



Catholic Institute of Theology

Te Putahi Matauranga Whakapono Katorika

Annual Report for NZATS 2008-9

CIT has had a good year, marked by many challenges and transitions. CIT began and ended 2008 with substantially reduced staff due to retirements. We have not replaced any staff, although we continue to have a close association with all those who have retired. For example, Pa Henare Tate taught a summer school in *Maori Theology* for the School of Theology in January 2009 and Neil Darragh is teaching *The Theology of Sacraments* as a MRE course in July 2009.

Staff published a number of papers in their own right, and as an institution we published another CIT book, *The God Book: Talking about God Today*, edited by Neil Darragh.¹

We continued our close collaboration with the School of Theology of the University of Auckland.

We continued our Religious Education programme as before, with some papers taught in the Faculty of Education of the University of Auckland, and we continue to teach a Masters of Religious Education (MRE) programme in association with Australian Catholic University. One change is that we are discontinuing our Auckland Diocesan Certificates in Religious Education in favour of a standardized national qualification through the Wellington Catholic Education Centre. This is an NZQA-approved qualification.

We continued to present adult education courses in parishes and at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, in association with personnel from other Auckland Diocesan offices.

2009 has begun well. Alice Sinnott is on sabbatical in the first semester. We will be continuing our collaboration with the University of Auckland and the School of Theology when the Memorandum of Agreement is renewed later this year.

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Principal

¹ *The God Book: Talking about God Today*, edited by Neil Darragh. Auckland: Accent Publications, 2008.