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Tuesday, 27 February: Pauline Sisters Book Sale begins
Institute Liturgy (5 pm, Luigi Morell M.Afri presiding)

Wednesday, 28 February: Pauline Sisters Book Sale

Thursday, 1 March: Pauline Sisters Book Sale ends

Friday, 2 March: Academic Council (10:30, Room 2-3)

Monday, 5 March: Cluster Publications Book Sale (10 am-Hall)

Tuesday, 6 March: Institute Liturgy (5 pm, Emmanuel Ndlovu , CMM presiding)

STAFF MEANDERING

Fr Emmanuel Ndlovu, CMM will be attending two Liturgy Meetings (Liturgy and Culture and Liturgy and Sacraments) in Pretoria-Khanya House (SACBC) on Tuesday 27 February.

BOOK SALES

Pauline Sisters: Tuesday, 27 February—Wednesday, 28 February—Thursday, 1 March. A wide variety of books in theology and philosophy will be on sale.

Cluster Publications Book Sale—Stock Clearance
Monday, 5 March—10 am—the Hall
Cluster Publications books will be on sale at very low prices since we are clearing our stock.

Come and buy the bargains!

2018 EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH THE COLLEGE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN GRAHAMSTOWN

The 2017 exchange students from both SJTI and the College of the Transfiguration recommended that this year's Exchange Programme be held earlier in the year. Since Easter is early (1 April) this is possible.

Dates: 21-22 April Travel to Grahamstown

23 April-4 May : Participate in classes and the life of the College

4-5 May : Travel back to formation houses .

We do not yet know how many students the College can welcome.

Please see the Academic Notice Board for application forms. **The deadline will be Monday, 26 March (last day of lectures before Easter holidays).**

Sue Rakoczy IHM and Luigi Morell MAfr (Programme Coordinators)

PARACLETANS IN SJTI: WHO ARE THEY?

Ikenna D. Ekwerike, MDP

Joining to drink from the fountain of knowledge at St. Joseph Theological Institute, Cedara, this 2018 are members of the Missionary Society of Divine Paraclete (MDP). Also known as Paracletans, the Missionary Society of Divine Paraclete was founded in Nigeria in 2011 by Rev. Fr. Stephen Ilechukwu of the Oratorians of St. Philip Neri. The founding of the young Society was basically a direct filial answer to the call of Pope St. John Paul II for a fresh start in the Church by way of 'New Evangelization'.

Thus, the Paracletan Society is a clerical society of apostolic life (not a Religious Institute) for Priests and Brothers dedicated, in a special way, to the Holy Spirit, the Divine Paraclete, who proceeds from the Father and the Son to animate us. Completely attentive to the promptings of the Divine Paraclete as we meditate on the Word, we take a stand to become doers and not merely hearers of the Word (cf Jas 1:22). In doing so, we become, so to say, public relation officers of the Church with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary as our Mother and Queen.

Without publicly professing the religious vows of obedience, poverty and

chastity but inspired by the new evangelization drive, Paracletans consecrate themselves to the apostolate of *Duc in Altum*, that, is putting out into the deep (cf Mtt 4:19); living in community and sharing the bonds of fraternal charity according to canonical provisions. It is a spiritual family disposed to welcome lay members of the Church who are eager to affiliate themselves in several ways as Associate Members often working alongside the Priests and Brothers and supporting them.

Paracletans are animated by the **charism of regeneration** which advances the history of eternal goodness with renewed zeal against the unfortunate ordeal of secular vision of life and existence. The significance of this charism draws from the appeal of Pope Paul VI who while addressing the College of Cardinals in December 1973 pointed out that “The fresh breath of the Holy Spirit, too, has come to waken latent energies within the Church, to stir up dormant charisms, and to infuse a sense of vitality and joy which makes the Church youthful and relevant in every age, and prompts her to proclaim her eternal message to each new epoch.” Since God is only interested in goodness and holiness, the charism of Regeneration, therefore, shines out as a movement uniting people all over the world with the power of inspiration which must influence the whole world and renew it in goodness and holiness.

The Society embraces the essence of **Paschal Spirituality** lived through suffering unto glory beneath the maternal mantle of Mary at the foot of the Cross. This spirituality which is apostolic in nature and basically Marian as it is enlivened by the unique disposition of the Blessed Mother of God, the Ever Virgin Mary (cf. Luke 1: 38-45). Consequently, members strive to pursue prayer as primary means of perfection, which is reflected in our common witness that promotes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reverence to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Missionary Society of Divine Paraclete is open to a variety of apostolates including parish ministry, fostering works of charity, justice and peace; catechetical instruction, care of the sick and elderly, social communication and ministry to the youth and children through sports. Paracletans are driven by a primary missionary purpose to find and promote renewed expressions with deep-seated insights that facilitate all aspects of the pastoral projects of New Evangelization.

Thus, her members commit themselves to finding God in all things; discerning what is meaningful and good and striving to communicate these insights as a reflection of eternal light upon human minds and hearts. Such step taken in partnership with the Holy Spirit, in humility and simplicity, can set forth souls on the way of love through personal journey of faith to assimilate the Gospel values that perpetuate and renew the image of Divine Goodness in every generation, reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other.

WOMEN DOING PHILOSOPHY

Nomcebo Nkosi & Felisberto J Dumbo, SCJ

Philosophy comes from the Greek word φιλοσοφία (*philosophia*) which literally means “love of wisdom”. Philosophy as a ‘terminology’ is difficult to define. But, Philosophy as an academic discipline may be understood as the discipline that seeks to ask the fundamental questions pertaining to the universe and the human being’s place in this universe. Thus, philosophy deals with matters such as existence, knowledge, reason, mind, language and values. To understand in this term women who are doing philosophy apply insightful methods including critical and radical discussion, rational argument, and systematic presentation to achieve the pinnacle reality of today. Furthermore, they engage themselves in double dimensions, they focus on the principle of what philosophy is all about by evaluating, analyzing existential matters from speculative point of view and also with practical issues by questioning questions like, is there a best way to live? Or is it better to be just or unjust?

These questions are posted in practical way to evaluate in hermeneutical manner what earlier philosophers argued about women such as “accusing” them as irrational, weaker sex, slaves and made to be in the kitchen. Women doing philosophy is reasonably a way of knocking down cultural walls, political, economic, religious injustices and discrimination against them. There is a great value of being a woman. Philosophy can prove it ontologically because from ontological point of view there is no any barrier that categorizes some people in the level of rational being and others in the level of less rational being because rationality is intrinsic in the person, universal and valid at all the time.

Thus, by doing philosophy the existential questions are raised for example, why for many centuries women were put aside from Universities education? Why women are always undermined and oppressed by men? As an attempt to answer, women philosophers believe that philosophy is a fundamental key of reasoning, especially when it is used according to the demands of its methods to fight against this distorted way of thinking of androcentrism. The aim of women doing philosophy is to correct the negative historical point of view that several women were silenced not because they were irrational but because they were considered to be unable to think. Then the methodological approach is to recast the significant contributions of women to science from the ancient times. As a result of philosophical engagement, historians came up with scientific insights saying that in society many things have been accomplished by women. The involvement of women in medicine, sciences, religious life, and natural philosophy have been significant in the arena of science which cannot be ignored.

Women are intelligent as well as men. Therefore, women have to find themselves in society, express what they are and not what men think about them. Philosophy should not be used to manipulate and oppress people because it is science of wisdom and virtue, yet it is against the spirit of androcentrism that has to be overcome so that women philosophers would express themselves. That is why the key of developing such approach is philosophy since it opens human mind to perceive the reality as it is and to reflect on reality. In summing up, women have to use philosophy as weapon against patriarchal society so that we may live and seek the truth together as brothers and sisters.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!!!

Networking Cedara Editorial Team is inviting all those who wish to serve in this honourable team as members. The entire current Layout team will be leaving SJTI by the end of this Academic year. Thus it is imperative that there should be people to take over from those who will be vacating their positions in the Editorial Team. Hence our request that all those who wish to join do so now so that there is enough time to learn (if need be) from the outgoing team. Those interested should meet Fr Emmanuel Ndlovu, CMM or any of the Editorial Team members.

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