



# CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE



## From Our Rector's Desk

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*In a woody and rustic part of the island, on a hill far away, now stands the latest building of the Archdiocese of Singapore. We praise and thank the Lord for the gift of this new building, the St. Francis Xavier Seminary Building. Indeed it is the ideal place for the formation of our seminarians, far from the madding crowd.*

*It has often been said and repeated that the seminary is the heart of the diocese. Verily, verily it is but this heart does not refer to the bricks and mortar that make the building but rather it refers to the vocations to the priesthood. For without vocations, the consequences for the diocese will be dire.*

*We thank the many people who have made this building possible. The facilities of the new building are truly impressive and they will surely benefit many groups looking for an alternative venue for their activities especially during the weekends when there are no lectures in the seminary. I have no doubt that this new building will hugely benefit the formation of our seminarians as well as our laity.*

*We truly need to give praises and thanks to the Lord for if the Lord does not grant success to the work of our hands, in vain do we labour.*

Fr. James Yeo  
Rector - CTIS

## Save the Date!

### Student Briefing

10-Jan-2019

There will be a short briefing for all the new students along with the matriculation. Student cards will be issued on this day.

### Opening Mass

18-Jan-2019

Come and take part in our Opening Mass for the academic year 2019 presided by Archbishop William Goh at 7:30pm.

### Graduation Day

02-Mar-2019

Archbishop William Goh will be honouring our students who have completed their relevant programmes in English and Mandarin streams.



## Our Statistics Corner

We are glad to present some information about our student population.

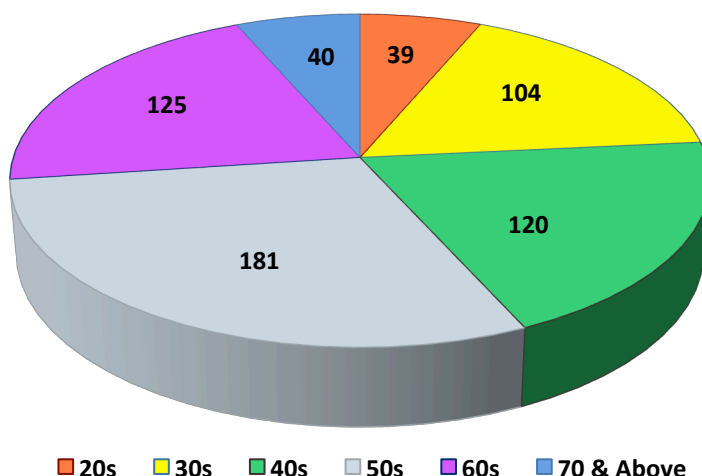
### Total Count - Parish

The table below shows the total number of students who has been through CTIS till the end of the academic year 2018 and to which parish they belong.

Parish Church	Count
Church of the Holy Spirit	44
St. Joseph Church (Bukit Timah)	36
Church of the Nativity of BVM	32
St. Mary of the Angels	32
Church of Christ the King	32
Church of St. Ignatius	30
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	30
Church of the Holy Cross	29
Church of the Holy Trinity	28
St. Francis Xavier Church	25
Church of the Risen Christ	25
St. Anne's Church	24
Church of the Holy Family	23
St. Bernadette's Church	21
St. Anthony's Church	21
Our Lady Queen of Peace	19
Blessed Sacrament Church	16
Church of St. Vincent De Paul	13
Church of Sts. Peter and Paul	12
Church of the Divine Mercy	12
Church of the Sacred Heart	11
St. Teresa's Church	9
Church of St. Michael	8
Church of St. Stephen	7
Church of St. Francis of Assisi	6
Church of the Immaculate Heart	6
Our Lady Star of the Sea	4
St. Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)	2
Novena Church	2
Our Lady of Lourdes	2
Other Churches	5
Seminarians & Religious	43
<b>Total Number of Students</b>	<b>609</b>

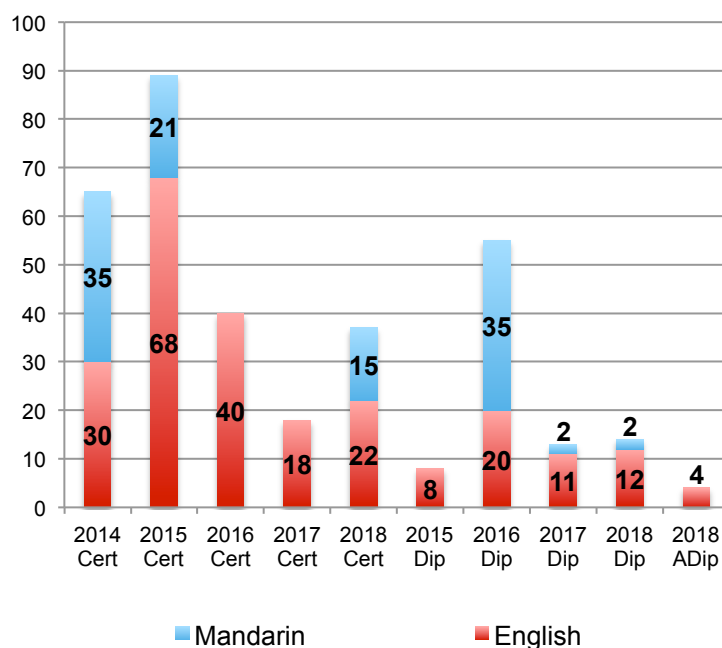
### Total Count - Age Group

This chart shows the total number of students who has been through CTIS till the end of the academic year 2018 based on their age group.



### Graduated Students

This chart shows the total number of students who were graduated in various programmes each year in English and Mandarin streams.



*Wish you all a Blessed Christmas...*

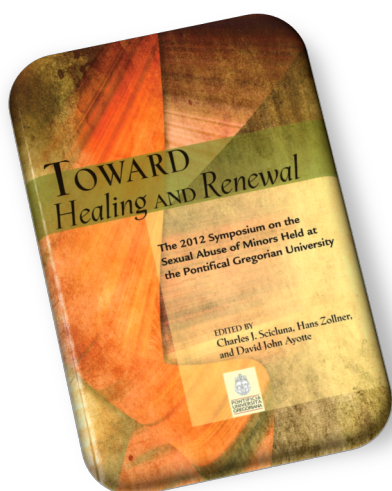


## Our Library

Our Library is located at the first and second level of the building. It has a collection of over 38,000 books, periodicals and Catholic reference materials on theology, philosophy, scriptures, sociology and many more. Everyone is welcome to use the facilities of the library, but to borrow books, one need to sign up as a member. The library is open on weekdays from 11 am to 8 pm. It is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.



*Mary Elizabeth Lim*  
Librarian



## Toward Healing & Renewal

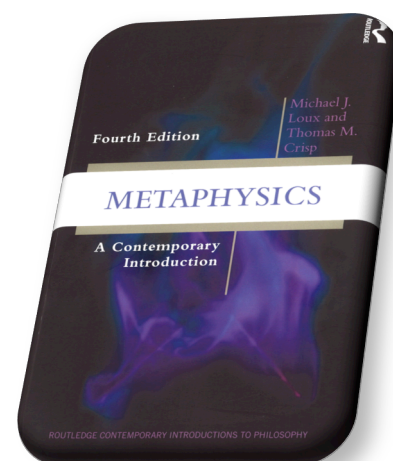
**The 2012 Symposium on the Sexual Abuse of Minors held at the Pontifical Gregorian University**  
Charles J Scicluna, Hans Zollner & David John Ayotte

On Feb 6, 2012, an international symposium gathered at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome to address the problem of sexual abuse of minors by the representatives of the Catholic Church, especially the priests. Its purpose was to make an honest examination of conscience and begin the work of healing this wound in the Body of Christ. With love inspired by the Gospel, the participants strove to create the beginnings of a culture in which effective protection of the vulnerable and support for victims can become a reality. Their work is presented in this book.

## Metaphysics

**A Contemporary Introduction – Fourth Edition**  
Michael J Loux & Thomas M. Crisp

This book is for students who have already completed an introductory philosophy course and need a fresh look at the central topics in the core subject of metaphysics. It is an essential reading for any student of the subject. This Fourth Edition is revised and updated and includes two new chapters on (1) Parts and Wholes, and (2) Metaphysical Indeterminacy or vagueness. This new edition also keeps the user-friendly format, the chapter overviews summarizing the main topics, concrete examples to clarify difficult concepts, annotated further reading at the end of each chapter, endnotes, and a full bibliography.



# Opening & Blessing of SFX Seminary Building

## Official Opening

Our new building for SFX Seminary and CTIS was officially opened by our Archbishop Most Rev William Goh on 22-Aug-2018 with a Holy Mass concelebrated by few priests including Fr. Valerian Cheong, the Rector of SFX Seminary and Fr. James Yeo, the Rector of CTIS.



## Blessing the Library

After the mass, Fr. James Yeo blessed CTIS Office and the library by sprinkling Holy Water. The Seminary Chapel and residence was blessed by the Archbishop, while Msgr. Ambrose Vaz blessed the classrooms and placed the blessed crucifixes.



## Prayer Session

This private event included a special Prayer Session which was attended by the priests including Msgr. Francis Lau, Msgr. Philip Heng, Msgr. Ambrose Vaz, Seminarians, staff of CTIS, ALPS, Catholic Foundation and some invited guests.



## Cutting the Cake

A cake was cut together by the Archbishop and both the rectors. A sumptuous buffet lunch followed the blessing.