

## NEWS

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### PLENARY COUNCIL – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

As the Plenary Council Second Assembly draws near, some advisers (“periti”) have shared reflections on their areas of expertise for Members and the wider community, including this 11-minute [video](#) on *Reconciliation* featuring Brendan Byrne SJ, Professor Emeritus of New Testament, University of Divinity.

Meanwhile, Mel Dwyer FDCC took part in a panel of six at the ACTA Plenary Council Conversations Part 1, held at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, QLD last week. Details for Part 2 will follow in due course.

### AMERICA ARTICLE: UKRAINE

An article by Gerald O’Connell in [America](#) (14.6.22) discusses Pope Francis’ comments on the complexities of the war in Ukraine and on resisting simplistic distinctions between ‘good guys’ and ‘bad guys’.

### CAPSA MARKS REFUGEE WEEK

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) has marked Refugee Week (19-25 June 2022) with a [media release](#), a [reflection](#) by Andrew Hamilton SJ, and a range of [activities](#).

### CHA: LONELINESS IS A FACTOR THAT SETS MEN’S HEALTH APART

An [article](#) by Catholic Health Australia (CHA), following Men’s Health Week, reports on efforts by St Vincent’s Men’s Health Centre to tackle loneliness as a particular factor in health challenges faced by men.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### CRA PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE – ONLINE

Religious, along with family and friends, are invited to unite online in prayer for dialogue and peace, for a genuine end to the ongoing violence in Ukraine. Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, will join us for this important prayer.

Title: In Solidarity with the People of Ukraine: Prayer for Peace

Date & Time: Tuesday 28 June 2022, 11.30 am NSW, VIC, TAS | 9.30 am WA | 11.00 am SA, NT

Duration: 40 minutes

Registration: Free registration at [Trybooking](#). For more details view the flyer at the [CRA website](#)

### ONLINE GATHERING OF TEMPORARY PROFESSED

All Temporary Professed women and men are welcome to join this inter-congregational online gathering, sharing experiences of living Religious Life in today’s world.

Title: Online gathering of Temporary Professed



Date & Time: Saturday 23 July 2022, from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm AEST  
 Registration: Free registration at this [TryBooking](#) link

### 2022 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Please [register online](#) and [book accommodation](#) online for the 2022 CRA National Assembly, to be held in Melbourne, 29 August to 1 September 2022, at the Novotel on Collins, 270 Collins Street, Melbourne. The brochure, programme and speakers are available on the [CRA website](#).

### CRA ONLINE SEMINAR – WOMEN RELIGIOUS, WOMEN DEACONS

CRA will host a conversation with scholar Phyllis Zagano, who has 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 | 8.00 am WA | 9.30 am SA  
 Duration: 1.5 hrs, including discussion time  
 Registration: \$20 p/p For [flyer](#) and registration details go to the [CRA webpage](#)

### CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATE

The CRA Justice Seminar will be held 19 October 2022 at the Treacy Centre, Parkville, Melbourne. Registration details will be available soon.

### MID-WINTER RETREAT AT THE HERMITAGE

We are invited to a contemplative retreat experience as Andy Bullen SJ explores ways of discovering God and expressions of contemporary spirituality through the Creative Arts. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Seeing is Believing  
 Dates: 3.00 pm 5 July to 1.00 pm 8 July 2022  
 Venue: Marist Retreat Centre, The Hermitage, Mittagong NSW  
 Registration: \$670.00 Register at [this link](#)

### CHRISTOPHER LAMB LECTURES – SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

Parramatta Diocese is hosting a public lecture by Christopher Lamb, 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: Tuesday 5 July 2022, 7.30 pm  
 Venue: Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St, Parramatta NSW  
 Registration: Free lecture, but bookings are essential by 2 July: [mark.oconnor@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.oconnor@marists.org.au)

Christopher Lamb will also speak at the Newman College Dom Helder Camara Lecture Series. 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  
 Registration: Free lecture, but bookings are essential by 4 July: [mark.oconnor@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.oconnor@marists.org.au)

### PRE-PLenary COUNCIL LITURGY – SOUTH AUSTRALIA & LIVESTREAMED

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and South Australia Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC) invite us to join in a prayerful gathering (in-person or by Zoom) on the eve of the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council to pray, give thanks, and seek the inspiration of the Spirit.

Title: Walking in the Spirit  
 Date & Time: Friday 1 July 2022, 5.00 pm SA | 5.30 pm VIC, QLD, TAS, NSW | 3.30 pm WA  
 Venue: Mary MacKillop Precinct, 4 High Street, Kensington SA, or via Zoom  
 Registration: Free registration at [this link](#);

### CLOSING MASS OF PLENARY COUNCIL – SYDNEY & LIVESTREAMED

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB is inviting the Catholic community to the final Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia – the culmination of a four-year journey of renewal for the Church.

Title: Plenary Council Final Mass  
 Date & Time: Saturday, 9 July 2022, 10.30 am  
 Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and livestreamed at the Plenary Council [website](#)  
 Registration: Open to the public

### ONLINE SCREENING - ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTARY FILM

We are invited to an online screening of [My Octopus Teacher](#), an ecological conversion story about a man who experiences at deep connection with an octopus that he meets while diving. The invitation is from Catholic Earthcare and "Walking with God in Nature" ministries of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia.

Title: My Octopus Teacher  
 Date & Time: Thursday 14 July 2022, 6.00 - 8.00 pm VIC, QLD, TAS | 6.00 pm WA | 5.30 pm SA  
 Registration: Registrations are essential, at [this link](#)

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS RETREATS

[The Monastery](#) Conference and Retreat Centre in Urrbrae SA shares its 2022 Retreat Programme with us. See information below and also download the [Weekend Retreats](#) flyer for further offerings.

Title: Care for the Soul  
 Dates: There are three options for this retreat, offered on two occasions:  
 15-22 July 2022 or 2-8 October 2022. View [flyer](#) for details and prices  
 Venue: The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae, South Australia 5064  
 Bookings: See [flyer](#). Enquiries: [conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au); ph (08) 8338 8700

### DRAMA EVENT & RESOURCE - "I'M WITH HER"

*I'm With Her* was written for stage by Victoria Midwinter Pitt from conversations with 8 society-shaping women, including world champion surfer Pam Burrige, Catholic religious sister Patricia Madigan OP and

Australia's first female prime minister, Julia Gillard. [I'm With Her](#) has been re-written as an educational resource for schools and drama groups who wish to stage it, such as this event in Perth – details below.

Title: I'm With Her  
 Date & Time: Saturday 16 July 2022, 2.00 pm  
 Venue: Subiaco Arts Centre, 180 Hamersley Rd, Subiaco WA  
 Registration: \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession. See [flyer](#) for further information

## RESOURCES

### NEW BOOK FOR MARIST MILESTONE

The Marist Brothers are marking one hundred years of their communities and schools in Australia, and have just published a new history titled, *Sub Tuum Praesidium: Marist Brothers in Australia 1872-2022*. Download the [media release](#). Order the book [here](#).

### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF A CHANGING WORLD 😊😊😊

