

CTIS NEWSLETTER

New Building for Seminary and CTIS: Sneak Preview

A new stage in the history of the Catholic Church in Singapore was marked at a groundbreaking service on October 26, 2016, to kickstart construction works of the new Seminary and Formation Building within the compound of St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah). The construction is on full swing and at present the structure is up. It will comprise a basement and four storeys. By God's grace, if everything goes well, the building is expected to be ready for occupation by the end of the first quarter of 2018.



Some of the facilities include:

- Ten classrooms
- Ancillary offices
- A reading room
- A multi-purpose hall
- An inner courtyard and grotto
- 28 bedrooms for seminarians and lecturers
- A cafeteria
- A library
- A chapel
- A gym and lounges
- A carpark at the basement
- Dining room and kitchen for seminarians

Nearest MRT: Cashew Station (7 minutes walk – 400 meters)

Buses: 67, 75, 170, 171, 176, 178, 184, 961, 963, 970

Route from the East: Transfer at Bugis to Downtown line

Route from the North: Transfer at Woodlands and take a bus

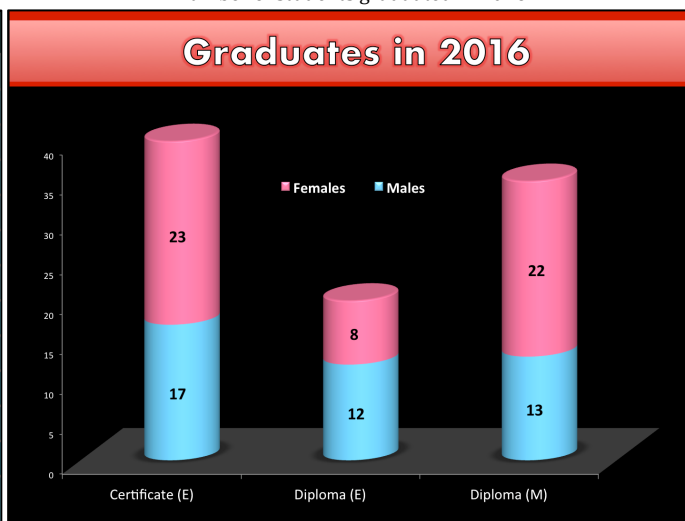
Route from the North-East: Transfer at Little India to Downtown line

Statistics on CTIS Student Population

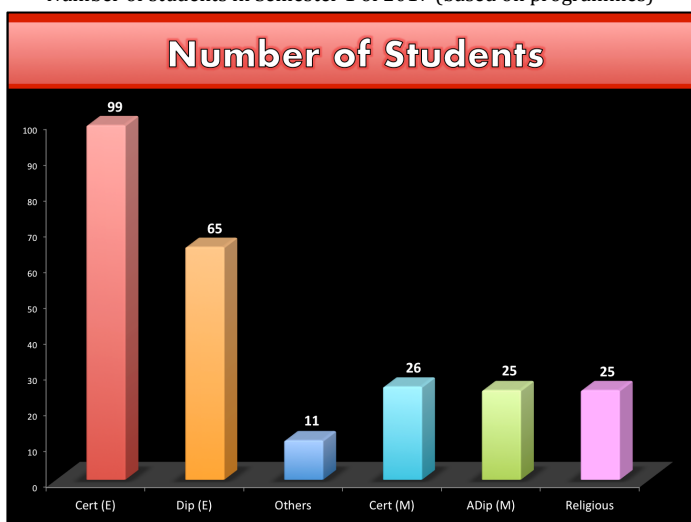
Number of students in Semester 1 of 2017 (based on parish)

Name of the Church	Number
Holy Cross & Holy Trinity	16
Risen Christ, Holy Family & Holy Spirit	14
St. Anne & St. Ignatius	13
Christ the King	12
St. Mary of the Angels & Perpetual Succour	11
Queen of Peace, St. Bernadette & St. Vincent de Paul	10
Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Francis Xavier	8
Blessed Sacrament	7
St. Anthony	6
Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Michael & St. Teresa	5
Sacred Heart & St. Joseph (BT)	4
Divine Mercy, St. Joseph (VS) & St. Stephen	2
Star of the Sea, Lady of Lourdes, Novena Church & St. Francis of Assisi	1

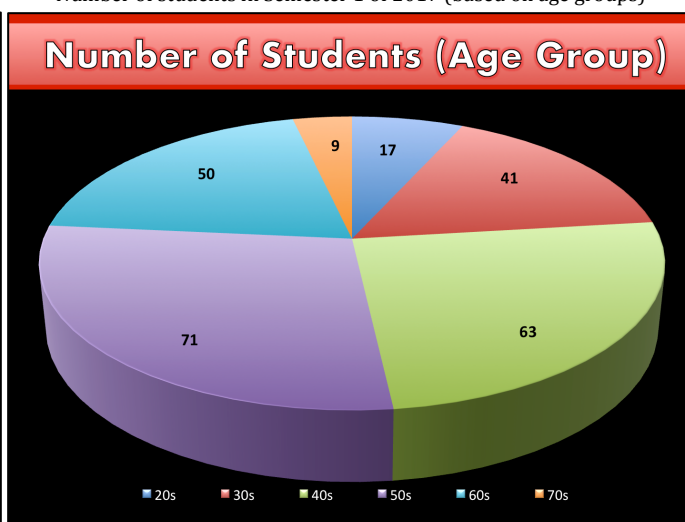
Number of students graduated in 2016



Number of students in Semester 1 of 2017 (based on programmes)



Number of students in Semester 1 of 2017 (based on age groups)



让祝福循环 - 从旧约中看到环保的召唤

新加坡天主教神学院于 4 月 23 日下午，假天主教中心三楼，举办了一场公开讲座。主题是“让祝福循环 - 从旧约中看到环保的召唤”。出席者约有七十五人，不光是本地的教友，更有来自马来西亚的朋友。

主讲者是主言传教会 (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity) 的萧玲花修女 (Sr. Elaine Seow)。萧修女是土生土长的新加坡人，大学毕业后，赴台湾服务已经超过 16 年。目前担任台北天主教圣博敏神学院圣经课程讲师，也受邀在新加坡神学院教导圣经课程。广为流传于 WhatsApp 的主言会“每日圣言”，其中大部分反省都由萧修女执笔，文字优美，深触灵性中心，为华文团体注入一支强心剂。

当天的讲座详述了三种环保：

第一部分，谈礼仪的环保（从属）- 从旧约先知书中听到环保的召唤。天主创造了天地万物，更按照自己的肖像造了人。我们是大自然的一部分，世上万物是属于彼此，息息相关的。先知时代，选民内有不义，外遭侵略，均是忘记彼此从属的后果。人们不守上主的法令（耶 8:7），不认识自己的主人（依 1:2），人类的无知破坏了爱与祝福的自然律。如何恢复爱与祝福的自然律呢？反思我们会祝福一切来自上主的受造物吗？

如：父母，兄长，邻居，上司，职员，一切为你服务的人，包括扫地清洁工人……家中的宠物，甚至于来偷你食物的猴子，你都能真诚的祝福他们吗？我们原本就属于彼此，所以礼貌的环保，应该先恢复感恩造物主和大地的中心，重视人与人之间的关系，互相尊敬，这样恐怕要引起纷争也不容易了吧。



第二部分，谈生活的环保（界限）－从梅瑟五书中听到环保的召唤。梅瑟五书中的界限的用意，是要使受造物生活、幸福；使受造物成“圣”（肋未纪 11:45）。梅瑟五书（创世纪，出谷纪，肋未纪，户籍纪，申命纪）包含了一系列的律法，例如盟约法典（出 20-23），申命纪法典（申 12-26），圣洁的法律（肋 17-26）。这些法典（界限）都出自天主的大爱，以祂大能的手协助祂的选民，使其成圣。犹太人遵守天主的命令，非常重视洁与不洁的问题，所以他们和天主的关系圣洁，不与主脱离。华人的一种说法是，休息是为了走更远的路；而对犹太选民来说则不同，他们工作了一周以后，为了是在安息日去朝拜天主。反思我们自己，如何对待主日的神圣呢？

因着生活的界限，我们就该知道如何在生活中掌控自己的欲望，活出日常生活中的“圣”。透过吃什么？奉献什么？空间、时间的分配，使自己与天主、与他人及与自然界的联系圣洁。因为天主是圣的。

第三部分，谈心灵的环保（净化）－从智慧书中听见环保的呼唤。萧修女介绍了智慧书的约伯传，圣咏集，箴言，训道篇，雅歌，智慧篇，德训篇中的可贵圣言。圣言是心灵的环保泉源：因为眼想见，心必相连。心灵的环保始于人类的自私心需要每天的净化，对己自制，尊重他人，感恩大地分享的物品，对未知要谦卑、信赖，因为我们是天主创造的奥秘的一部分。

萧修女接着分享《约伯传》中约伯及他的三位朋友所犯的过错，他们都忘记了天主是天主，天主有自由决定权，一切都是恩宠，天主是奥秘。在奥秘的面前，人要低头谦卑。约伯传第 39 到 41 章，形容天主受造物之美：虽肥如河马，凶猛如鳄鱼，在天主眼中都是多么的完美可爱，天主是奥秘，祂的造物也都是奥秘，让参与者十分感动。

萧修女的讲座，内容丰富，条理严谨，深入浅出，还很重视和与会者之间的互动。每个阶段结束前都会提出几个问题，给大家有自我反省的机会，还自备礼物赠送给答对者作为奖励；场面轻松愉快，充满喜乐，给听讲者留下深刻的印象，同时也唤醒人们的环保意识。

环保属于行动；心动是行动之始。身心灵意识中有了光，才会有心，才会有环保。但愿大家在每日生活中都会听到环保的召唤，持续实践环保，让祝福循环于人类及大自然之间。

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New on our Book Shelves

Creation Through Wisdom

Theology and the New Biology

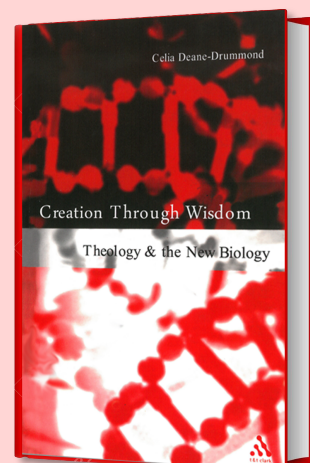
Celia E Deane-Drummond

First published in 2000

T&T Clark Ltd. Edinburgh, Scotland

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This book offers a new theology of nature based on wisdom christology. The author argues that an exaggerated emphasis on mere information has deprived modern science of its capacity to respond adequately to the moral dilemmas resulting from our increased power over nature. Dr. Deane-Drummond proposes a theology of creation that is in tune with recent developments in biological science, including genetics and ecology, and points to a new ethical approach to developments in biological science. Clearly and accessibly written for those without a science background, this is a truly multi-disciplinary study, drawing on Christian theology, biological science, feminism, biblical studies, philosophy, ethics and sociology.



Aquinas on the Nature and Treatment of Animals

First published in 1995

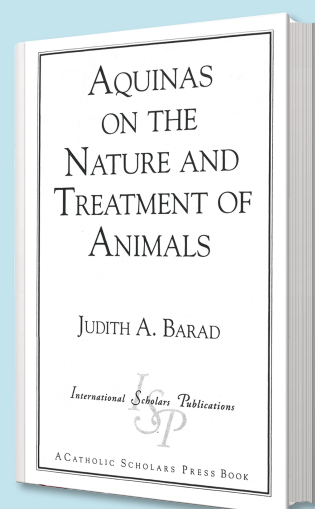
Judith A Barad

International Scholars Publications,

Maryland USA

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Unlike contemporary philosophers of his time, Aquinas did not think one could adequately study human nature apart from the world of nature and animal life. Dr. Barad argues that Thomas Aquinas incorporates evolutionary concepts into many of his teachings. While elements of a proto-Darwinian formulation exist and while on the ontological and epistemological levels Aquinas emphasizes the continuity between human and other animals, some of his ethical exhortations regarding animals do not take this continuity into account. This study examines Aquinas' inconsistency in these areas and suggests how his various texts can be reconciled. Barad provides a coherent foundation for a contemporary consideration of the rights of animals compatible with evolutionary theory.



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