NZQA.

For more information, click [here](#).

We will share more details about this micro-credential soon so watch this space.

Message from the Director

Dr John Evangelista

“Do not settle for a desk theology. Let your place of reflection be the frontiers. [...] Good theologians, like good pastors, also smell of the people and the street and, by their reflection, pour oil and wine on the wounds of men.”

This invitation of Pope Francis in his Motu Proprio *Ad Theologiam Promovendam* (Promoting theology) to all theologians and teachers of religious studies is a timely point of reflection for us at the Catholic Theological College as we commence this new academic year.

Indeed, we live in a very secular, individualistic and materialistic society but it is precisely in this environment that Pope Francis invites us to teach, live and practice theology. The recently published 2023 Church Life Survey describes the Catholic Church in New Zealand as “an Ageing Church being revitalized by Migration”. Here we have both a challenge and an opportunity to practice theology in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As students and teachers of theology, we are called not only to be proclaimers of the Word of God but each one of us are called to be a witness of the Gospel in our daily lives.

Welcome to all our new students who commence their theological studies in 2024. We also look forward to seeing once again all our other students and staff.

News and Events

Leadership Webinar

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

COMPLEX SOCIAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

Aroha & Diversity, Bullying, Responding to Complaints, Abuse



QUESTIONS
COMMENT
CONCERN
COMPLAINTS



SPEAKER: DR ROCIO FIGUEROA
Rocio is a Peruvian Catholic Theologian, and lecturer in Systematic Theology at CTC. She has a bachelor's degree and license in theology from the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Lima and her doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. She has previously lectured and worked in Peru, Italy, and Mexico. Figueroa's present research focus is theological and pastoral responses for survivors of Church sexual and spiritual abuse.

SESSION 1
13 February 2024
Violence, Abuse and Trauma-informed Community

SESSION 2
20 February 2024
Creating a Safe Community

SESSION 3
27 February 2024
Response to Complaints of Abuse and Violence

REGISTER NOW

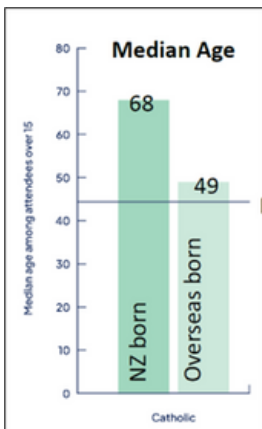
All sessions are on Tuesday 5:30-6:30PM on Zoom.
Registration Fee: \$60 for the three sessions
Register on Zoom thru tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(09) 361 1053 ext 706 events@ctc.ac.nz tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership

Observations on the 2023 Church Life Survey

Fr Merv Duffy



- An Ageing Church being revitalized by Migration

The median age of NZ born Catholic churchgoers (those over 15 years who responded to the survey) was 68 years of age.

In the 2018 census the median age of the population for those 15+ was 44 years of age. A group that is 24 years older than that is one that is "ageing out".

However, there is revitalization through migration. The median age of the Overseas born Catholics was 49 years. Where migrants are a significant part of the congregation the age distribution is closer to that of the population.

- A Church of Migrants

Of the Catholics who participated in the survey, 59% were born overseas. The proportion of Overseas born Catholics is higher in Auckland (74%) than outside Auckland (31%).

Catholics have a much higher proportion of churchgoers who were born overseas than the other churches.

More News

New Bishop Member of TK Governance Board



During the November 2023 NZCBC meeting, our bishops made some changes to NZCBC responsibilities for 2024. One of those changes is that newly appointed Bishop Richard Laurenson (Bishop of Hamilton) will replace Archbishop Paul Martin sm as bishop member of Te Kupenga's Governance Board effective January 2024.

Bishop Laurenson was born in Hamilton in 1968. He attended Holy Cross Seminary in Mosgiel. He has a Baccalaureate in Theology from Otago University (1992) and studied for and obtained a Licentiate in Canon Law from Pontifical Urbanian University in Rome from 2007 to 2010. He was ordained as a Hamilton diocesan priest by Bishop Denis Browne in 1995 and has since served as parish priest in many parts of the diocese. He was ordained Bishop on 8 December 2023, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

2024 Student Representative

Fourth year Bachelor of Divinity student Gerson Badayos is the student representative for 2024. Gerson entered Holy Cross Seminary and started his theological studies in 2021. He is a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Wellington. Gerson is originally from Davao, Philippines. He is a Registered Guidance Counselor, Psychometrician, and a Licensed Teacher in the Philippines.



The student representative tend to stand out amongst their peers as leaders and individuals who can be relied upon and to act as spokesperson. CTC depends on the relationships that it has with its Student Representative to aid the communication flow between the staff and the student body in order to enhance the overall student experience.

The student representative is expected to inform the College of issues and concerns that the student community faces (as well as providing feedback on the positive things) and vice versa. As such, he will represent the student body in the Board of Studies and the Academic Advisory Board. As student representative, he is also expected to communicate back to the student body. Normally this is done by word of mouth e.g. talking to people during breaks. If the issues or concerns involve distance students, the student representative is advised to post an online notice.

Our warmest Congratulations to Gerson!