From the President

Last semester in TIN I began to point out some of the artwork on the walls at CIS. Let me continue this week. In the lounge area outside the chapel are three pieces by the Australian artist John Coburn. Coburn was born in 1925 in Ingham, north Queensland and died in 2006. The largest of the three pieces on display is the Triptych of the Passion, which won the Blake Prize for Religious Art in 1960. The two on either side can be good conversation starters. I often invite first time viewers to look at them and work out what they are depicting. On one side is The Magnificat; on the other is The Agony in the Garden. I have discovered that people usually have very definite views about these two paintings. Take time to have a look at the three paintings and reflect on them. What was the artist conveying? What emotions or feelings do they arouse in you? In Coburn’s art colour is all important. I believe that you need to focus on the colours to appreciate the three works on display.

John Coburn no doubt had an influence on religious art in Australia. In 2007 the Blake Society named a prize after him: The John Coburn Prize for Emerging Artists. Coburn’s work is not restricted to religious art. In fact, his tapestries are very well known. Perhaps the most celebrated of these are the curtains for the Opera Theatre of the Sydney Opera House.

Fr Gerard Kelly.

SMOKING AROUND THE BUILDINGS

State legislation introduced earlier this year banned smoking within four metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building. This means that we have to rethink where people smoke on the campus. Smoking will no longer be permitted in the courtyard area between the two common rooms, nor in the other courtyards. While this may be difficult for some, I am sure that a smoke free area around the common room will be appreciated by most students. For those who need to smoke, the best locations now might be away from the buildings.

WEEKDAY MASS

is celebrated in the chapel, Monday to Thursday during semester at 12:40 pm.

FROM THE VEECH LIBRARY:

PLEASE NOTE: There is a new catalogue in the Library, if you need assistance please ask the library staff!
From CISSA

As you may be aware CISSA represents the student body here at CIS. Unfortunately our numbers have dwindled over the last couple of semesters, and so we would like to invite anyone interested in joining to please contact Mary in the Registrars office. There is not a lot of work involved as our main function is providing a little hospitality and the end of semester. I am sure most of you have enjoyed this hospitality yourself and would like to see it continue. Those of us in CISSA would be very glad of the little help required by others to continue this practice,

God Bless

MARY WARD GRANT 2014

Applications for the Mary Ward Grant 2014 are now being received. The closing date is 16 October 2013. In order to promote the dignity and role of women in the church and society, the Mary Ward Grant was established to support specialist or post-graduate study of theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry. This is a partial grant to assist applicants who have financial need, including those seeking to complete the final year of undergraduate study. Priority is given to Catholic lay women. CIS students have received this grant on more than one occasion. Details of the grant are available on the noticeboards.

See also www.loreto.org.au.

If you would like to know more about Mary Ward, the founder of the Loreto Sisters, look at Christine Burke’s article, “Mary Ward (1585-1645): ‘Half Women are not for these Times’,” Australasian Catholic Record 88(October 201): 412-421.

DE ANIMA

Registrations are still open for Rev. Andrew Murray’s De Anima Reading course. If you would like to learn more about the Classics and enrol in the course, please see the library or Registry office for details.

COMMON ROOM AND COMMON AREAS

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the cups in the common room. Used cups and other utensils can be placed on the trays that will go into the dishwasher. If you see a full tray place it in the dishwasher and push the blue Start button. It is as easy as that! If you notice that a washing cycle has completed remove the tray and stack the cups on the rack. It is easy!