From the President:

You will all be aware that we are members of the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD). It is one of three consortia of theological colleges in Australia. The other two are the University of Divinity (formerly the Melbourne College of Divinity) and the Australian College of Theology. The MCD was founded in 1910 by an Act of the Victorian Parliament; it gained university status in 2012. The members of this consortium were originally all Melbourne based theological colleges, but today are more geographically diverse. It included the three Melbourne Catholic colleges: Catholic Theological College, Yarra Theological Union and the Jesuit Theological College. Today the University of Divinity has eleven colleges. The Australian College of Theology was founded in 1891 by the General Synod the Anglican Church of Australia. It has seventeen affiliated colleges, which come from a number of churches across five Australian states and New Zealand.

The SCD was founded in 1982, with six founding member institutions. The six were: the Baptist Theological College; the Catholic Institute of Sydney; The Churches of Christ Theological College (today called the Australian College of Ministries – ACOM); St Paul’s National Seminary (Catholic); Union Theological Institute (Catholic); and the United Theological College (Uniting Church). Of the six founding members only the Catholic Institute of Sydney and ACOM remain. Since its foundation, other colleges, representing other churches have joined the SCD. Today the SCD has eight member institutions.

The most recent college to join the SCD is St Cyril’s Coptic Orthodox Theological College (www.stcyrils.edu.au). The college will start teaching in second semester. This is exciting news for the SCD – not just because we have a new member institution, but because this college will bring all of us into contact with an ancient theological tradition. One of the values of being a member of a theological consortium is that we are exposed to the breadth of the Christian theological tradition.

It is true, of course, that most students undertake all of their studies in just one college. However, the possibility is there for people to take a unit at another of the member institutions of the SCD. Some have done this in the past. We at CIS have also welcomed students from other SCD member institutions and been enriched by their presence among us.

The major SCD event each year is the graduation, which will be held on 21 May. We’ll hear more about that in due course. On Wednesday 4 May the SCD will hold its Annual Lecture. You can read details of this elsewhere in TIN.

Fr Gerard Kelly

NO PARKING

Everyone is again reminded not to park at the front of the CIS building.

Please no parking on the glass.

Parking is available in the allotted spaces under the Veech library and in spaces at the back of the Institute building. If no parking is available please find appropriate parking on the street. Thank you.

A reminder for students and that Mass is celebrated in the chapel

Mondays—Thursdays at 12:40pm
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ANNUAL LECTURE

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016

7.30PM - 9.00PM

6b/5 Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113

SPEAKER

DR ALAN CADWALLADER

Cerberus bites back: A tale with three heads - the Syrophoenician woman, and her imitators

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Organised by the Australian Association of Mission Studies (AAMS) (NSW)

Keynote Speaker: Professor Emeritus Steve Bevans (SVD)

Place: Alphacrucis College, 30 Cowper St, Parramatta 2150.
Date: Monday 2nd May
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Registration (including lunch): $40.00 (concessions available)
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