



Adelaide College of Divinity – Confident of its Future Despite Closure of CTC

Response to the Announcement of the Closure of the Catholic Theological College

It is with great sadness that we have received advice that the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide has decided to close the Catholic Theological College (CTC). Although CTC had ceased to be a member of the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD) in 2010, we had looked forward to continuing to share a common campus and library facilities, and the opportunity this affords for collegial and ecumenical relations, into the future. CTC had been a member of the ACD for over thirty years during which time deep friendships had formed among staff and students.

The future of the ACD is secure despite the closure of CTC. Our certificate, diploma, bachelor, master and doctor of ministry courses will continue.

The ACD has been undergoing a significant change process in the past two years with new certificate and degree programs beginning this year. Student responses to the new study options have been very positive and enrolments have begun to increase. Amendments to the ACD Constitution prepared in early 2011 will be approved by the Board and will come into effect later this year. These will put in place a system of governance that is consistent with good practice in higher education and establish a leadership and administrative structure that will enable the ACD to be effective and prosper in the contemporary context.

All of our courses will continue to be informed by contemporary ministry practice and ongoing curriculum development. While we support our CTC colleagues through difficult times, we also look forward to this next stage in the life of the Adelaide College of Divinity with renewed energy and optimism.

We welcome conversation with the Archdiocese about any ways we might continue to cooperate in theological education in South Australia into the future.

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