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CTIS organised the first Mandarin Conference cum Workshop on Theology of the Body

The Chinese Department of CTIS organised a Mandarin Conference cum workshop on the Theology of the Body from 27th to 29th May 2016. The 3-day programme attracted a strong turnout of over 70 participants. Apart from students of CTIS, many lay Catholic parishioners, several religious and non-Catholics attended the workshop. The Institute was honoured to host Dr. Bosco Ning, a lecturer in Moral Theology from the Fu Jen Faculty of Theology of St Robert Bellarmine, Taipei, as the guest speaker.



In his welcome address, Fr. Peter Zhang, the Vice-Rector of CTIS, extended a warm welcome to the guest speaker and to all participants. Fr. Zhang mentioned that while there are many English-language resources and conferences on Pope Saint John Paul II's groundbreaking "Theology of the Body", similar materials and talks in Chinese are a rarity here. This workshop has fulfilled the long awaited needs of some of the Mandarin speaking faithful.

Over the course of three days, Dr. Ning expounded on the key themes of Pope Saint John Paul II's seminal work "Theology of the Body" – a compilation of a series of 129 lectures delivered by the Pope during his Wednesday audiences – including the bodily dimension of human personhood, the gift of sexuality, marriage and family life, and responsible parenthood, to name but a few topics.

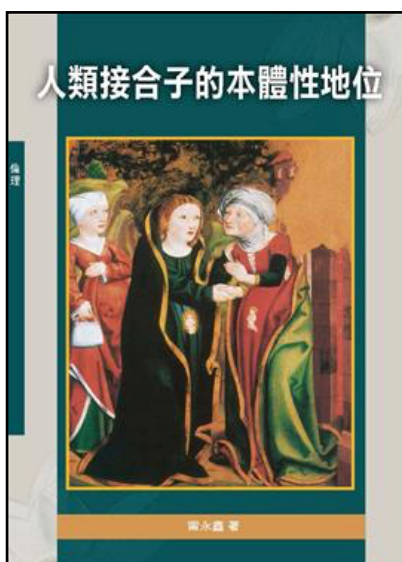
The participants benefitted greatly from this intense and thought-provoking workshop. Jude Koh, a married participant, commented that the three day workshop had a very well-balanced programme with an excellent presenter in Dr Ning. "The workshop helped us to develop a healthy in-depth understanding of oneself", he added.

For CTIS student Richard Lee, the workshop gave him a "fresh perspective and insight" into the fundamental dignity and significance of the human body, and in particular, "how a person co-operates with God to play a positive role in God's plan of creation and completes the cycle of Love."

Cassandra and Faith Leong, both parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels, opined that this workshop was very useful for Catholics in this day and age, where many people do not grasp the true meaning of marriage, and this happens to be one of the fundamental causes, divorce and adultery, facing society today. This workshop has provided much useful and practical advice for couples who may be struggling to comprehend the meaning and beauty of the vocation of marriage, and for couples who might be unfamiliar with the roles and responsibilities of Catholic parents. The talks also offered tips on building healthy family relationships.

圣若望·保禄二世在1979至1984年间，进行了129次演说，向世人逐步阐释具有原创性的“身体神学”。“身体神学”以圣经为基础，就像一部交响曲，其主旋律是：天主所创造的男女的身体，是彼此相爱与付出的载体；夫妻以身心灵彼此的结合，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。

“身体神学”工作坊



For more photos, visit <http://www.ctis.sg/#!tob-mandarin/xorrq>

Alternatively, visit the CTIS Facebook Page.



In & around CTIS - recent news



Wine auction raised funds for CTIS

A gala dinner cum auction to raise funds for CTIS was organized by *AetherWines & Spirits* at the Raffles Hotel on Saturday 28 May 2016. The wines for auction were sponsored by *Maison Albert Bichot*, a family wine house founded in 1831 at Burgundy, the famous wine-producing region of France. Other than wine products, a stay at the *Raffles Hotel* and a stay at *Hotel Le Cep Beaune* were up for auction too. This is the very first time the *Hospices de Beaune Charity Wine Auction* was held outside France.

We are very grateful to all the sponsors, donors and especially the owner of Aether Wines, Sunny & Alexia Joulian, Douglas Soh and Champ Wu.

By Derrick Chee (Chairman, CTIS Fund Raising Committee)



New Admin Coordinator for Chinese Department

Begonia Shieh (施洁铃) has joined CTIS as our new Admin Coordinator for the Chinese Department since 10 May. Begonia loves to read and travel and occasionally writes to share her life experiences. Begonia replaces Agnes Toh (卓蒂娜) who was with CTIS since its early days. Agnes left to join Hai Sing Pao as its new editor.



Below are an introductory message from Begonia and a farewell message from Agnes.

施洁铃：

很高兴有机会在神学院为大家服务，我是5月份才加入的新职员，请多多指教。我的兴趣很广泛，尤其喜欢阅读和旅游，有时也写写文章，分享一些生活点滴。

很想借着这个工作，能更亲近主，学习多一点神学知识，认识多点教会里追求神学培育的朋友们，也希望我以前累积的一点工作经验，同时可以奉献给教会。

感谢赞美主，接受这份工作，好似全然受聘于在主内的工作，感觉是我日后全心的服侍。请让我学习日日更谦卑，天天听从圣神带领，多多祈祷，请天主装备我，能做好工作，爱主爱人，成为天主所希望的我，把爱活出来。

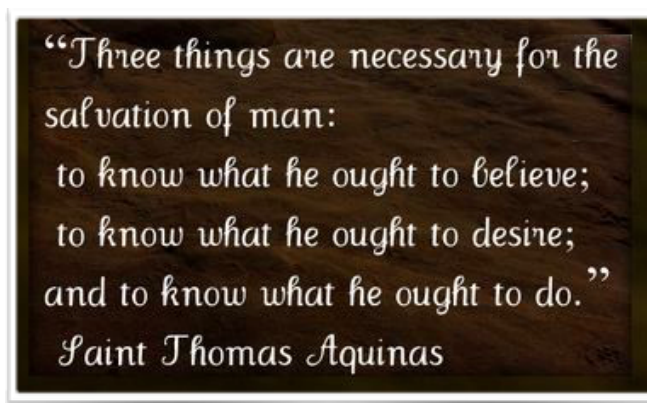
卓蒂娜：

感谢天主，在新加坡天主教神学院于2014年初刚成立时，我便有幸在中文部作全职职员，先后历时两年有余。

在这两年多的时间，神学院中文部开办了两届华文证书课程，以及目前进行中的文凭课程。我很高兴有机会在发展和推动华文神学培训这块园地尽一点绵力。

我希望感谢院方、同事、及学员。这里特别要提及的刚过世的善牧修女会陈贵诗修女。陈修女以70岁高龄成为中文部首批神学生之一，她曾热心帮助联络自己所属会院，为外国讲师提供舒适住宿环境。

我深信，阶段性使命虽有不同，不变的是一颗谦卑、辛勤、愉快的耕耘的心。



CTIS Newsletter wishes faculty and students a good mid-year vacation !