Catholic Institute of Sydney

The Catholic Institute of Sydney is an independent Catholic theological faculty supported by the Archdiocese of Sydney as a member institute of the Sydney College of Divinity. It provides courses leading to tertiary awards as well as occasional public lectures and community education courses.

Reading the Classics

This is a community education programme intended for people who wish to extend their education by reading classical works in areas such as philosophy and spirituality. No previous study is assumed, but people with a background in the subject area will be welcome. Participants will be guided through reading and discussion of the texts by an experienced teacher of the discipline.

Fees:

Tuition fee: $120 (per reading course) 
(10% discount for Members of the Friends of the Veech Library)

Rousseau’s *Émile*

1 May, 8th May  
15th May, 29th May  
5th June, 12th June  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

with Dr Matthew Del Nevo
Rousseau’s Émile

Wednesdays 1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 29 May, 5 June, 12 June
7.00pm - 9.00pm

This work subtitled, On Education, will speak to us differently in the third millennium than it did to Kant in the 18th century or than it did to people in the 19th century. The book discovers childhood and it re-discovers the equality of the sexes, without losing the sense of sexual difference, and has much to say on sexual compatibility and relationships that has been missed or overlooked in the cultural reception of this great work. Rousseau was a Catholic convert who ended up hounded out of Europe by Catholic and Protestant churches alike for his educational stance toward religion. His work remains a provocative, worthwhile and entertaining classic.