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# CTIS NEWSLETTER



## Official Groundbreaking for future CTIS Campus



On 26 Oct 2016, a future campus for the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore was launched at the official groundbreaking for the new Seminary and Formation Building to be built on freehold land in front of St. Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah). The new building will house CTIS as well as the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary.

At the ceremony attended by formators, seminarians, CTIS students and staff, Archbishop William Goh officiated the groundbreaking and blessed the cornerstone for the new building while Fr James Yeo (CTIS Rector) and Msgr Ambrose Vaz (Rector of SFX Seminary) each blessed a corner of the building plot



Speaking after the groundbreaking, Archbishop Goh explained the rationale for moving the seminary to Bukit Timah. Noting that it was “not possible to maintain the old seminary in Punggol as there were too few seminarians”, a new site was needed due to the changing circumstances. Located inside the St Joseph's Church grounds, the seminarians will be close to lay parishioners and there will be collaboration opportunities with nearby Catholic schools like Assumption English School and CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace. As it is also near Trinity Theological College, the archbishop remarked that “this would provide opportunities for seminarians and laity to learn more about the other Christian traditions and to strengthen ecumenical ties.” [cont'd...]

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The new campus is also within easy walking distance of formation houses run by two major religious congregations – the Franciscans and the Congregation for the Disciples of the Lord (CDD). These religious seminarians also receive part of their training at CTIS.

Archbishop William Goh noted that the new campus would boost the formation of laypeople at CTIS as they will attend lectures together with the future diocesan priests and religious. He said, “Besides just forming priests, we need more full-time workers to be well-formed in the Church. They too need to work and collaborate with priests”. This is very much in line with his pastoral plan to revitalise and grow the archdiocese, since spiritual formation is a key pillar in the framework of a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic church.

The new campus location is near the Cashew MRT Station on the Downtown Line and is served by several bus services along Upper Bukit Timah Road. Ample parking space is available for those who drive.



Construction is targeted to take roughly one and a half years at a cost of S\$19 million. According to Catholic News, the expected completion date is June 2018.

The top 2 floors of the new building will be reserved for seminarians and formators. These two floors will include a chapel, lounge, dining room/kitchen, gym and bedrooms for 28 resident seminarians and formators. Some of the facilities in the lower 2 floors and basement include up to 9 classrooms, canteen, auditorium/multi-purpose hall, library, reading room and offices.

Fr James Yeo shared his hope that the move will bring in more laypeople to study at CTIS. He said “I hope people see what the new building has to offer instead of worrying about the possible extended travel distance.”



## In & around CTIS - recent news

### Public Talk on Liturgy

#### 春天的花蕾

#### 梵二《礼仪宪章》的精神与意义



新加坡天主教神学院于7月10日（主日），假天主教中心三楼举办了一次公开讲座，由礼仪专家台湾的潘家骏神父（遣使院会前院长）主讲。主题是根据梵二礼仪宪章谈论天主教礼仪的革新。共有100位教友参加，还有2位神父特来造访旁听，参加者其中还有20多位马来西亚甲柔区的教友，不乏远道而来，与有荣焉。

教会生活全面的革新。在1962年10月11日公布梵二大公会议礼仪宪章之前，更早酝酿于召集梵二的80年以前，因为礼仪可以滋养教友生活，也因此开始了礼仪运动，希望用礼仪来整合教友生活。梵二礼仪宪章革新，反应了礼仪运动的理想实践。教宗若望二十三，在圣神的光照下，宣布召开大公会议，有如春天的花蕾，忽然而至。含苞待放，预期天主教徒所期待的理想愿景的实现。当时的投票表决针对礼仪生活，结果是2147:4票，由教宗保禄六世颁布，也是礼仪革新中，最为成功的一次。

潘神父收集了许多美丽有代表性的图片，人物照片，制成幻灯片，感性的，清楚的，彩色斑斓的，以活泼生动的方式，说明枯燥的历史过程，那些难记忆成串的英文名字头衔，并一一讲述了梵二礼仪宪章的来由，为什么我们应该了解礼仪宪章，包括重要的影响人物及它的内容和范围，还有礼仪必须适应本土文化的原因，若能保留当地的优良传统的优美，但是又不违背教会的教义是必要，所以本土化必须经过神父的审核，才能付诸实行。即合乎牧灵原则，本地原则，教义原则。。。

CTIS Mandarin Dept organised a public talk on Liturgy by Fr Charles Pan from Fu Jen Faculty of theology of St Robert Bellarmine in Taiwan. The talk was held at Mary Magdalene Room on Sunday 10 July 2016.

之后，神父谈到圣祭礼仪中，如何实践礼仪中的重要环节，以及基督临在的重要性，就如以下礼仪宪章中所述：

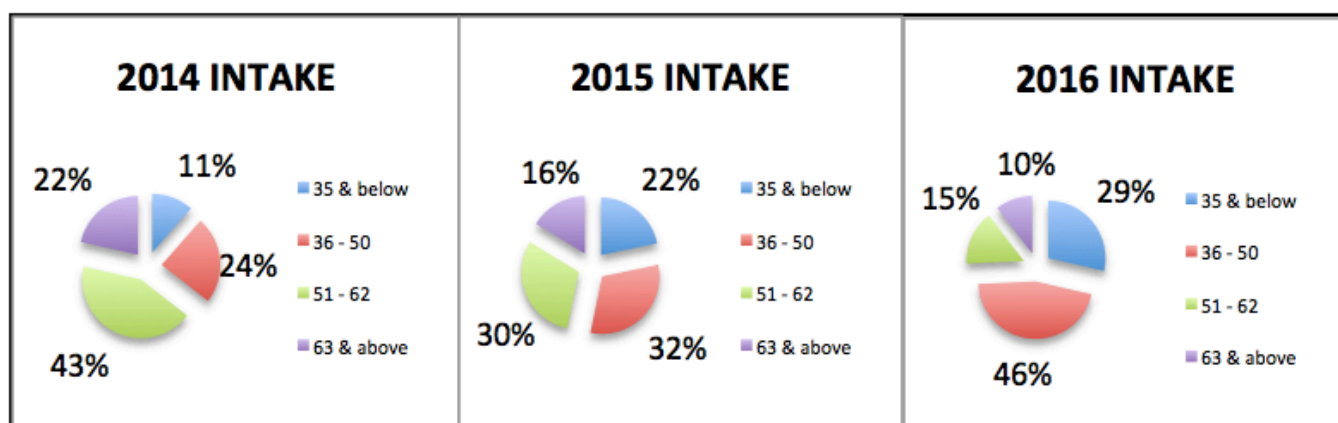
「在舉行禮儀時,聖經是極其重要的。因為所宣讀並以講道所解釋的經書,以及所唱的聖詠,都是從聖經而來的;禱詞,集禱文,和禮儀詩歌,也是由聖經靈感而來的;還有動作和象徵,也都是由聖經內取意而來。所以,為促成禮儀改革、進展與適應,必須喚起那對聖經甜蜜而生動的情趣,這是東方與西方禮儀的高貴傳統所共有的見證。」(第24號)

所以，神父特别提醒：在弥撒中，千万要保留那些应该静默的阶段，收集个人意向祈祷，让圣言浸透，渴望在礼仪的祈祷中，回到最靠近耶稣的那一部分，与天主对话，达到礼仪的高峰，因为认识明白圣言，字字句句都成了血肉，有了生命，学会珍惜礼仪的精神和意义，身心灵合一的参与弥撒，集众同祷，共同把自己完全的献给天主。那么，那朵含苞待放的花蕾，必会展现诱人风采，放出芬芳，吸引更多渴慕的灵魂得到耶稣宝血的救赎，永恒的生命。。。

## Facts & figures about CTIS

### AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CTIS STUDENTS BY YEAR OF ENROLLMENT

	35 & below	36 - 50	51 - 62	63 & above	TOTAL
2014	23	48	86	43	200
2015	20	29	28	15	92
2016	30	48	16	11	105



As can be seen from the graphs, in the first year of operation in 2014, the majority the students enrolled by CTIS were above the age of 50 as the intake included many seniors, retirees and housewives. However, a downward trend can be discerned in the age distribution in subsequent years 2015 and 2016.

Note that the 2016 numbers include seminarians and religious after the closure of the old SFX seminary campus at Punggol.



## CTIS Library Hours for December

Please note that during the month of December 2016, CTIS Library will be open from **10:00 am to 7:00 pm** on weekdays