

NEWS

CRA REACHES OUT TO UKRAINE

CRA has written to the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Conference and Council of Religious Superiors to offer prayerful support at this time of conflict and upheaval. In collaboration with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Australia, Mykola Bychok CSsR, CRA is preparing an online prayer service for Ukraine on Tuesday 28 June 2022, 11.30 am AEST. *Please save the date.* If there are Members with Ukrainian contacts or personal links to Ukraine, please contact Emma Carolan by email: justice@catholicreligious.org.au.

CRA JUSTICE NEWSLETTER: *JUST NOW*

Anticipating National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) and noting *Laudato Si* Week (16 - 24 May), the latest edition of CRA's Justice Newsletter [*Just Now \(Vol 10\)*](#) looks at ways that we can support stronger cultural heritage protection.

ELECTION OF NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

On 18 May 2022, at the General Chapter of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, in Rome, Brother Armin Luistro FSC was elected 28th Superior General of the Institute. Continue reading at the [De La Salle website](#).

POPE'S RESCRIPT ON LAY BROTHERS WHO CAN BECOME MAJOR SUPERIORS

With a Rescript of 18 May 2022, Pope Francis decreed that CICLSAL is given the power to authorise, in a discretionary manner and in individual cases, non-clerical members to be conferred the office of major superior in clerical religious institutions. The Rescript can be found at the [Franciscan Friars website](#).

CHA SECURES SUPPORT FOR BETTER AGED CARE

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) has been buoyed by political support for its pre-election "Fight For Better Aged Care" campaign and is vowing to keep the pressure on government. Read the [CHA media release](#).

LOOKING AHEAD: WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Pope Francis has released his message for the 2022 [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) (25 September). While it has a particular focus, it also has broader relevance in asking us to think about building a future with hope.

CATHOLIC MISSION CELEBRATES BEATIFICATION OF PAULINE JARICOT

Catholic Mission is celebrating last week's beatification of Pauline Jaricot (1799–1862) a consecrated lay French woman and founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Download the [media release](#). Find stories of her work and charism in this [magazine](#) and online [book](#) at the Catholic Mission [website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA ONLINE SEMINAR – WOMEN RELIGIOUS, WOMEN DEACONS

CRA will host a conversation with scholar Phyllis Zagano, who has just published a [new book](#), *Women Religious, Women Deacons: Questions & Answers* (Paulist Press, 2022), exploring what ordaining women as Deacons would mean for Catholic Religious Sisters. Dr Zagano was one of twelve scholars appointed by Pope Francis to the Commission to Study the Diaconate of Women in 2016.

Title: Women Religious, Women Deacons
Date & Time: Thursday 15 September 2022, 10.00 – 11.30 am NSW, VIC, QLD, ACT, TAS | 8.00 am WA | 11.00 am SA, NT
Duration: 1.5 hrs, including discussion time
Registration: Details will follow – *please save the date!*

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.

CRA HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SEMINAR

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee is offering a 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.

RETREATS AT ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

Places are still available for the following two retreats, from the [2022 Retreat Programme](#) of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW (reflecting the charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart):

- Retreat 1: Seeing with fresh eyes: Guided contemplative photography retreat
6 Day Retreat. 27 May – 2 June 2022 \$930. (Weekend 27-29 May \$310)
Presenter: Elizabeth Lee. [Download the brochure](#)
- Retreat 2: Visiting the well
6 Day Retreat, 3 – 9 June 2022. Cost: \$930. (3-5 June, Weekend, \$310)
Presenter: Jenny Scally RSJ. [Download the brochure](#)
- Registration: Applications can be made at [this link](#)

NCCA SAFE CHURCH PROGRAMME - ONLINE

The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) Safe Church Programme is offering this Professional Learning Webinar in response to a request from churches to showcase good practice and what is working.

- Title: Current Practices in Professional/Pastoral Supervision and Accountability:
Clergy Support and Ministry Review
- Date & Time: Tuesday 7 June 2022, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm VIC, NSW, ACT, QLD, TAS | 9.00 am WA
| 10.30 am NT, SA
- Registration: For programme details, download the [brochure](#), and register at this [link](#)

LITURGY AND PRAYER IN PASTORAL CARE – ACU ONLINE COURSE

A Professional Learning Seminar offered by the ACU Centre for Liturgy will focus on how the Church's liturgical rituals and prayers can offer consolation and a sense of Christian community during serious illness and at the end of life.

- Title: Liturgy and Prayer in Pastoral Care
- Dates & Time: 4, 5, 6 & 7 July (12 hours). Sessions by Zoom - see [schedule](#)
- Registration: The cost of the Seminar (12 contact hours over 8 sessions) is \$500 per person
Visit the [ACU website](#) for full details about this Unit THLS603

RESOURCES

MERCY PARTNERS: NEW CHARISM BOOK AND PRAYER RESOURCES

Mercy Partners Formation offers an annual [Prayer Resource](#) for use with leaders and staff in meetings and gatherings. It also offers [Keep the Lantern Burning](#), a new source book for preserving, nurturing and reimagining the spirit and tradition of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. Order at [this link](#).

FORMATION ON THE PSALMS

Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, a Sister of Our Lady of Sion and lecturer at Yarra Theological Union within the University of Divinity, recently presented a webinar on "The Psalms: Jewish Prayer and Christian Prayer". View the [recording](#) and purchase the [book](#) *Friendly Guide to the Book of Psalms* (Garratt Publishing, 2022).

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

Dr Paul Cashen MSC, consultant to Archdiocese of Adelaide Ministry Formation, shares his [short paper](#) "Steps in the Formation of a 'Missionary Disciple'" (or [longer version here](#)) in the context of Pope Francis' repeated message that "in virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples" (EG, 120).

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