Gold Mass for Scientists: On the Feast of Albert the Great, patron saint of scientists, Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P. (PhD '96) will celebrate a special Mass for Scientists. It will be Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 PM, in the MIT Chapel. There will be a reception in W11 to follow. This event is co-sponsored by the Society of Catholic Scientists, and off-campus scientists are invited: http://www.catholicscientists.org/events/20161115-gold-mass

Memorial Mass: On Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 12:05 PM a Memorial Mass will be held for all deceased members of the TCC and their families. If you would like someone to be remembered at that Mass, send us the names to: catholic@mit.edu.

Register for FORMED.ORG: The TCC has received a grant to provide access to FORMED.ORG — the Augustine Institute’s online gateway to a whole bunch of Catholic formational content, including podcasts, videos (many pitched at children), and e-books. (Think of it as a Catholic version of Amazon Prime). To register for free, go to https://formed.org/homecode=J8VGDK and enter your email.

Graduate Student Email List: Join the tcc grads email list (go to MIT’s WebMoria list manager) to hear about upcoming events for TCC graduate students.

Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations

- Fr. Moloney will lead a reading and discussion group about the nature of the priestly vocation and how to discern if God is calling us to the “ancient order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:6, 7:17).
- Meeting times Mondays at 3:45pm in W20-450
- To attend doesn’t mean that you are thinking about entering the seminary, or even that you’re not dating. It can simply mean that you’re interested in supporting others think about the priesthood.
- If interested, contact Ricardo J. Rodriguez Garcia (ricardor@mit.edu).
- Books “To Save a Thousand Souls” are available in the office/W11

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith: Fr. Moloney will be offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith that will cover everything from the Trinity to Church history to the Sacraments, prayer, and the moral life. It is meant to be both a high-level introduction to the faith appropriate for interested non-Catholics, and a serious review of the faith for those who are Catholics. It is required for those who want to enter the Church. Classes will be held at 2:45pm on Sundays in W11/Small Dining Room. For more info contact (dmoloney@mit.edu).

FOCUS Bible Study: Interested in forming deep friendships and getting to know the mind and heart of Jesus Christ through His Word? Sign up for a weekly Bible study! Contact the FOCUS missionaries at lisa.driscoll@focus.org or 720-938-7692.

Spaghetti Suppers: Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 PM in the W11 Community Room for a free spaghetti supper! This is a time for food, fellowship, and fun.


BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen): 6:00 PM on Tuesdays at W11 or 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays in front of St. Clement’s Shrine. For more info, visit bbmsk.org!

Fiat: A discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Patricia Boyle, CSJ will speak on “Prayer: Our Relationship with God.” If interested please respond to Sister Marian Batho, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.
Pope Francis on the Gift of Wisdom (from his General Audience on April 9, 2014)

Today we begin a series of catecheses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You know that the Holy Spirit constitutes the soul, the life blood of the Church and of every individual Christian: He is the Love of God who makes of our hearts his dwelling place and enters into communion with us. The Holy Spirit abides with us always, he is always within us, in our hearts.

The Spirit himself is “the gift of God” par excellence (cf. Jn 4:10), he is a gift of God, and he in turn communicates various spiritual gifts to those who receive him. The Church identifies seven, a number which symbolically speaks of fullness, completeness... The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

1. The first gift of the Holy Spirit according to this list is therefore wisdom. But it is not simply human wisdom, which is the fruit of knowledge and experience. In the Bible we are told that Solomon, at the time of his coronation as King of Israel, had asked for the gift of wisdom (cf. 1 Kings 3:9). And wisdom is precisely this: it is the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: it is to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God’s eyes. This is wisdom. Sometimes we see things according to our liking or according to the condition of our heart, with love or with hate, with envy...No, this is not God’s perspective. Wisdom is what the Holy Spirit works in us so as to enable us to see things with the eyes of God. This is the gift of wisdom.

2. And obviously this comes from intimacy with God, from the intimate relationship we have with God, from the relationship children have with their Father. And when we have this relationship, the Holy Spirit endows us with the gift of wisdom. When we are in communion with the Lord, the Holy Spirit transfigures our heart and enables it to perceive all of his warmth and predilection.

3. The Holy Spirit thus makes the Christian “wise”. Not in the sense that he has an answer for everything, that he knows everything, but in the sense that he “knows” about God, he knows how God acts, he knows when something is of God and when it is not of God; he has this wisdom which God places in our hearts.

The heart of the wise man in this sense has a taste and savour for God. And how important it is that there be Christians like this in our communities! Everything in them speaks of God and becomes a beautiful and living sign of his presence and of his love. And this is something that we cannot invent, that we cannot obtain by ourselves: it is a gift that God gives to those who make themselves docile to the Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit within us, in our heart; we can listen to him, we can listen to him. If we listen to the Holy Spirit, he teaches us this way of wisdom, he endows us with wisdom, which is seeing with God’s eyes, hearing with God’s ears, loving with God’s heart, directing things with God’s judgement. This is the wisdom the Holy Spirit endows us with, and we can all have it. We only have to ask it of the Holy Spirit...

And this cannot be learned: this is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must ask the Lord to grant us the Holy Spirit and to grant us the gift of wisdom, that wisdom of God that teaches us to see with God’s eyes, to feel with God’s heart, to speak with God’s words. And so, with this wisdom, let us go forward, let us build our family, let us build the Church, and we will all be sanctified. Today let us ask for this grace of wisdom. And let us ask Our Lady, who is the Seat of Wisdom, for this gift: may she give us this grace.