

# CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE

## *In our curriculum:*



### **New Course: Epistemology (Philosophy of Knowledge)**

Taking one's faith very seriously is sometimes perceived as being fanatical or superstitious. To put it squarely, to be deeply pious is to be unreasonable. "What is truth?", "Could man know the truth?" These are fundamental questions that deeply impact theology, philosophy and natural sciences. This introductory course in epistemology studies the nature of knowledge, the cognitive process and the encounter of the intellect with the *res* (i.e. the real thing). We will examine Thomistic philosophy of knowledge and study human comprehension of the truth, tracing the cognitive process from object to intellectual knowledge.

We will also review the major postures adopted in epistemology (i.e. empiricism, rationalism, idealism, skepticism, and realism) through their key philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, and Kant. Finally, we would examine the different human situations of man in his search for truth: questions, doubts, opinions, human faith, error and wisdom.

All students who have completed **Introduction to Philosophy** are eligible to sign up for this 2 credit, 32 hour course by **Fr. Damien Lim Guan Heng OD**. This course will be in Semester 2, 2021 from 7pm to 9pm by Zoom. Fr. Damien is the first Singaporean member of Opus Dei to be ordained in May 2011 in Rome. He spent a few months in Barcelona, Spain, before flying back to Singapore. Fr Damien obtained his engineering degree in Singapore and his MBA in Spain before leaving for Taiwan in 2003. There he developed his professional skills as an engineer, and collaborated in the apostolate organised by Opus Dei. In 2007 he moved to Rome, where he studied philosophy and received his Doctorate at the University of the Holy Cross in 2013.

Through this course we hope to come to a better appreciation of the role of human reason in living a flourishing life and the importance of defending human capability to know the truth. For more information and enrolment procedures, please contact our Student Manager ([janiceng@ctis.sg](mailto:janiceng@ctis.sg)).

## **Other courses in the morning:**

### **Semester 1, 2021:**

MT180 – Fundamental Moral Theology  
 MT283 – Sexual Ethics  
 MT287 – Religious Ethics  
 PA191 – Introduction to Christian Spirituality  
 PA292 – Canon Law II: Marriage  
 PA293 – Pastoral Theology  
 PH111 – Metaphysics  
 PH114 – Cosmology  
 PH212 – Theodicy  
 PH215 – History of Philosophy: Modern  
 SS131 – Introduction to the New Testament  
 SS133 – The Gospel of Matthew  
 SS222 – Biblical Prophets  
 TH140 – Fundamental Theology  
 TH340 – Mystical Theology

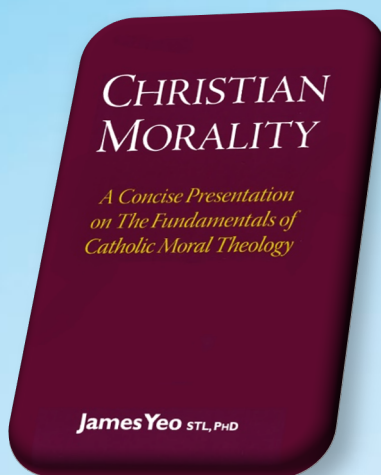
### **Semester 2, 2021:**

*(Not confirmed yet...)*

CH172 – Church History: Modern & Contemporary  
 MT285 – Social Ethics  
 PH216 – History of Philosophy: Contemporary  
 RS204 – Biblical Greek  
 SE802 – Epistemology (Philosophy of Knowledge)  
 SS130 – Mystery of Salvation  
 SS134 – The Gospel of Luke & Acts of the Apostles  
 SS222 – Biblical Prophets  
 TH146 – Grace and Justification  
 TH148 – Christology  
 TH251 – Sacraments: Eucharist & Reconciliation  
 TH352 – Mariology

For more information, contact our Student Manager.

## New in our Library:



### Christian Morality

**Author:** Fr. James Yeo STL, PhD.

**Publisher:** Southbound, Penang, Malaysia

*This book serves as a concise introduction to the Church's fundamental teachings on moral theology. The author has taken into consideration the interest of the laity, who may be encountering systematic theological studies for the first time, as well as seminarians and those seeking a more academic study of moral theology. Students of theology will find in this book a useful presentation on the main topics required in the study of Catholic moral theology in a theological curriculum. As for the laity who are interested to grow in Christian living, this book will be of some assistance to them because after all, moral theology concerns how Christians should live out their faith and discipleship in Christ. They will find in this book a guide to understand how moral decisions should be made according to the mind and heart of Jesus as well as the desire to be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church on moral matters.*

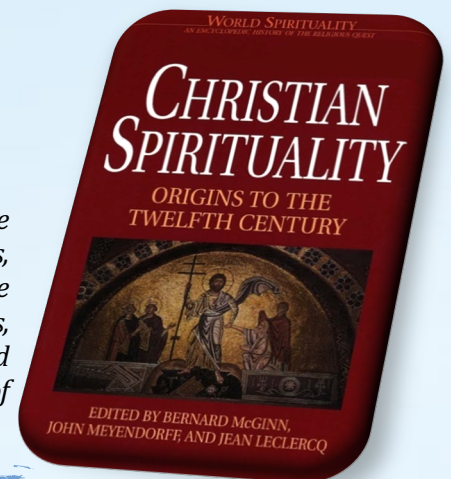
### Christian Spirituality: Origins to Twelfth Century

**Editors:** Bernard McGinn, John Meyendorff, and Jean Leclercq

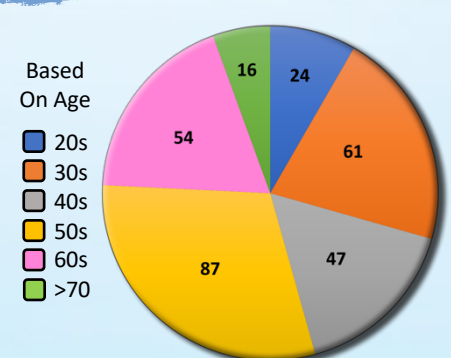
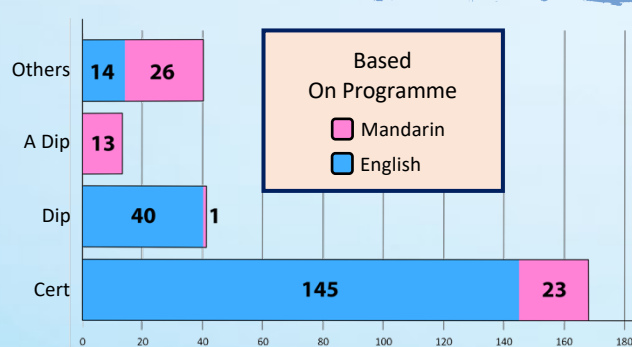
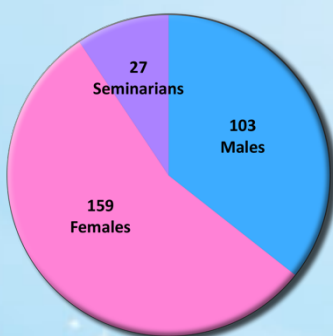
**Publisher:** The Crossroad Publishing Company

**ISBN:** 978-0824-50847-0

*A multivolume series with more than 500 contributing scholars worldwide, presenting the spiritual wisdom of the human race in its historical unfolding, from prehistoric times, through the great religions to the meeting of traditions at the present. Essays in this volume discuss the early history of the church, gnostic spirituality, monasticism, the great fathers, soteriology, the Trinity, anthropology, grace, Christian art, the sacraments, prayer and spiritual guidance. Every essay is well focused, appropriately nuanced, and a treasure of insights. This is an essential work that will become a standard reference.*



## Students Statistics:



## CTIS Alumni Association:

The CTIS Alumni Association (CAA) was launched on 10 September 2019. The CAA is the best way for you to stay connected with your classmates and CTIS and to continue with your theological development. 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. Please visit the CTIS Alumni page ([ctis.sg/alumni](http://ctis.sg/alumni)) of our website for more information and to sign up as a member of the CAA. We look forward to meet you at our upcoming events.





## Fundraising for CTIS:

### Cheese Cakes & Chocolate Cookies on sale:

One of our students is selling cheese cakes & chocolate cookies for this Christmas. All proceedings from the sale will go to CTIS.

Basque Cheese Cake (6"): \$50

Basque Cheese Cake (5"): \$45

Chocolate Cookies (each): \$3

Chocolate Cookies (box of 6): \$15

Chocolate Cookies (box of 12): \$30

Delivery charges: \$10

Self-Collection: CTIS (or) Block 81 Strathmore Avenue

Payment: PayNow to CTIS Development Fund (UEN T08CC4023DTSD). Confirm the transfer and send an email to Janice Ng (janiceng@ctis.sg) with a screenshot of the transaction confirmation.



## Graduates of 2020:

Dear graduates of CTIS, even though there was no ceremony for your graduation, the achievement is still the same. You've put in the same hard work. You've learned and grown so much in our Catholic faith. We are proud of you!

### Certificate in Theology (English):

Francis Loo  
Dennis Ng  
Raymond Hong  
Jeanette Ng  
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Naomi Ava  
Esther Cherylyn Chia  
Tan Hwee Huan  
Ignatius Lourdesamy  
Paul Han  
Bennett Tan  
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Pavri Goritti-Ann  
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Magdalene Teo  
Paschal Tan  
Hailen Lee  
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### Diploma in Theology (English):

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Hailen Lee  
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Rosina Simon  
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### Certificate in Theology (Mandarin):

Christian Chia Kwee Choon

### Advanced Diploma in Theology (Mandarin):

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## 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:

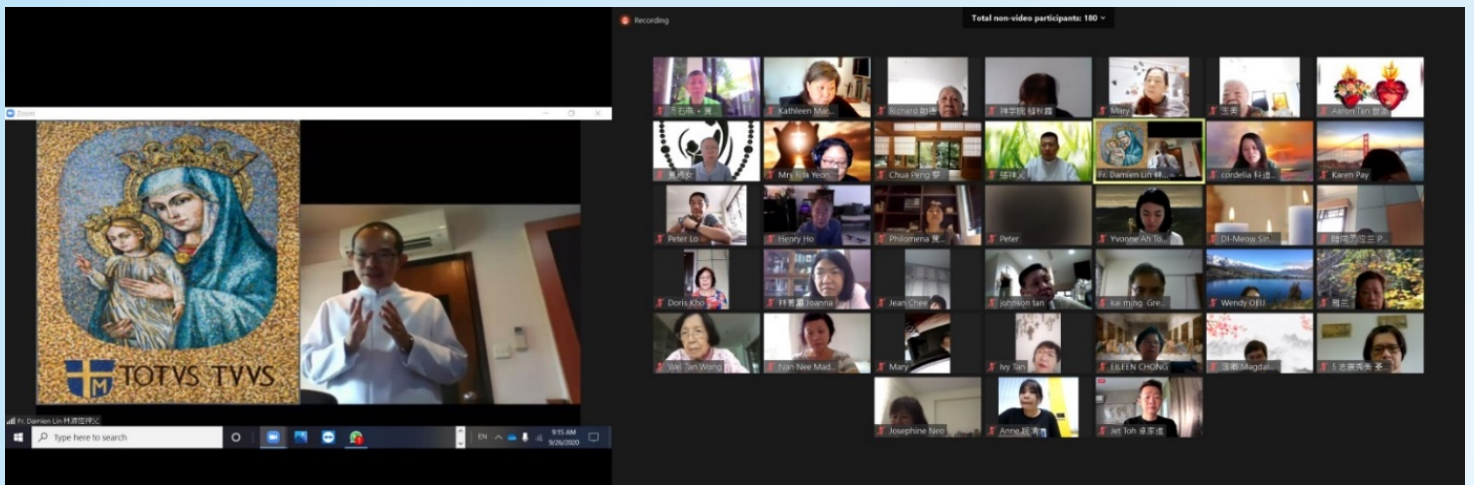
Enrol today as a Friend of CTIS by donating a minimum sum of **S\$100 per annum** and be our benefactor. Your contribution will help CTIS in:

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

## 灵修讲座：圣化平凡的生活

2020年9月26日，新加坡天主教神学院与教委灵修组联办线上灵修讲座，主题是“圣化平凡的生活”，主讲者是主业团的林源恒神父。讲座吸引了270位教友上线参加，并获得了广大教友的热烈好评。讲座内容分两部分：平信徒的圣召，及教会内平信徒的角色。

林源恒神父是第一位成为主业团司铎的新加坡人，他指出每个平信徒在生活范围内都可以成圣，不需要离开世俗。教宗若望保禄二世在《基督信友平信徒》劝谕中指出每一位平信徒的首要和基本圣召，即成圣的圣召，成全的圣召。“所以你们应当是成全的，如同你们的天父是成全的一样。”（玛5:48）关于平信徒在教会内的角色，林神父强调平信徒有如一个在睡眠中的巨人，需要被唤醒，更活跃地投入教会活动圈子。一位好的平信徒，不表示要参加许多教会活动。但假如每一位平信徒每年带一个人上慕道班，可以想象，这效果会是多么惊人！林神父还特别邀请了四位主业团的在俗团员，分享他们与主业团接触的亲身经历，鼓励大家彼此扶持，为了造福更好的信仰团体和社会群体努力奋斗。



## 神学院中文部首届高级文凭毕业生特辑

新加坡神学院自2014年成立以来，致力于为信友提供系统化的神学培育。同年，中文部的成立，让第一批“神学证书”班学员开始了他们在哲学、圣经、信理、伦理、礼仪等各个领域的神学之旅。之后第二批、第三批，更多信友陆续加入这个旅程。经过六年的辛勤耕耘，9名神学生于今年3月顺利获得首届“神学高级文凭”。另外两名学员也预计在今年底获得“神学高级文凭”。

由于疫情关系，今年没有毕业典礼，毕业生在遗憾之余，接受了《海星报》的采访，表达了他们在神学进修旅途上感受到的酸甜苦辣及无限恩宠。他们也殷切鼓励更多教友加入信仰培育的旅程，一起来领受天主的恩典。



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