

Quo Vadis

Welcome!

Welcome back to Semester 2, 2009! July will be a very exciting month for the ANUCS with several events planned:

Find us at Bush Week Market Day - we'll have a stall there for people to join our mailing list and/or join the society, find out information about the ANUCS, and speak to members of the society.

Come along to a free barbeque, after Sunday Mass on the 2nd August. Our first barbeque last semester was a great success - good food and good company!

During the second week of semester (on the 28th July), we're holding our first monthly formation evening. Our Chaplain Father Peter will get things started with the first topic "Faith and Reason". We envisage that these evenings will be a key activity of the ANUCS with guest speakers, inspiring talks and quality catechesis. We're currently planning the program for Semester 2, so if you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please let us know.

All events are open to everyone!

Blessed Peter To Rot

Blessed Peter To Rot was one of the patrons for WYD Sydney twelve months ago. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP asked "everyone to learn their stories, and understand that ordinary people can do extraordinary things through the Spirit of Christ".

Blessed Peter To Rot was a young married man and father and a lay catechist in New Guinea during WWII. When the Japanese military forces arrived to occupy his island, they interred the missionary priests and harassed Peter, jailing him more than once. They legalised polygamy and made rules to limit the Catholic presence among the native people. Peter openly opposed the

regulations and the practice of polygamy, defending the faith he would not deny. He was jailed again and singled out for harsh treatment. He asked his wife to bring his best clothes to jail so that he could go to God properly dressed. About a month before the Japanese surrendered, Peter was murdered by a lethal injection, held down while he died in agony. Although the Japanese tried to pass off the murder as a natural death, there was a witness who later testified to Peter's heroic defence of the faith. Pope John Paul II beatified this admirable catechist in 1995.

(Nevins, A. J., & Ball, A. (1999). A saint for your name. OSV.)

BREAKING NEWS!

Pope Benedict's latest encyclical has been released. You can find Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth) on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

Message from the President

Pope John Paul II wrote *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason) to mark the twentieth anniversary of his pontificate. The encyclical is directly relevant to young people in an academic environment and there is much to reflect on.

At the conclusion of his encyclical letter, Pope John Paul outlines a task for each of us:

*"I was in love
with loving"*

Saint Augustine



I ask everyone to look more deeply at man, whom Christ has saved in the mystery of his love, and at the human being's unceasing search for truth and meaning. Different philosophical systems have lured people into believing that they are their own absolute master, able to decide their own destiny and future in complete autonomy, trusting only in themselves and their own powers. But this can never be the grandeur of the human being, who can find fulfilment only in choosing to enter the truth, to make a home under the shade of Wisdom and dwell there. Only within this horizon of truth will people understand their freedom in its fullness and their call to know and love God as the supreme realization of their true self.

We have chosen *Fides et Ratio* as a guiding principle for our Catholic Society here at the ANU. Indeed, Faith and Reason will be the topic for the first of our monthly formation evenings (see page 3 for details).

We welcome everyone to our formation evenings. Come along prepared to both listen and learn, and bring your questions and doubts. We hope that these evenings will provide the opportunity for reflection, discussion, listening and clarification. The beauty of the Church is that we have the opportunity to come together, each with our own, individual relationship with God, and in learning about our faith; we have the opportunity for that relationship to be deepened.

As we start a new semester at University we will no doubt acquire more knowledge, new skills and increased understanding of our topic of study. It is the aim of the ANUCS that we may also increase the depth of our spiritual life, learn more about the faith, share the richness of Catholicism and support each other in our journey.

Jessica Wilson
ANUCS President
July 2009

Upcoming events

To be notified of upcoming ANUCS events, join our email list. (Email Alex Millar at alexandernopolis@hotmail.com).

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE ANU

- **Daily Mass**
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.15 University Chaplaincy, Union Court
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12.15 John XXIII Chapel
- **Sunday Mass** 10.30am John XXIII Chapel; Coffee and Tea following Mass
- **Rosary Group** Mondays 5.00pm. John XXIII Chapel
- **Prayer Group** Fridays 5.30pm. John XXIII Chapel

OTHER EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTH

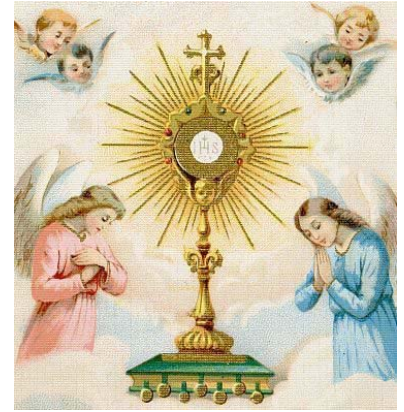
- **ANUCS BBQ** Sunday 2nd August, following 10.30am Mass. Free!
- **ANUCS Formation Night "Faith and Reason"** Tuesday 28th July, 7pm, John XXIII Chapel. Supper and drinks to follow. Free!
- **World Youth Day reunion** on Saturday 18th July @ St John the Apostle, Kippax @6:00: Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge, a barbecue dinner, music and prayer
- **Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation (SCENE)**, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney, July 19-26. (www.scene.org.au)

Church calendar and feast days

JULY 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3 ST THOMAS, APOSTLE	4 ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
5	6 ST MARIA GORETTI	7 BL PETER TO ROT	8	9 ST AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG	10	11 ST BENEDICT
12	13 ST HENRY	14 ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS	15 ST BONAVENTURE	16 OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL	17	18
19	20 ST APOLLINARIS	21 ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	22 ST MARY MAGDALENE	23 ST BRIDGET	24 ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF	25 ST JAMES, APOSTLE
26	27	28	29 ST MARTHA	30 ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS	31 ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	

Quiz!

1. How do you address a Cardinal?
2. Name the virtue that is the opposite to the sin of lust.
3. What can we expect in purgatory? A. pain B. joy C. pain and joy D. neither
4. Name 3 deuterocanonical books in the Bible.



I would like the young people to gather around the Eucharist as the vital source which nourishes their faith and enthusiasm. -
John Paul II,
Apostolic Letter, Year
of the Eucharist,
October 2004

Prayer requests:

*Priests and
 Seminarians in the
 Canberra Goulburn
 Diocese*

*Students travelling
 home from holidays*

*Abandoned souls in
 Purgatory*

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COMING SOON!

Prayer for the month – The Rosary

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "*The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.*"

It is said that the Rosary came to us through encounters between the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Dominic and the Blessed Alanus, over 1000 years ago. 15 promises were made by the Blessed Virgin to St Dominic and Blessed Alanus:

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive single graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

JOIN US ON MONDAYS AT 5PM TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Quiz Answers:

1. Your Eminence
2. Chastity
3. C. pain and joy
4. Tobias (Tobit), Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, I and II Machabees, additions to Daniel & Esther
5. 100,000 .

Useful websites

- o Catholic Encyclopedia <http://www.newadvent.org/>
- o Eternal World Television Network <http://www.ewtn.com/>
- o "Pray the Hours" Special prayers and Readings of the day <http://www.universalis.com/cgi-bin/display/USA/-400/readings.htm>
- o Saints <http://magnificat.ca/cal/engl/liste-sts.htm>

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