

## Artists Abound

Julia Schmetzer has recently finished a degree majoring in fashion design. Her artistic skills will be put to good use as we plan our Outreach programmes this year.



Julia Schmetzer  
from Christchurch

Will Gee has worked as an artist for several years and has already painted a vibrant welcoming oil painting for the school.



Will Gee from  
Wellington



## Would you like to support us?

Our most important need is for your prayers that we follow God's will in all that we do at CDC in 2011. Secondly please pray for our students that they "grow in grace before God and man." Our third need is for your financial support. No contribution is too small. (Please include your contact details so you can receive a tax deductible receipt.) We remember all our benefactors in our daily Mass. In our monthly newsletters you will be able to follow the progress of our students this year and see how your contribution is being used.

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# Welcome to our first monthly newsletter of 2011

## Creating a Civilization of Love

On New Year's day the thoughts of many of us down under are filled with beaches, swimming, camping and how ominous the weather is. Sadly this means we often miss key messages from the Pope's New Year address about world peace and these often contain key themes in the pontiff's agenda for the Church. In 2010, Benedict XVI's message was entitled "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation."

The opening paragraph contains this sentence which summarises much of the pope's thought. "It is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying." Benedict is deeply aware of the world's economic woes, slumping economies and the increasing gap between rich and poor nations. For him, however, solutions are not to be found simply in growing production and increasing markets. A sign of the failure of such bald policies is the increasing strain on the natural environment: the seas, tundras, rain forests and glaciers that form the earth's patrimony.

The Pope's vision is much bolder and more sweeping. It builds on John Paul II's agenda of forming 'a civilization of love' in which economic goals are never ends in themselves but are

shaped by the pursuit of beauty, a world in which art, science and economics cooperate to build a better future and hope for all. Central to that is a planet whose fruitfulness and natural limits are cherished and protected.

As I survey our new student intake for 2011 I am greatly excited by a foretaste of such a community in this group of eight. Among them we find a fashion designer, three musicians, a communications researcher, an artist and two graduates in business studies. One of these spent five months working as a tourist guide on the Milford track, rubbing shoulders with trekkers from all over the planet; the other produced a thesis on the key role of volunteers in business. What holds this group together is the alluring vision of Christ and His beauty, a blueprint for unity and hope on our planet.

Father Neil Vaney, SM



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## Commissioning Mass 2011

You are warmly invited to our Commissioning Mass at 3.00 on the 27th March at the St Joseph's Church in Taharoto Rd, Takapuna. We will also farewell past staff and trustees. This is an opportunity to meet our new students and join us afterwards for afternoon tea at the St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our new students relaxing in the upstairs lounge at CDC.



Eli Moore brings his gift of music to the student group this year.

## Evening Lectures and public Workshops

Lectures and workshops offered in previous years have been very popular and we have been asked to make this a regular occurrence, so this year there will be evening lectures and workshops for the wider church throughout the College year. Bev McDonald, one of the College's lecturers, will be coordinating this.

The first of these will be a Marriage preparation workshop by John and Celia Kennedy from Christchurch's John Paul II Centre for Life.



Bev relaxes with students after her introductory lectures on the "History of Prayer" this year.

## First Workshop -What am I saying 'I do' to?"

A workshop which introduces the Theology of the Body for engaged couples and others contemplating marriage. This marriage preparation workshop will run on the evening of Friday April 8th from 7.30 - 10pm and all day Saturday April 9th from 9.30 - 4.00. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

A donation of \$40 is suggested to cover the printed material for the workshop which will be held in the classroom on the second floor of the St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland. Call Terry on 09 489 8197 or email [Theresa.manson@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:Theresa.manson@cdc.ac.nz) to register. (Subject line: Marriage Preparation Workshop).

Late enrolments welcomed but indications of interest by April 1st will help us prepare enough material for participants.

## Kia Ora and Talofa Lava!

My name is Auimatagi Joe Moeono-Kolio and I am one of two Team Leaders here at CDC. Central to our role is our faith, and as a manifestation of this living faith, we work with our students to help form disciples fully alive in Christ Jesus through living in community, formation, prayer, study and scripture.

So where to begin!? The first month has been nothing short of hectic - student arrivals, daily prayers, hiking in the mountains, sports days at the beach and many hours of study - just to name a few! As the community comes together and deepens in relationship with one another and most importantly with Christ, a new sense of oneness has enveloped all aspects of life here at the college. Daily we pray together, committing our needs and those around us to the Lord, and as we celebrate Mass, call to mind the Church and the sufferings of this world to God. We are daily challenged to live as true disciples walking in Christ's path, in our interactions with one another, in our chores and in other facets of life here on campus. Indeed, we continue to grow in faith and love as we seek out Christ together, and what it means to be a true disciple of the Lord.

### Opportunities to Share our Faith

We are called to share our faith in Christ and our love for others. This year we have been very fortunate in being able to do this, especially in fellowship with other youth groups in the Auckland Diocese. One such event was the Opening Mass for university students in Auckland, hosted by the Auckland Catholic Chaplains and presided over by the Most Reverend Patrick Dunn. CDC led the music alongside Youth for Christ, Newman Catholic Students Society and Jesus Youth. Participation in the University Masses will be an ongoing commitment this year. We are fortunate this year to have such musically gifted students at CDC.

Two of the main focuses of CDC's networking objectives for the year are engaging with ethnic communities and parishes and schools of the Diocese. We began the task of achieving these goals with some wonderful opportunities. On Thursday March 10, I was invited by the Samoan Youth of Mangere to present a talk on CDC's vision, it's commitment to fostering a deep relationship with Christ amongst its students as well as offering practical advice on the growth of their parish youth.

As this goes to print, CDC students are serving in the monthly Cathedral Mass for all students in the Auckland Diocese, in both the music teams and on the altar. Contacts have also been made with St Peter's School and reciprocal visits to CDC have been planned. Please pray for us and our Outreach.

Auimatagi Joe Moeono-Kolio

## Blogs and Pod Casts



Gavin Abraham of Icon Media is helping us update our communication strategy! Check out our website in the coming months as we blog, tweet and podcast. If you would like to receive our emailed monthly newsletter email [Theresa.manson@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:Theresa.manson@cdc.ac.nz) (Subject line: Monthly newsletter).

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