

NEWS

CRA SIGNATORY TO STATEMENT ON TPVs

CRA is signatory to a [Statement](#) from Australian faith leaders on Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) and other temporary forms of humanitarian protection for refugees in Australia. Ways for the wider community to support this initiative can be found [here](#).

CRA's VOICE IN THE ELECTION DISCUSSION

CRA's most recent edition of [Just Now](#), with a focus on voting for justice, is discussed in an article by John Warhurst "Distinctive Catholic voices in the election campaign" in [Eureka Street](#) (26.4.22), along with discussion of parallel statements by the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Australian Catholic Bishops.

See also this [statement](#) by Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG), calling for policy reform with regard to five urgent issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers.

CARITAS STAFF KILLED IN UKRAINE CONFLICT

CRA has offered condolences through Caritas Australia upon the news received, just after Easter, that two Caritas Ukraine staff in the Mariupol centre have been killed in the conflict, along with their relatives. We continue to pray for Ukraine and for all who suffer in violent conflicts around the world.

TOWARDS THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

As mentioned in a recent email (28.4.22) of CRA National Executive Director, a revised draft [statement](#) has been prepared which reports the results of a discernment process involving Plenary Council (PC) members and *periti*, together with many other members of the faithful in the Catholic Church in Australia, to send to the Plenary Council Drafting Committee. Religious Leaders who wish to participate in the discussion to finalise the statement can register [here](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS: A CATALYST FOR CONVERSATION

As the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council approaches, CRA will deliver the third and final 'conversation,' exploring the *Light from the Southern Cross Report*. Read the [CRA media release](#).

Title: Accountability & Transparency

Date & Time: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 11.00 am to 2.45 pm NSW, VIC, TAS, QLD | 10.30 am to 2.15 pm SA | 9.00 am to 12.45 pm WA

Registration: Free registration at [Trybooking](#). Further details and [flyer](#) are at the [CRA website](#).

CRA SEMINAR: ECOLOGY AND ECONOMICS

CRA, through three of its Committees - Ecology Alliance, Stewardship and Justice - identified that ecological and financial decisions must be made together. [Download the flyer](#) and view the [webpage](#) for further information, including the programme and speakers.

Title: Ecology and Economics - Everything is Connected
Date & venue: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 9.30 am – 3.15 pm | Sydney
Format: Inaugural CRA hybrid event: in-person and online presenters and participants
Seminar Fee: \$150.00 per person for in-person and online (same fee to cover technology costs)
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=879422&>
A 20% discount is available to those who purchase 5 or more tickets (Zoom only).

JOAN CHITTISTER OSB – IN-PERSON SEMINAR

CRA and the Diocese of Parramatta have prepared an afternoon with Joan Chittister OSB, tailored to religious men and women and to the clergy of Parramatta. Joan will focus on the responsibility of Religious and Clergy to be the voice that the world needs. See the [CRA webpage](#) and [flyer](#) for details.

Title: Roots and Wings: the Emergence of a Synodal Church with Joan Chittister OSB
Date & Time: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (Registration at 1.15 pm)
Venue: Novotel, Parramatta NSW
Registration: \$55 p/p [Register here](#). *Registrations close 11 May, or when tickets are sold out.*
See this [flyer](#) for other events with Joan Chittister in Melbourne, Brisbane, North Sydney and Adelaide.

CRA HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SEMINAR

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee is developing a new seminar to follow-up the Dementia Care Seminar held last year in Brisbane.

Title: Creating a Culture of Supportive Care
Date & Time: Wednesday 15 June 2022, 9.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Place Auditorium, North Sydney
Registration: The [seminar flyer](#) and registration link is available at the CRA website [here](#).

CRA CONTINUING EDUCATION E-COURSE FOR VOCATION & FORMATION MINISTERS

This eCourse, facilitated by Mary Pat Garvin RSM PhD, provides an opportunity for participants to explore topics related to accompanying women and men discerning Religious Life. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Centred in God, Sent on Mission
Dates & Times: Thursday, 16 June 2022 - optional introductory session followed by 4 sessions held monthly on Mondays: 27 June; 25 July; 22 August; 12 September 2022; 9.00 am start NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS | 8.30 am SA | 7.00 am WA
Mode: Online 2½ -hour Zoom presentation
Registration: \$260.00 AUD for the entire eCourse. [Register online](#). Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho
Ph: 02 9557 2695. Email: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATE

CRA is pleased to advise that the Justice Seminar, cancelled last year due to COVID, has been rescheduled for 19 October 2022 at the Treacy Centre, Parkville, Melbourne. Registration details will be available soon.

CRA-VIC NETWORKING DINNER

Date: Thursday 5 May 2022, 6.30 pm
Venue: The Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen VIC
RSVP: Email: jillburma@gmail.com

CRA-VIC NETWORKING GENERAL MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday 17 May 2022, 9.45 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: The Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen VIC
RSVP: Email: jillburma@gmail.com by Saturday 7 May 2022

25TH WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY, NORTH SYDNEY

This annual event in the life of a Sydney parish has been running for 25 years. Speakers this year are Catherine McGregor AM, writer and broadcaster, and Natasha Shar, a young parishioner who will share her journey, including her work as a teacher in an Islamic school.

Dates: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 7.00 pm
Venue: St Mary's Catholic Church, cnr Ridge and Miller Streets, North Sydney
Registration: [RSVP](#) is welcomed by the 28 April 2022 for this free event. [Download the flyer](#)

LIVING WELL, DYING WELL | COMMUNITY FORUM 2022

Held during National Palliative Care Week, this evening event will explore how our community can support those with serious and life-limiting illness and their families. [Click here](#) for more about the organisers.

Title: Living Well Dying Well
Date & Time: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 6:30 - 8.30 pm
Venue: The Good Shepherd Seminary, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush NSW
Registration: Find details of registration and speakers at [this link](#); RSVP by 20 May

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT PROGRAMME

For upcoming retreats from St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Douglas Park (near Picton, NSW), visit their [website](#) or download their full retreat [programme](#) for 2022. St Mary's Towers is steeped in a spirituality of the heart of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. One example from the programme follows:

Title: Visiting the Well
Dates: 6 Days: 3-9 June | Weekend: 3-5 June
Registration: See here for details of [tariffs](#) and [booking](#) information

CTC ONLINE COURSE FOR TEACHING MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) is offering an intensive online unit that develops the skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. Download the [brochure](#).

Title: Teaching Meditation and Prayer
Dates & Time: Four Saturdays 18, 25 June; 8, 15 October, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm VIC, NSW, ACT | 8.00 am WA | 9.30 am SA, NT
Registration: The fee to audit this unit is \$650. To undertake the unit for credit the fee is \$1,764 (undergraduate); \$2,732 (postgraduate). Enquiries: 03 9412 3314, jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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ALTAR BREAD MAKING MACHINE

The Marist Brothers in the Diocese of Baucau, Timor Leste, are seeking an altar bread making machine. Is there an Australian community that has one which they are no longer using? If you can assist, please contact Br Greg McDonald FMS, greg.mcdonald@marists.org.au or 0407 492 022.

RESOURCES

As the month of Ramadan ends and Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr, we acknowledge the work of those who foster Catholic-Muslim relations. Two examples follow with relevance to CRA's work or membership:

INTERFAITH ENCOUNTERS

[Youth PoWR](#) (Parliament of the World's Religions) brings together young adults from different religions to have a voice and a vote in shaping our multicultural, multi-religious society. It is an interfaith initiative of the [Columban Centre](#) for Christian-Muslim Relations and is [supported by CRA](#).

The Mission Formation team at Catholic Mission runs an Interfaith Encounters inter-school programme, bringing together senior students from Muslim and Catholic Colleges for a series of facilitated workshops. Visit the Catholic Mission [webpage](#) for details and [listen](#) to the experiences of students here.

100 BULLETINS!



With this week's Bulletin, we mark the 100th edition of the CRA e-Bulletin. This publication was developed as an effective way to collate the various emails received for sharing among Leaders into a single weekly publication. Thank you for sending us your news and resources for inter-congregational sharing over the past 100 issues. Please keep them coming! And we welcome your feedback and suggestions as we look towards the next 100 editions.

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊😊😊

Finally! A computer setting I understand...

