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Welcome to the first edition of Tolle Lege for 2011

The beginning of this year has seen a number of changes and developments within the College.

COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS.

Staff

We welcome the Very Rev Shane Mackinlay, a priest of the Diocese of Ballarat, as the newly appointed Master of the College. Fr Mackinlay of course had been, prior to his appointment as Master, the Associate Dean of the College with responsibility for Research and Postgraduate Studies and a member of the Philosophy Department.

We extend a warm welcome to Ms Rosemary Canavan and Ms Selina Logan. Rosemary has taken up appointments as Postgraduate Coordinator (Coursework) and lecturer in Biblical Studies while Selina has been appointed as Executive Assistant to the Master. Further to these appointments, Dr Frances Baker rsm begins her second term as Deputy Master. There have been some changes too, among the Department Heads: Fr Terry Curtin has become the Head of Systematic Theology after Fr Paul Connell's many years in this position, and Fr Christopher Shorrock ofm conv has become Head of the Department of Church History replacing Fr Austin Cooper omi AM who had held this position since 1972. Fr Curtin completed two terms as Master of the College, and is continuing as President of the Melbourne College of Divinity, a particularly significant responsibility in this year that the MCD is making application for university status.

Student Representative Council

There are changes within the SRC for this year. We express the College's appreciation to the outgoing executive, Mr Anthony Lindblom, Br Cass Gemoh mgl, Br Thomas Azzi op and Ms Jenny Delahunt, and welcome Mr Andrew McCarter, Mr Justel Callos, Br Isuru Welliwatte mgl, and Sr Melanie Edwards mgl to their positions on the executive for 2011.

Senate

The March 4 meeting saw the Very Rev Francis Mariott, Diocesan Administrator of Sandhurst, welcomed as a new member and Rev Dr Terence Curtin welcomed to his new role on the Senate as one of the Academic Board Representatives.

Academic Board

2011 brings a number of changes to the membership of the Academic Board. New members include Ms Rosemary Canavan, (College Executive) Dr Callan Ledsham, Rev Stuart Moran, Rev Dr Christopher Shorrock ofm conv, Rev Dr Max Vodola (Dept Reps), Rev Chris Ryan mgl (Co-opted), Br James Baxter op and Sr Melanie Edwards mgl (SRC reps).

LEARNING AND TEACHING MATTERS

New Initiatives

There have been a number of initiatives designed to enhance the overall learning and teaching experience within the College. Perhaps the most obvious of these is the new IT equipment that has become part of the environment of the lecture rooms enabling the possibility of a variety of delivery modes within these learning spaces. Behind the scenes, serious consideration has been given to two matters in particular: The overall data from the student unit evaluations from Sem II 2010 have been given serious consideration at both Department and Academic Board levels. Measures are being taken to introduce procedures which it is hoped will assist in student learning. One example is the decision that lecturers would negotiate due dates for assessment tasks with students enrolled in the GradCertRE in an effort to work with the teaching commitments of these Postgraduate students. The second initiative is the commitment of lecturers to the provision of specific assessment criteria for assessment tasks to the extent that this is practicable within the unit and the particular assessment task.

Turnitin

This Semester the Department of Philosophy will be trialling a Program called "Turnitin". This Program is the leading academic plagiarism detector. It is used to check for plagiarism and to ensure the academic integrity of work submitted by students. In the coming weeks students in the units which are part of this trial will be provided with details about the Program and the particular requirements with regard to submission of work for those units.

Endnote

Of particular interest to Postgraduate Research students is the news that the latest version of Endnote, X4, is now available from the Mannix Library.

Recording of Lectures

Students are reminded that the recording of lectures is not permitted. If a student believes there is an extraordinary reason for needing to record a lecture, the first step must be to speak directly with the lecturer concerned. Normally a lecturer would not grant permission without consultation with the Academic Dean.

SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST

Past Masters' Dinner

On the evening of February 17, the Master and Deputy Master hosted a Dinner at the RACV Club for the priests who have been Master of Catholic Theological College. In attendance were Fr Austin Cooper omi AM, Fr Gerard Diamond, Fr Norman Ford sdb, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, and Fr Terence Curtin. Fr John Begley sj was of course celebrating with the Lord having been called to the fullness of life with Him in December 2010.

New Doctor amongst us

Our congratulations go to Rev Dr Max Vodola on the occasion of the conferral of his PhD from Monash University on Thursday April 7. The title of his thesis was "John XXIII, Vatican II and the Genesis of *Aggiornamento*: A Contextual Analysis of Angelo Roncalli's works on San Carlo Borromeo in relation to Late Twentieth Century Church Reform."

Recent Publications

In September of 2010 Fr Shane Mackinlay's book *Interpreting Excess: Jean-Luc Marion, Saturated Phenomena and Hermeneutics* was launched at CTC and recently Fr Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen had his book *Fathers and Mothers in the Life of Jesus: Translation, Exegesis and Meditation on Gospel Stories* published in Vietnamese.

Study Tour: The Experience of Catholic Culture: Nov 11 – Dec 11 2011

Are you interested? Contact Sr Frances Baker or Fr Austin Cooper before April 28. There are a few places left.

THOSE FROM AMONG US CALLED TO THE FULLNESS OF LIFE WITH THE LORD

We remember with gratitude and prayer the following people who in particular ways have been part of the life of Catholic Theological College.

Rev Dr John Begley sj MA (Melb) PhD (Greg). Master of the College 1983 – 1985. Senior Fellow

Most Rev Joseph Grech DD, Bishop of Sandhurst, Member of the Senate of Catholic Theological College 2001-2010

Margaret McManus MTheol Candidate. It was with great sadness that the College community heard of Margaret's sudden death early this month. Margaret began her studies at the College in 1999 and at the time of her death she was of postgraduate student enrolled in the MTheol. Margaret made a contribution to the academic, social and prayer life of the College and she had a term of office as a member of the Student Representative Council. We pray that as Margaret professed her faith in the Risen Lord she may share in the fullness of life with Him.

Tributes: Below are the tributes for Fr John Begley sj and Bishop Joseph Grech DD which were prepared for The Age newspaper by Fr Terence Curtin, Master of the College at the time:

BEGLEY, Rev Dr John SJ, on 9 December 2010

Jesuit priest and scholar, wise and dearly loved colleague, lecturer in philosophy, Master of Catholic Theological College 1983–1985 and its inaugural Senior Fellow. May he rest in peace and rise in glory – The Master, Faculty and Students of Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

GRECH, Bishop Joseph Angelo DD

Bishop of Sandhurst and member of the Senate of Catholic Theological College, who helped guide the College with spiritual zeal, constant encouragement and pastoral concern.

In Christ may he now enjoy the rewards of a life spent in faithful ministry and joyful service.

- The Master, Staff and Students of Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

May our prayer and reflection this Holy Week
bring us to a joyful and faith-filled Easter that leads us to proclaim:
"This is the day which was made by the Lord: Let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps 118: 24)

**Dr Frances Baker rsm
Deputy Master**