

NEWS

SECOND ASSEMBLY PLENARY COUNCIL (3-9 July 2022)

Regular updates and media releases can be accessed at the [website](#) of the Plenary Council and at the ACBC [media blog](#). CRA has written letters of prayerful support to the President, Chair and Religious Members of the Plenary Council and the President of ACBC.

140TH ANNIVERSARY – FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS

On 1 June 2022 the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) marked 140 years since the arrival of their first Sisters in Australia, at Sandridge (Port Melbourne). Read about the early years of the Society's establishment in Australia in this [article](#) by Aileen Ryan FCJ.

DE LA SALLE BROTHER RECEIVES NATSICC AWARD

Congratulations to Rick Gaffney FSC on receiving a 2022 NATSICC award for Service to Community, for his long-serving role for the education and well-being of Indigenous young people and their families. Read more at this [NATSICC webpage](#).

EUREKA STREET ARTICLE - LESSONS FROM THE FEDERAL ELECTION

The latest issue of Jesuit magazine *Eureka Street* features an Op Ed, [“Towards inclusivity: Can the Church learn from the Federal election?”](#) by Anne Walker and Emma Carolan, CRA's National Executive Director and Justice Research Officer respectively.

A NATIONAL APPROACH TO VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated 7 - 14 August 2022. In a new national approach, Dioceses and Religious Institutes and other organisations are invited to contribute to a page that will be set up on the Australian Catholic Bishops' website to serve as a repository of shared resources. Read this notice for [further details](#).

COLUMBAN MID-YEAR APPEAL

The Columban Mid-Year Appeal is underway to assist with missionary work of the St Columbans Mission Society in countries such as Myanmar and China. View a 4-minute [video](#). To [donate](#) go to this link.

NEW CHILD SAFE STANDARDS - VICTORIA

There are new Child Safe Standards in Victoria, to better protect children. Learn more about the [11 Child Safe Standards](#) at the website of the Victorian Government's Commission for Children and Young People.

CHA: POSITIVE CALL TO ACTION ON END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

The [I Am Living](#) initiative is a series of educative video encounters with 11 people living with an advanced life-limiting or terminal illness. It communicates that every person matters to the last moment of their life. Continue reading at the Catholic Health Australia [website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

JOAN CHITTISTER RECORDING – NOW AVAILABLE!

The recording of *Roots and Wings: The Emergence of a Synodal Church with Joan Chittister OSB* is now available for a nominal fee of \$30 and will be available only until 1 October 2022, when it will be removed. Read the [article about the event](#) and [click here to purchase the recording](#).

CRA HEALTH & WELLBEING SEMINAR – NEW!

This CRA workshop, with presenter Di Adamson, will focus on the effects of living in an everchanging world and discuss strategies that enable us to live life to the fullest. Download the [flyer](#) from the CRA [website](#).

Title: Navigating the New Normal
Date & Time: Wednesday 7 September 2022, 9.00 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, VIC
Registration: \$150.00/person (including morning tea and lunch). Register at [Trybooking](#).
Enquiries: Ph: 02 9557 2695 or email: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA 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](#)

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2022

The deadline for [accommodation bookings](#) for the 2022 CRA National Assembly is [Thursday, 28 July 2022](#). Rooms are now limited. [Registrations for the Assembly](#) are still open. See the [website](#) for all information.

CRA ONLINE SEMINAR – WOMEN RELIGIOUS, WOMEN DEACONS

CRA will host a conversation with scholar Phyllis Zagano, 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 DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE - SAVE THE DATE

Please 'save the date' for the National Day of Sorrow and Promise which will be held on Sunday 23 October 2022. Details will follow in due course.

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.

HEART OF LIFE SEMINARS – ZOOM OR IN-PERSON – COMMENCING 18 JULY

For the professional development of priests, chaplains, pastoral carer practitioners and others in ministry, the *Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation* (Melbourne) offers seminars in professional standards; ecological spirituality; discernment; spirituality of life stages and more. [Continue reading here.](#)

Title: Heart of Life Seminars | Semester Two

Dates & Times: Seminars run for approximately two hours x 14 weeks from July to November, commencing the week of 18 July 2022. Attend by Zoom or in-person.

Registration: \$475 per seminar. For more information about each seminar, session times and how to book, please view the [2022 Programme](#) or visit the *Heart of Life* [website](#).

MODERN SLAVERY AND CLIMATE CHANGE – ONLINE EVENT

This online event, hosted by Sydney Archdiocese's Anti-Slavery Taskforce, explores how an integrated approach to addressing modern slavery, climate change and environmental destruction can lead to interventions by governments, communities, workers and business. Click here for further [information](#).

Title: Modern Slavery and Climate Change - Towards an Integrated Approach

Dates: Wednesday 20 July 2022, 4.00–5.30 pm NSW, VIC | 2.00 pm WA | 3.30 pm SA

Registration: Register free at [Eventbrite](#)

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

A small group comes together monthly, online, to read and discuss John's gospel, exploring St John's Christ Mystery as a way of helping them in their own spiritual journey. Learn more about [this programme](#) and other spirituality offerings at The Carmelite Centre (Melbourne) [website](#).

Title: Reading John's Gospel

Dates: The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 1.30 to 3.00 pm VIC | 11.30 am WA | 1.00 pm SA. Next meeting is 21 June 2022

Registration: If interested, please send your name, phone number and e-mail to Clare McArdle claremca@bigpond.com

CTC UNIT ONLINE: AGEING PERSONS AND PASTORAL CARE

This online course unit at Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne, explores the evolution of pastoral and spiritual care in their contribution to the personal, mental and social wellbeing of ageing persons in our society.

Title: Ageing persons and pastoral care

Dates: Offered online over six Saturdays in 2022: 30 July; 13, 27 August; 17 September; 8, 22 October: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, then 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm AEST

Registration: Refer to [brochure](#) for cost and booking details
Contact registrar@ctc.edu.au for further information, or phone 03 9412 330

EMPLOYMENT

CRA JUSTICE OFFICER (MATERNITY LEAVE POSITION)

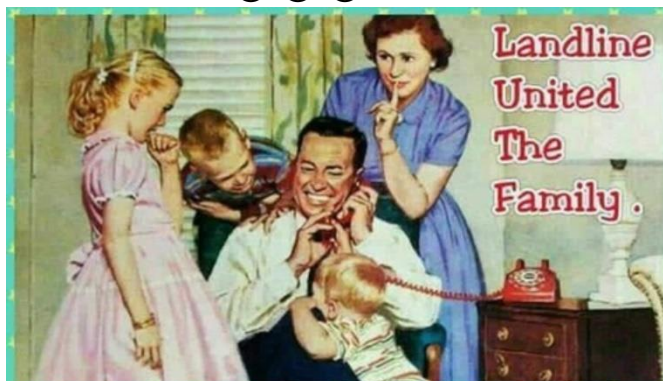
CRA is seeking a Justice Research Officer for its work in advocating on justice issues, critical to Leaders of religious congregations. Please consider forwarding the [advertisement and position description](#) to any potential candidates. Applications: Taylor Coutinho: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au. Enquiries: Anne Walker: nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au or 02 9557 2695. The closing date is 12 July 2022.

RESOURCES

GOOD SAMARITAN SISTERS' LAUDATO SI' VIDEO REFLECTION

Several Religious Institutes in Australia are engaged in initiatives for the care of our common home. Learn about the ecological work of the Good Samaritan Sisters and their ministry partners, who auspice the Faith Ecology Network, in this 11-minute [video](#) posted to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

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