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*From the President:*

Dear Students,

We are almost at the end of the first semester of 2018. I hope that the knowledge you gained in the different courses will have enriched you and will have deepened your previous knowledge and your faith commitment.

Once you have completed all required assessments, please take the time to review the goals you had set yourself for this semester, your studies and what enriched you in particular but also your time management, and last but not least, the communication and your collaboration with your lecturers and co-students.

For those, who will have finished their studies this semester, I wish you God's blessings for the future, and may the words of Pope Francis be a helpful guide in all your undertakings:

"The good theologian and philosopher has an open, that is, an incomplete, thought, always open to the maius of God and of the truth, always in development, according to the law that Saint Vincent of Lerins described in these words: *annis consolidetur, dilatetur tempore, sublimetur aetate* (it is strengthened over the years, it expands over time, it deepens with age)."

Pope Francis, *Address to the Community of the Pontifical Gregorian University, together with members of the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Pontifical Oriental Institute*, Rome, 10 April 2014.

For those who will continue their studies, I wish you a well-earned break, even though I know that for some of you the break will be fairly short as you might take up one or the other Winter Intensives.

May all of you enjoy the semester break, and I am looking forward to seeing you refreshed and with new enthusiasm return for the second semester.

*Prof. M Isabell Naumann issm*



As mentioned previously, *Lecture Room 2* has been given another title of *Gerard Kelly Lecture Room (GKLR)* in Fr. Gerard's honour. You will notice this new name will appear on lecture room allocations from semester two onwards.

Mass is celebrated in the chapel during teaching weeks  
**Monday-Thursday at 12:40pm**



*From the Registrar:*

As we come to the close of semester one, I wish to highlight five key points.

#### CISSA end of semester function

As usual, the Catholic Institute of Sydney's Student Association (CISSA) will be holding their end of semester function next week. This is where a portion of the membership fee goes (the other significant part is to stock and maintain the student kitchen and common room). All lectures in week 12 will finish 30 minutes earlier to allow time for the students to gather for their end of semester function where food and fellowship will be offered. In other words, morning classes will finish at 12:00 pm and evening classes at 8:30 pm. I also take this opportunity to thank our student representatives and Angelina for their work in facilitating this.

#### Registration for next semester

For those continuing to study and haven't registered for semester two, Rather than repeating everything here, I draw your attention to the registration poster on the student notice board outside the Gerard Kelly Lecture Room.

#### Semester results

Over the next few weeks, the lecturers will submit all student results to the registry office. The registry will process and prepare these for presentation at the CIS Assessment Review Committee. Following this, the results will be monitored by the Academic Standards Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD). Please note, all results are provisional until the Academic Board of the SCD approves them. After this, your final result will be sent to you in early July.

#### Graduation

For some of you, this current semester may be your final one with us in your studies. If you believe that you are eligible to graduate in 2019, please complete the 'Initial Application for SCD Graduation', which can be found on the registry shelves and on our website. This will need to be lodged with me or placed in the registry chute by the 7th of January 2019. The ceremony next year will be held on Saturday the 19th of May.

#### CIS Online

Another reminder that we will be launching CIS Online for the first time next semester. This will supplement the face to face classes with online access to their readings and other material. Students should receive an email towards the end of June or in July with login details. Students will use their student number as the username, and a temporary password will be supplied via email. If you are concerned that we may have an old email address on record, please check this with Mary Cassar < [mcassar@cis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcassar@cis.catholic.edu.au) >.

Finally, I also take this opportunity to wish the very best with your final assessments and exams.

*Jason Israel*