

# CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE

## *Special Visitors to CTIS:*



### *Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum*

**Rev. Fr. Thomas Montanaro** (Legion of Christ), Vice President for Institutional Development at the **Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum** visited CTIS on January 25, 2019. During his visit, he was given a tour of the premises and he discussed about the possibilities of affiliation and further studies with the rectors of CTIS and SFX Seminary.



### *Trinity Theological College*

CTIS welcomed a delegation from the Trinity Theological College (TTC) on July 11, 2019. As a leading Christian institute in Singapore and the region, TTC has had much experience in the field of religious education in their work of forming pastors and leaders. The delegation comprising of TTC's senior leadership was led by the Principal Rev. Dr. Ngoei Foong Nghan. During the visit, CTIS and TTC affirmed each other in the work of forming thinking Christians for Singapore, and got to know of programmes run by the respective institutes. After some fellowship and exchange of gifts, the delegation was given a tour of the premises, ending with common prayer of Vespers together with the St. Francis Xavier Seminary community in the seminary chapel.



### *Professor Maria Su Kai Yi*

The Mandarin Department of CTIS invited Prof. Maria Su Kai-yi for a two-day workshop (26-27 Oct, 2019) on Sacred Music and Liturgy. About 120 participants, mostly choir members from various parishes, benefited from this workshop. Prof. Su attained her Masters in Sacred Music from the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna. Gifted in the sphere of sacred music, pipe organ, music composition, chorus and conducting orchestras, she is currently lecturing in Fu Jen Faculty of Theology of St. Robert Bellarmine, and she oversees the Liturgical Committee (Liturgical Music) of the Chinese Regional Bishop's Conference of Taiwan.

#### **New Student Briefing**

**09-Jan-2020**

There will be a short briefing for all the new students at 8:00 pm, followed by matriculation.

Students Card will be issued on this day.

#### **AY Opening Mass**

**10-Jan-2020**

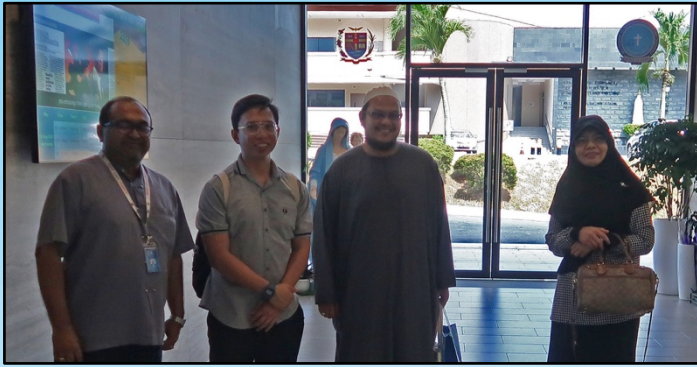
All are welcome to participate in our Academic Year Opening Mass presided by Archbishop William Goh at 7:30 pm in the Church of St. Joseph (Bukit Timah)

#### **Graduation Day 2020**

**14-Mar-2020**

Archbishop William Goh will be honouring our students who have completed their Certificate and Diploma Programmes in English and Mandarin.  
Invited guests only.





## *Singapore Islamic Scholars and Teachers*

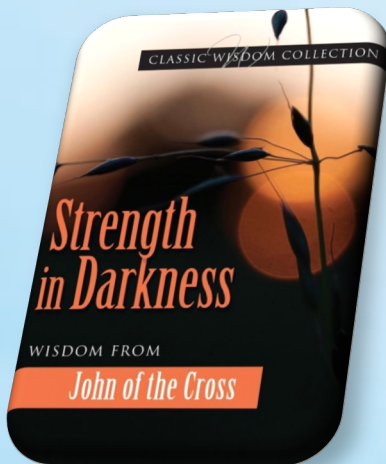
CTIS had visitors from PERGAS (Persatuan Ulama dan Guru Guru Agama Islam Singapura – Singapore Islamic Scholars and Teachers Association), a Non-Government Organisation registered as a society under the Commissioner of Charities, Singapore. PERGAS is dedicated in raising the quality of Islamic Education and Welfare of the Islamic Religious Teachers. They were here to visit our Library and to know more about the Library Management System used in our library.

## *Congregation of the Disciple of the Lord*

A group of about 22 priests from the Congregation of the Disciples of the Lord (CDD) visited CTIS and SFX Seminary. Members of CDD evangelise among the Chinese speaking communities in places such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Canada and Taiwan.



## *In Our Collection:*



## *Strength in Darkness: Wisdom from John of the Cross*

**Author: Margaret Kerry FSP**

**Publisher: Pauline Books and Media**

**ISBN: 978-081987139-8**

How will I get through this? Will I ever feel God's love again? Prayer, once filled with insight and consolation, now feels routine. When all roads seem impassable where do you turn? John of the Cross offers you his wise counsel as a roadmap through rough terrain. Today's Questions. Timeless Answers. Each of the volumes of the Classic Wisdom Collection provides time-tested spiritual guidance for living a Christian life.

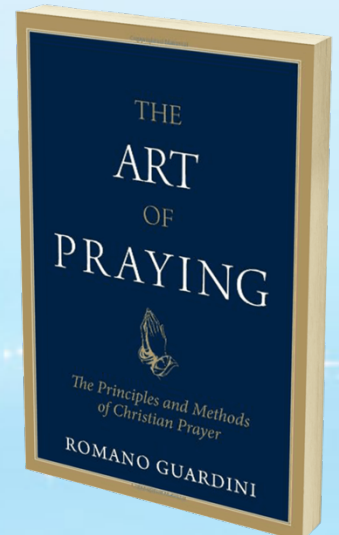
## *The Art of Praying: The Principles and Methods of Prayer*

**Author: Romano Guardini**

**Publisher: Sophia Institute Press**

**ISBN: 978-091847734-7**

You've matured, but have your prayers? Has your understanding of prayer matured since you learned to pray at your mother's knee? Or, like many of us, do you continue to pray, year after year, as you were taught as a child? If your prayers are difficult or boring, your problem may not be so much failure of will (you do try to pray well) as lack of knowledge about how mature souls pray. Most of us have been doing it so long that we pray automatically without really thinking about it. The good news is that such problems are easily overcome! This remarkable book offers practical ways that you can improve your prayers today and grow closer to God.





## New Faces in CTIS:



**Carmen Denia**  
**Librarian**

*A student of Classical antiquity while at Yale-NUS College, Carmen completed a Master of Arts in Religion at the Yale Divinity School, through the support of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Her research explores the interaction between Truth and Beauty in spiritual formation, particularly in the medieval West, but also with an eye to today's popular culture. She finds great joy in assisting academics and non-academics alike, that they might flourish through their study of the humanities, especially as illumined by the Catholic faith. Carmen is, thus, very excited to welcome all to CTIS's Library!*

**Clare Wang**  
**Coordinator (Mandarin)**

*Clare Wang is a researcher in Gifted Education and a former Chinese Teacher in St. Joseph's Institution. Completed her study in Master in Education specialised in Gifted Education in National Institute of Education in Singapore, she has been doing research in Programmatic and Curricular design in Gifted Education, and publishing and reviewing research journal articles in the field of supporting gifted and special needs population. Clare has a faith that giftedness and talents are diversified and manifested in multiple dimensions. One specific dimension is spiritual and religious intelligence. Her faith is deepened with the privilege of joining CTIS family, to serve the Mandarin Department and to assist the administration of its programme and curriculum. Clare would like to invite all to join the CTIS Mandarin community to nourish and to flourish your spiritual intelligence. "Your talent is a gift from God, what you do with it is your gift back to Him".*



## CTIS Alumni Association:

The CTIS Alumni Association (CAA) was launched on 10 September 2019. There was an Info night held at CTIS to provide CTIS graduates and students with information about the CAA.

The main objectives of the CAA shall be the promotion of solidarity and fellowship among its members, fostering further interests and studies in Catholic Theology and supporting CTIS in its development. This will be achieved through;

1. spiritual, social, recreational & educational activities for its members
2. talks, seminars and study groups in Catholic Theology, and
3. assisting CTIS in the areas of student development and promotion of its academic programs.

The CAA is the best way for you to stay connected with your classmates and CTIS and to continue with your theological development. Please visit the CTIS Alumni page of our website for more information and to sign up as a member of the CAA. We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events.



## Be our Library Member:

CTIS Library is open to all. Become a member of our library by paying a membership fee of S\$20 per annum and enjoy all the benefits. Your membership will enhance our collection of books and improve our facilities. For more information, please visit our website.



## Be a Friend of CTIS:

Enrol today as a Friend of CTIS by donating a minimum sum of S\$100 per annum and be our benefactor. Your contribution will help CTIS in:

- Forming a permanent faculty,
- Granting Scholarships and Bursaries,
- Cost of Accreditation/Affiliation, and more.



## 《缕缕心香》圣乐与礼仪工作坊

新加坡天主教神学院中文部于10月26日、27日下午2点至5点，在神学院礼堂举办了《缕缕心香～圣乐与礼仪》工作坊。主讲人是来自台湾主教团礼仪委员会、圣乐组的协调员，著名圣乐学家苏开仪老师。

参加工作坊的有来自各堂区的120多名教友，其中不少是华语圣乐合唱团团员，如圣彩琪合唱团、天使之后堂华语圣乐合唱团、圣若瑟堂华语圣乐合唱团等。教友们怀着极大的热情认真聆听苏老师的讲解和分享，学习关于圣乐的知识，感受圣乐天籁的浸濡。

苏老师讲解的知识包括：何谓“圣乐”——所谓“圣乐”（Sacred Music）是指与宗教活动中“神圣敬礼”有关的音乐，具有神圣和美善的形式，为举行敬礼天主的仪式而作的！其中圣乐的核心是礼仪音乐（Liturgical Music），它又分为1. 正式礼仪音乐（Liturgical Music），如弥撒曲、安魂曲、日课和圣礼降福四种圣乐；2. 普通敬礼音乐（Devotional Music），如经文歌、圣母颂等七种不同类型的圣乐；和3. 宗教音乐（Religious Music），如中古礼仪剧、颂歌、宗教牧歌等九种不同类型的圣乐。圣乐也包括额我略圣歌（拉丁语：Cantus Gregorianus），新旧各种合唱曲，管风琴及其它许可乐器之圣乐，以及具有礼仪性及宗教性之民间流行圣乐。

苏老师指出：“礼仪是天主教徒生活中的高峰与泉源。”她强调圣乐的灵魂是虔敬热爱的祈祷，没有爱火，圣乐便失去其内在的生命力，也就失去其“圣”的条件，成为一种毫无价值的声音，空洞无内容的言词。除此之外，圣乐还具有潜移默化、唤醒灵性的意义；以及和礼仪相辅相成，提高礼仪的隆重性；和“光荣天主及圣化信友”的使命。

基于圣乐在礼仪中的隆重地位，弥撒圣歌的选曲相当重要，必须选和弥撒主题、福音相关的歌曲。原则上弥撒曲是一套的，不要打散。而举行礼仪时，信友应当“向上主高唱新歌”，这指的不是每天唱新的圣歌，而是指每次唱圣歌时，每个信友都是“新人”，以全新的信德和爱德歌颂天主！

苏老师用生动活泼的语言，幽默诙谐的讲解，深入浅出地传授给信友们圣乐的博大精深。她鼓励信友们用虔敬的爱火点燃圣乐中的激情。工作坊由苏老师带领信友们高唱圣歌开始，最后结束前又带领信友们齐唱十一首圣歌，将工作坊推向又一个高潮。信友们在余音绕梁中兴犹未尽，向苏老师提了不少关于弥撒选曲的问题，并殷切期待苏老师再来同我们作更多的分享！



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