Welcome to the November Newsletter – the final one for 2014!

Congratulations to all those students who have finished studying this year. There are over 100 students in Theology programs that will be graduating this December. Congratulations to each and every one of you. We wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing some of you back here in 2015.

Post Grad Seminars
The last seminar for 2014 is Friday 7 November starting at 1pm. I am in the middle of scheduling the dates for 2015 and will advertise those when they are available.

Post Grad Seminars Parramatta – 2014
Seminar Date:
7 Nov: Ryan Green, Stephen Wright, Ben Myers

Rediscovering the Spiritual in God’s Creation - Conference
The Graeme Clark Research Institute, in association with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (Cambridge University, UK), and with the support of the Charles Strong Memorial Trust, Catholic Earthcare Australia and Catholic Education SA, is delighted to announce the international conference, Rediscovering the Spiritual in God’s Creation, hosted by Tabor Adelaide, 10th-13th March 2015. The location is McLaren Vale, South Australia in the heart of the wine region.
Despite a growing awareness of environmental issues, especially over the last decade, the overall situation is not improving. The ecological crisis is not just an environmental issue. Fundamentally, it is a moral, philosophical and religious issue that needs addressing.

The conference brings together a group of leading scholars and experts in the fields of ethics, ecology and theology in order to take the current conversation in ecotheology a step further by generating a multidisciplinary perspective on the spiritual in creation, leading to fresh horizons with regard to liturgy, justice and discipleship.

The conference seeks to explore the experience of God in creation, with a view to fostering and enhancing worship, spirituality, justice and discipleship within the Christian community.

The uniqueness of the conference is its focus on ecology and spirituality, and its orientation towards practical outcomes within faith communities.

For ticket pricing and early bird rates, please see this link: [http://goo.gl/HbT0Ky](http://goo.gl/HbT0Ky).

**ANZATS Conference 2015 – Call for Papers**

Conference Theme: “A Life Worth Living: Religion and Ethics” – Sydney College of Divinity Campus

Our media bombards us with ‘sound-bites’ and ‘door-stop’ interviews about world events. Their commentary on life is shaped by spin-doctors and vested interests. The commercial world offers us endless opportunities for self-gratification, targeting our insecurities with their products. How does the church speak truth into this babble of information and hype? What difference does the gospel make in shaping the ethics of public discourse? How do we ‘revalue ‘the worth of the life we live?

The Conference Planning Committee is pleased to invite all members of ANZATS and the theological and wider academic community to submit the title of their proposed presentation at this conference, together with an abstract of 250-300 words by February 15, 2015.

This should be accompanied by contact details: Name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address. Please address submissions to Dr Jacqui Grey [jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au](mailto:jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au).

It is expected that presentations will occupy 30 minutes plus a few minutes for Q&A.

**Association of Practical Theology in Oceania Conference**

The Association of Practical Theology in Oceania (APTO) are holding their annual conference with a Conference Title: *Explorations to Recover an Ecclesial sense of place and purpose*

When: 27th - 30th November 2014
Where: Sancta Sophia College, Sydney University

For further details about the conference please refer to: [http://www.apto.asn.au](http://www.apto.asn.au)
Positions Vacant – Wicking Chair/Associate Professor for the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies

The University, in partnership with St Mark’s Theological College (Canberra), seeks an inspiring and accomplished researcher to fill the newly established Wicking Chair/Associate Professor, and concurrently lead The Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies (CAPS). CAPS was established within St Mark’s National Theological Centre to support research, education and policy development in pastoral studies, ageing and related ethical issues. It seeks to examine the process of ageing within the context of meaning in life and well-being.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description. The link can be found here: http://www.csu.edu.au/jobs/vacancies/acad-vacancies.

Applications close: 11 November 2014

Positions Vacant - CSU Lecturer (Adjunct) in Systematic Theology and RTO Trainer in Ministry Formation

The Centre seeks a theologically integrated and versatile person to join the St Mark’s faculty. The appointee to this position will primarily take carriage of course offerings in the sub-discipline of Systematic Theology, and will regularly participate in training and assessment of competencies for Anglican ministry.

Among other selection criteria, he or she will: possess, or be nearing completion of, a PhD or equivalent in theology; excel at good scholarship and effective teaching and learning; demonstrate some aptitude for the pastoral tasks of Christian ministry; and show evidence of innovative use of communication technologies.


Positions Vacant - RTO Ministry Formation Coordinator and CSU Lecturer (Adjunct) in Practical Theology

The Centre seeks a theologically integrated, versatile and practical person to join the faculty. The appointee to this position will primarily take carriage of development and delivery of RTO courses in formation for ministry, and of CSU courses in the sub-discipline of Practical Theology, with participation in the academic life of St Mark’s and CSU’s School of Theology.

The successful applicant will be a priest in the Anglican Church of Australia, and/or able to be licenced by the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. He or she will possess a research masters and/or doctoral degree in theology, practical theology, ministry or a related field; and will excel at effective teaching and learning, with evidence of innovative use of communication technologies. Significant experience in pastoral and/or parish ministry, and/or qualifications in counselling or professional supervision, may be an advantage.

 Positions Vacant – Lecturer in Theology Tabor College Victoria

We are seeking applications for the position of Lecturer in the School of Theology (Ministry, Mission, Theological & Biblical Studies) to commence in January 2015. This exciting and challenging part time position will make full use of your academic qualifications (Ph.D. or equivalent required).

You will be required to demonstrate a proven track record of innovation with a passion for teaching, learning and team participation. You will direct the Theology study area; regularly review the academic standards and philosophy of the units. In conjunction with the Head of School appoint, co-ordinate and supervise visiting lecturers in the designated units. You will assist in timetabling of units; plan and organize the promotion of the programs in the Theology units area; and lecture in Theology according to expertise.

The successful applicant will have a heart to see the integration of theory and practice of ministry, be able to teach theology and introductory biblical studies.

Experience in church leadership and ministry would be advantageous as would experience in the Higher Education context.

For further information about the position, or to obtain a Position Description please phone (03)97909200 or email us at reception@tabor.vic.edu.au

All enquiries or expressions of interest will be treated with the strictest confidence. (Please go to our website: www.tabor.vic.edu.au for further information about our organisation.) Apply in writing to: Chief Operations Officer, Tabor College Victoria, Unit 9, 44–60 Jacksons Road, Mulgrave. Vic 3170. Applications close Friday 28th November 2014

 Positions Vacant – Lecturer in Systematic Theology Catholic Institute of Sydney

The Catholic Institute of Sydney seeks to appoint a full-time lecturer in Systematic Theology. The position will be available from the beginning of 2015. The successful applicant will be teaching across the curriculum at undergraduate level and offering specialised units at graduate level. He/she will also be expected to contribute to the research culture of CIS and to undertake relevant administrative duties.

Essential criteria: STL with specialisation in Theology and/or appropriate doctorate level qualification; a demonstrated commitment to quality teaching and learning in higher education; evidence of research, publication and teaching ability.

The salary for lay people will be commensurate with academic classification and will be worked out by negotiation. Priests and Religious will be paid according to the regular stipend.

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ordination and other lay men and women. All staff are expected to subscribe to the mission and ethos of the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

For a detailed position description or other inquiry please contact The President. Applications, with full curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be addressed to:

The President, Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel: (02) 9752 9500

E: gkelly@cis.catholic.edu.au  Applications close 17 November 2014.

Positions Vacant –Christian Ethics (Moral Theology) Catholic Institute of Sydney

The Catholic Institute of Sydney seeks to appoint a full-time lecturer in Christian Ethics (Moral Theology). The position will be available from the beginning of 2015. The successful applicant will be teaching across the curriculum at undergraduate level and offering specialised units at graduate level. He/she will also be expected to contribute to the research culture of CIS and to undertake relevant administrative duties.

Essential criteria: STL with specialisation in Moral Theology and/or appropriate doctorate level qualification; a demonstrated commitment to quality teaching and learning in higher education; evidence of research, publication and teaching ability.

The salary for lay people will be commensurate with academic classification and will be worked out by negotiation. Priests and Religious will be paid according to the regular stipend.

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Student and supervisor activities

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