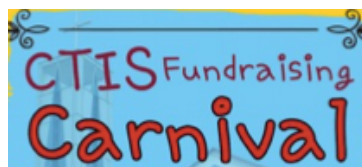


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CTIS NEWSLETTER



Fr. James Yeo

Message from our Rector

Registration for the first semester of 2016 is now open for those who are contemplating to study at CTIS. 2016 will usher in a very special year for CTIS because it will oversee the academic formation of our future priests as well as to form the laity in Catholic theology. This means the laity will study side by side with our seminarians in the same classroom. The Archbishop has decided on this strategic shift after considerable discernment and discussion, and this decision has been taken in the interest of the long-term needs of the Archdiocese.

Very often, people are either intimidated by the idea of studying theology or they simply think that it is unnecessary. Catholics need a new mind-set to overcome these fears and lethargies. Growing in the faith is not reserved for just a selected few. Every Catholic has the responsibility to grow in his or her own faith. This requires commitment. Theology is merely a tool to go about understanding one's faith better.

Theology is simply the understanding of our faith. St Anselm explained it as **fides quaerens intellectum** translated as **faith seeking understanding**. In this sense, no Catholic should spare any effort to grow in their faith. At CTIS, the presentation of the tenets of the Catholic faith is done systematically. It is no longer just a session here or a talk there. It is the attempt to grasp the whole of Catholic Faith in a more systematic manner. Therefore, the need for proper academic discipline like a comprehensive curriculum, serious lessons, assignments, assessment and so on. This academic dimension is to provide the incentive for a more serious study of the faith.

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In Singapore, we are all caught up with the buzz on productivity, employment, job opportunities and career advancement. Looking from this lens, some have asked what they can do after having graduated from CTIS with a Certificate or even a Diploma in Theology. Most probably it will not assist you in your secular career. It may come in useful though, if one day you decide that you want to work full-time for the Church, not just here in Singapore but in other parts of the world. But putting all these monetary and career considerations aside, studying theology will empower you to serve God and the Church in a more effective way. You will be able to explain your faith better to friends, colleagues, relatives and so on, especially when they are non-Catholics. It will empower you to be better Catechists, RCIA sponsors or even parents when you have to explain the faith to your own children. But most of all, I think the greatest satisfaction is the capacity to understand your own faith better and to be able to find the answers to those questions that you have searched for concerning your own faith. Isn't all these enough motivation for you to sign up for the next semester to study at CTIS?

Fr James Yeo

好书赏析 (Book review)

『男和女 -- 天主的杰作：身体神学』

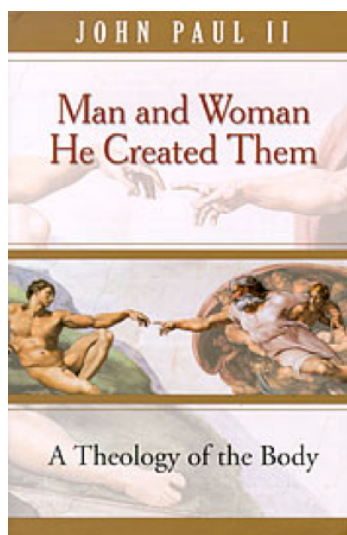
当圣若望·保禄二世还是年轻学者时，便在波兰的修院及大学教授哲学及伦理神学，尤其对哲学人学、社会及婚姻伦理颇有研究。当选教宗前，他撰写出『男和女 -- 天主的杰作：身体神学』一书的手稿。

当选教宗一年后，若望·保禄二世利用1979至1984年间每周三的公开接见活动，（除了1983-84年圣年及特殊场合外，）进行了129次演说，向世人逐步阐释他具有原创性的『男和女 -- 天主的杰作』一书所蕴含的“身体神学”独到见解。

若望·保禄二世所推介的“身体神学”以圣经为基础，指出天主对世人的召叫：通过我们有形可见的身体，彰显那尚未可见的天主圣爱。天主圣爱，具体体现在“三位一体的共融”和“基督与教会间的神妙婚姻”。身体神学，就像一部交响曲，其主旋律是：三位一体的天主，按照自己的肖像造生男女；男女的身体是彼此相爱与付出的载体；夫妻以心灵彼此的结合，透过爱情与生命的给予，指向基督与教会的完美交付，预尝未来在圣三内的共融。

英文版的『男和女 -- 天主的杰作』一书，2006年由波士顿圣保禄书局再版；中文版则由香港公教真理学会于2013年出版。该书的导言，由米高·华斯德教授撰写；教授以长达121页的篇幅，梳理了若望·保禄二世身体神学的哲学思路，使读者更容易明白其中的神学训导。

该书正文篇幅458页，除了129篇演讲稿外，外加数篇尚未发表的讲稿。正文共分两部分；第一部分：基督之言；第二部分：婚姻圣事。每部分又分为三章。现简述如下（1-133的数字代表演说的次数编码）：



第一部分：基督之言

第一章（1-23），受造之初：身为天主肖像及万物之灵的男和女，以真诚交付自己和完全接纳对方来主导互动，体现着天主圣三之间的共融。第二章（24-63），谁主沉浮：人性一方面由于原罪的伤害而受惑于私欲偏情，致使两性间沦为肉欲与支配的关系；另一方面人性得到基督救恩的治疗而愿跟随圣神，努力活出新生命。第三章（64-86），天乡愿景：基督身体的复活，使人举心向上，期待终有一日参与天主圣三的圆满共融；为天国而守贞的人士，便是那天国共融的在世见证。

第二部分：婚姻圣事

第一章（87-102），海誓山盟：夫妻怀着敬畏基督的心，毫无条件地互相尊重，彼此服侍与顺从。第二章（103-117），身体语言：夫妻因着自愿、完全、



忠信、丰盛的彼此结合，用生命来宣讲主爱。第三章（118-133），为人父母：夫妻因着忠诚相爱，完全、审慎、慷慨地领受天主赐予的子女。

若望·保禄二世的『男和女 -- 天主的杰作：身体神学』一书，恰似一股春风，以积极正面的人生观，为教会在性爱与家庭伦理方面的教导，打下了深厚的基础。现以两点为例：首先，此书指出“性”是人生有机且不可分割的一部分，是天主恩赐每一个人的圣善礼物；夫妇间彼此完全交付的两性结合，令人绽放活力，是向往与圣三共融的圣善举动。第二点，为天国守贞，重点并不在于对性的负面割舍与强行压制，而是通过独身生活的方式，得以“不二之心”彻底自我奉献；以奉献生活的独有方式表达身体的配偶性，孕育灵性子女；在现世便努力活出未来天国超越婚嫁的圆满共融。其实，这也是身体与性的终极目的与意义。

在此希望读者们，能通过圣若望·保禄二世留给世人的『男和女 -- 天主的杰作：身体神学』这一神学宝典，发掘人性尊严和生命意义，以全新的目光看自己、看世界，怀着对天国的希望活好现世的每一天。

(张思谦神父，主徒会士，神学院副院长)

In & around CTIS - recent news

CTIS's first Fundraising Carnival held at St Anne's Church on Saturday 31 October 2015 was well-attended as it was a blessed, sunny day with moderate PSI level. The carnival featured many games and attractions like Bouncy Castles, Zorb Pool, Sports Challenge, Bungee Basketball, Pitch-n-Pop, Balloon Twisters, etc. Hot favourites were candy floss, popcorn, kacang puteh and specialty chocolates from The Cocoa Trees, clothes and accessories. Overall best-sellers were the snacks and food items from Grandma's Kitchen, many of which were cooked or donated by well-wishers. As shown by the photos below, many students and adults, parishioners and their families had an enjoyable day filled with fun and laughter. More photos can be viewed from the Photo Gallery on our CTIS website www.ctis.sg



CTIS Student Body Facts and Figures

Centre for the Theological Study of Faith & Culture (CTSFC)

Students & Graduates by Parish			
Dist	Church	Current Students (see note 1)	Graduates (see note 2)
CITY	Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (1832)	0	0
	St Joseph's Church (Victoria) (1851)	1	0
	Church of Sts Peter & Paul	6	0
	Church of Our Lady of Lourdes	1	0
	Church of the Sacred Heart	2	5
	Church of St Teresa	5	1
	Ch of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)	0	0
	Church of St Bernadette	1	1
	Church of St Michael	2	4
EAST	Church of the Holy Family	16	2
	Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace	8	1
	Ch of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	7	3
	Church of St Stephen	3	2
	Church of the Holy Trinity	7	5
	Church of the Divine Mercy	4	1
WEST	Church of St Ignatius	11	2
	Blessed Sacrament Church	9	1
	Church of St Mary of the Angels	16	2
	Church of St Francis of Assisi	1	1
	Church of the Holy Cross	13	2
NORTH	Church of St Joseph (Bukit Timah)	8	1
	Church of St Anthony	8	2
	Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea	2	1
	Church of the Holy Spirit	19	0
	Church of the Risen Christ	7	1
	Church of Christ the King	13	1
SERGG	Church of the Nativity of the BVM	8	5
	Ch of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	6	0
	Church of St Francis Xavier	9	0
	St Anne's Church	14	1
	Church of St Vincent De Paul	7	2

Note 1: Current students include diploma and audit students

Note 2: Excludes graduates re-enrolled for diploma & audit students

CTSFC is established under the auspices of the Catholic Institute of Singapore with the same address as CTIS and approved by the Titular Roman Catholic Archbishop of Singapore Msgr William Goh. The Director of CTSFC is the Rector of CTIS, Fr James Yeo.

CTSFC aims to further CTIS' educational objectives by undertaking scholarly study and research in specific areas of Catholic theology (which have been endorsed by the Board of Management of CTIS) in conformity with official teachings of the Catholic Church and the Magisterium in the context of the faith and culture of the Church in Singapore.

From time to time at the discretion of the Director, CTSFC shall publish theological papers or other theological documents or undertake projects with a theological dimension. Under the direction and supervision of the Director, the Centre shall nominate members to assist with the publication of these theological papers, documents or assist in these projects.



An official Facebook Page was recently launched to publicise CTIS courses using social media.

The URL is www.facebook.com/ctissingapore

Click the above link to visit our Facebook Page. If you are an existing Facebook user, kindly 'Like' our Page. Also invite your friends on Facebook to 'Like' our Page.

“Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.”

— St Thomas Aquinas