

NEWS

2022 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations are now open for the 2022 CRA National Assembly, to be held in Melbourne in the week of Monday, 29 August to Thursday, 1 September 2022, at the Novotel on Collins, 270 Collins Street, Melbourne. Please go to the [CRA website](#) to [register online](#) and [book accommodation](#) at the hotel.

POPE'S LETTER TO SECULAR INSTITUTES

CMIS (Secular Institutes World Conference) has warmly welcomed Pope Francis' [letter](#) to the President of CMIS on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of *Provida Mater Ecclesia*, the Apostolic Constitution that recognised Secular Institutes as a new form of consecration of lay Catholics. Read on at the [CMIS](#) website.

CRA JUSTICE NEWSLETTER: *JUST NOW*

To mark *Laudato Si'* Week (16 – 24 May 2022) and National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June 2022), the next edition of *Just Now* (Vol 10) will look at an issue of justice pertinent to both and suggest ways that we can support stronger cultural heritage protection.

In case you missed it, here is the last edition of [Just Now](#) (Vol 9), which was designed to stimulate thinking on some key issues relevant to the 2022 Federal election this weekend, and which is being referenced in a wide range of networks in the community.

CRSA URGENTLY SEEKS GRASSROOTS SUPPORT

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA) welcomes the Federal Government's partnership in a new refugee sponsorship programme for Australia. The urgent need now is to get 100 groups of everyday Australians committed and ready by the end of June 2022. To assist, visit the [CRSA website](#).

FAITH-BASED PROVIDERS UNITE AGAINST ASSISTED DYING IN AGED CARE FACILITIES

Leaders of NSW's largest faith-based aged care providers released a [public statement](#) on the eve of a debate in the NSW Parliament on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill calling for greater exemption for their facilities. Download the letter from the [Catholic Health Australia webpage](#). The Bill passed in the Upper House last week. Now the debate begins on proposed amendments.

CATHOLIC MISSION'S GUEST FROM ETHIOPIA

Catholic Mission is sponsoring the visit of Cardinal Souraphiel from the Church in Ethiopia, who will be the main celebrant at the Solemn Choral Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 22 May at 10.30 am. Continue reading at [Catholic Mission](#) website.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN MAY

As the war in Ukraine drags on, Pope Francis has called on Catholics worldwide to pray the rosary every day during the month of May for peace. Read more at [America Magazine](#) and [Vatican News](#).

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 22 May 2022

Pope Francis' message for this year's World Communications Day (Sixth Sunday of Easter) focuses on the importance of "Listening with the ear of the heart". The Australian Catholic Media Council has produced social media resources and homily notes for the celebration, which can be accessed at [this link](#).

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*.

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

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 present 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. Please be quick as there are only a few seats left.*

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.

ACRATH CONVERSATION - ONLINE

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is holding a Zoom Cuppa & Conversation with Sherry Balcombe, an Olkola/Djabaguy woman, addressing the stories of Aboriginal people who have worked without pay and their fight for compensation.

Title: Stolen wages: How common is it?
Date & Time: Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 11.15 am Cuppa; 11.30 am to 12 noon Conversation NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT, TAS | 9.15 am Cuppa WA | 10.45 am Cuppa SA, NT
Registration: Free registration at the [ACRATH website](#)

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL UNION (CTC) MELBOURNE – ONLINE CONFERENCE

This [conference](#) will focus on the critical question: “How do we know Christ now?” and explores how we know the same Christ more authentically and powerfully today. It will be led by the staff of CTC from across disciplines and use a dialogical approach for discussion and experiential engagement.

Title: How do we know Christ now? Celebrating 50 years of CTC
Date & Time: Friday June 17 2022, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm VIC, NSW, ACT, TAS, QLD | 7.30 am WA | 9.00 am NT, SA
Registration: Register at the [Conference website](#); Enquiries: christopher.morris@ctc.edu.au

HELDER CAMARA LECTURE - MELBOURNE

The Newman College Dom Helder Camara Lecture Series will feature Christopher Lamb, *The Tablet's* Vatican correspondent and author of *The Outsider: Pope Francis and His Battle to Reform the Church* (Orbis Books, 2020). Download the [flyer](#).

Title: The outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?
 Date & Time: Monday 11 July 2022, 5.00 pm
 Venue: Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville VIC 3052
 Registration: Free lecture, but bookings are essential by 4 July: mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

EMPLOYMENT

PART-TIME JOURNALIST

The Catholic Leader, Archdiocese of Brisbane, is seeking a motivated person to fill a part-time role for six months in its newsroom from 30 June 2022. Details are provided at the [Seek](#) website. Enquiries can be directed to: editor@catholicleader.com.au or phone (07) 3324 3555. Applications close 30 May 2022.

RESOURCES

LAUDATO SI' WEEK | 16 - 24 MAY 2022

The seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical [Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home](#) takes place on 24 May 2022. *Laudato Si'* Week (16-24 May 2022) is celebrated in appreciation of this Encyclical. See relevant resources at the [Columban website](#) and its Peace, Ecology & Justice [E-Bulletin](#).

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