

# **Catholic Institute of Theology**

## **Report to 2008 NZATS AGM**

CIT continues to be an institution of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, involved in The School of Theology at Auckland University, in Training Teachers for Religious Education and in Church Continuing Faith Education initiatives for adults. We have had an extremely busy year with a reduced staffing level.

### ➤ **Current Institutional Relationships**

We continue to be a member College of the School of Theology of the University of Auckland, and thereby also enjoy relationships with St John's College and its constituent Colleges and with Trinity Methodist College. CIT lecturers have been very involved in the development of the School of Theology new curriculum and in developing flexible learning courses. They have also participated in co-teaching courses with other members of the School of Theology.

Lyn Smith (Birch), CIT's Co-ordinator of Religious Education, teaches Religious Education in the University of Auckland Faculty of Education and coordinates the summer- and winter-school teaching of the Master of Religious Education degree of Australian Catholic University.

### ➤ **Other Institutional Relationships**

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have been investigating the possibility of having one single Catholic tertiary provider for the country. This would comprise the current CIT, Good Shepherd College, and the Wellington Catholic Education Centre. At the moment financial feasibility studies are in progress. We at CIT are continuing with our current University and Ecumenical commitments, which we hold dear.

### ➤ **Staffing Notices**

At the end of 2007 Neil Darragh, Ann Gilroy and Henare Tate retired from teaching for the School of Theology and from CIT. Neil Darragh continues to supervise some postgraduate students for the School of Theology. Henare is to lecture in the University of Auckland Summer School programme in 2009. Alice Sinnott has discontinued her intensive participation in the School of Theology but continues to teach in the School and to supervise postgraduate students for the School.

Neil, Henare and Alice all continue to work in CIT's Continuing Faith Education Section (adult education).

Henare Tate will be submitting his PhD thesis in Maori Theology in July 2008.

Helen Bergin is CIT Dean of Studies and, with Nicola Hoggard-Creegan of BCNZ, has been very involved as contact persons for ongoing communication with those attending the ANZATS section of the SBL Conference in Auckland in July 2008.

We anticipate that 2009 will be an equally busy year.

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Principal