

NEWS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR CONGREGATIONAL STORY

A reminder to participate in our forthcoming CRA publication, *Our Stories. Our Lives. Our Mission – Catholic Religious in Australia*, which will showcase the stories of Religious Institutes in Australia in a format for use with young people by teachers, youth workers, vocations workers, parents. View a [sample](#), download a [submission guide/template](#), and send us your contribution by the end of May 2022.

CRA SYNODAL JOURNEY

The CRA Synodal Journey process has concluded, at least for now. Last week, the resulting document was submitted to the Australian Bishops' consultation, CICALSAL and forwarded to Religious Leaders. Some Congregations are still undergoing an internal consultation and we wish them well in these valuable endeavours.

SUPPORT FOR FLOOD-IMPACTED WORKERS

Inspired by their founder's motto, "Deeds, not words", Lismore's Presentation Sisters have organised a generous donation to 64 flood-affected hospital and aged care staff. Continue reading the St Vincent's Hospital Lismore [media release](#), courtesy of CathNews.

150 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION

A recent edition of *The Catholic Weekly* (24.4.22) carries a double-spread on 150 years of Marist Education in Australia by Michael Kenny. Access the article [here](#).

NEW ACBC PRESIDENT

Tim Costelloe SDB is the first member of a religious congregation to be elected President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – see the [ACBC media release](#).

NATSICC AWARDS

The NATSICC Community Services Awards invites nominations of unheralded people who live out the Gospel values in their lives and work. Nominations can be made at [this link](#) up until 30 May 2022.

NSW VAD BILL

[Right to Life NSW](#) provides final steps to voice opposition to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill which is before the Upper House in New South Wales, the only Australian state that has not legalised assisted suicide.

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 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

WEBINAR | REFUGEE CRISIS IN MYANMAR

Australian Cardijn Institute (ACI) and Young People for Development (YPD) Australia are partnering to present a webinar that will address an emerging refugee crisis in Myanmar.

Title: Conflict in Karen State
Date & Time: Tuesday 17 May 2022, 7.00 pm NSW, VIC, TAS | 5.00 pm WA | 6.30 pm SA
Registration: Find further details at the [ACI website](#) and register (free) at [this link](#)

WEBINAR | THE PSALMS

Mary Reaburn NDS, author of [A Friendly Guide to the Book of Psalms](#) (Garratt Publishing, 2022), will present a new online seminar, hosted by the Jewish Christian Team of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. Download [the flyer.](#)

Title: The Psalms: Jewish Prayer and Christian Prayer
Date & Time: Thursday 19 May 2022, 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm VIC, ACT | 2.30 pm WA | 4.00 pm SA
Registration: The event is free, but registration is required at [Trybooking.](#)

RESOURCES

NEW BOOK ON CONSCIENCE

Thomas Ryan SM's latest book, on the Church's teaching on conscience, speaks to the formation of lay people, ministers, educators, and theologians alike. *The Eyes and Ears of Conscience: Lessons of Encouragement* is published by St Pauls Publications (2022), RRP 29.95, and can be ordered [here.](#)

THE BRIDGE

The [latest issue](#) of *The Bridge* (Newsletter of the National Centre for Evangelisation) reports that laity have been given a groundbreaking role in a new Bishops' advisory body.

CLIMATE RISK MAP

The Climate Council's *Climate Risk Map of Australia* is an interactive map of climate vulnerable places in Australia. Learn about this and more at [this link](#).

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