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**Monday, 9 April:** Lectures resume- Second Term begins

**Tuesday, 10 April:** Institute Liturgy (5 pm, Luigi Morell M.Afr presiding)

**Tuesday, 17 April:** Institute Liturgy (5 pm, Frederick Agalo IMC presiding)

**Friday, 20 April:** Lecture by Prof Jan Jans: "Mission Impossible" (10:30, Paul Decock OMI Auditorium.



### FROM THE SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR Joseph Saukani

We are going to have football and volleyball games on FRIDAY 13th of April. The games will be between the Philosophy department and the Theology department.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU !!!!

### 2018 EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH THE COLLEGE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN GRAHAMSTOWN

**THERE IS ONE PLACE AVAILABLE!! PLEASE APPLY BY THURSDAY, 12 April**

- 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 here

Please see the Academic Notice Board for application forms. Sue Rakoczy IHM and Luigi Morell M.Afr (Programme Coordinators)

## **“MISSION IMPOSSIBLE? THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TOWARD A HUMANE SEXUAL ETHICS”**

**Prof Jan Jans**

Friday, 20 April—10.30 (Paul Decock OMI Auditorium)

A practical question raised after the two recent Synods on the Family and especially after *Amoris Laetitia* issued by Pope Francis in March 2016 is if, and may be how, the teaching of the Catholic Church on responsible parenthood has changed. In dealing with this question, an important step is to inquire into what knowledge and understanding is around in the Catholic community regarding the teachings on responsible parenthood, with a focus on the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae Tradendae* (The transmission of human life) issued by Pope Paul VI in 1968, 50 years ago.

In order to understand *Amoris Laetitia* on this, the lecture will proceed in three parts. The first part will briefly offer a historical background, the second looks into key notions of the argumentation proposed by *Humanae Vitae Tradendae* and the final part will try to answer the practical question mentioned above which is buzzing around in pastoral but also in theological academic areas.

### **ST JOSEPH’S BRAIN IS HONOURED**

Itumeleng Mafisa OMI

The brain behind the St Joseph’s Theological Institute was honoured with the renaming of an auditorium at the Institute’s philosophy department. The auditorium was named after Fr Paul Decock OMI, who specialises in biblical studies. Fr Paul was instrumental in the foundation of the SJTI which has become renowned for the illustrious training of Catholic priests and religious.

“The Oblates have always been responsive to the needs of the time. We have always been involved in university education,” said Fr Paul Decock OMI. He said the Oblates have been instrumental in setting up universities in different parts of the world including Canada and Lesotho.

Fr Paul said that in the past St Joseph’s was purely for Oblates, then later on, the inclusion of other religious congregations brought communities together with one goal.

The 75 year old Decock said the institute had reached an agreement with the University of KwaZulu Natal. This agreement would enable postgraduate studies in Catholic courses through the University of KwaZulu Natal.

The institute is also looking at offering a degree in Development studies and

He also mentioned the improvement of the Institute's facilities to accommodate handicapped students.

Decock had the Institute's auditorium named after him at a ceremony on March 19 2018. The unveiling of the plaque at the auditorium was preceded by Eucharistic celebration which was presided on by the superior of the Scholasticate, Fr Joseph Phiri OMI, who also delivered a challenging Homily on compassion.

## THE HUNGERS OF HUMANKIND

Juma Mário Henriques IMC

This topic came up in one of our classes of Liturgical foundations with Fr. Emmanuel Ndlovu. During the class we identified three kinds of Hungers: '*The hunger for power, for food and sex*'. Nevertheless, if we judge the matter rightly there are more other kinds of hungers in the world, such as the hunger for love, for being accepted in the society, for richness and so forth. Here we will focus on the *hunger for power, for food and sex* because these hungers have become the most known in our daily lives and their moral implication is so damaging. Let us briefly try to demonstrate on how these three hungers affect us and what can be the solution to the problem so we may limit them from causing more death for many or even from enslaving humanity. One thing to be observed is that the search for power is directly connected to the search for knowledge. Just like the history of the fall of humankind in the book of Genesis, it is clear that power gives 'birth' to the hunger for knowledge. God knows that the day we eat the fruit our eyes will be opened and we will be like Him, *knowing good and evil* (Gn. 3-5).

In fact, most people and governments around the world have used their knowledge and are still using it to manipulate people, and this is so sad and awful for those who are being ruled. But one can realize that the more people acquire knowledge and power, the more they are able to respond to the other hungers, especially the **appetite for food**. Now the questions may arise from most of us, Such as, is knowledge so bad in such a way that we cannot search for it? Or how can people attain perfect knowledge without becoming too dangerous? For these kind of questions Socrates [470-399 BC] stressed the attaining of a knowledge which he called *universal concepts*; not so much in speculative matters, but on the question of moral values; and he believed that 'virtue is knowledge' (Klauder 1973:58). The hunger for knowledge should guide people to acquire a better living and not the opposite. What happens in most cases in our society is that some acquire knowledge to manipulate others for their personal interests, instead knowledge should lead to success, and should enable and never serve as a means to manipulate people, resulting in death.

Let us keep in mind that it is hunger for food that has become the main factor for wars and crimes over the entire world. I do believe that if people had enough food and basic means for survival in the society there could be lasting peace.

A good example for this may be seen in a mother and her children. When a mother supplies her crying baby enough food the baby stops crying because of satisfaction. The same applies to the rulers of the nations with their people, the more employment they create for their people, the more peace is enjoyed.

Lastly the **hunger for sex** has been misused heavily in today's world. Sex has become a kind of an entertainment and has gone against the teaching of Saint Paul when he says 'Keep away from sexual immorality. All other sins that a person commits are done outside the body; but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body' (1Cor 6:18). But now let us consider the problem widely. The hunger for sex carries with it a lot of consequences, not only moral but physiological and physical as well. This kind of hunger if not controlled can be the worst of all because it takes one's time and money, breaks marriages and is capable of destroying the dignity of anyone irrespective of the status one has in society, whether a priest or a religious sister/brother, a father/mother, old or young. The worst it does to an individual is that it 'takes one to the grave' early. **Self control is the key of your victory against the hunger for sex.**

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