

NEWS

PLENARY COUNCIL SECOND ASSEMBLY

Trevor Trotter SSC shares his experience of participating in the Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council, in the latest [Columban eBulletin](#). A number of post-Assembly interviews with Members can be found at [Redemptorist Common Home TV](#). You may also be interested in this article in [La Croix International](#) (subscription required for access).

REFLECTIONS OF TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has conducted an interview with the [Bishops Conference's Media Blog](#) as he begins his time as Conference president. His reflections include the significance of him being the first member of a religious order to be elected president, and lessons from the Plenary Council. Last week we were delighted to welcome Tim who popped in for an informal visit to the CRA Office.

STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN ACT

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian is undertaking a statutory review of the *Children's Guardian Act 2019*. Organisations are invited to respond to the discussion paper on the NSW [Have your say](#) website.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Registrations to attend the CRA National Assembly are still open. However, please note that accommodation bookings at the Novotel on Collins have closed as CRA's allocation has been sold out. Please check the CRA website for [alternative accommodation](#) and [parking and public transport](#) options.

The 2023 National Assembly will be held from Monday 31 July to Thursday 3 August 2023 at the Novotel Parramatta, in Sydney. *Please save the date!*

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. This will be an opportunity for you to share with other newer religious regarding your understanding of the challenge, purpose, and joy of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

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 HEALTH & WELLBEING SEMINAR

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 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, with speaker Cathy McGowan AO, former Independent MP for the rural Victorian seat of Indi from the 2013 federal election. Future speakers will be announced shortly. Registration details will be available soon.

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION – ONLINE

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within one self, on this day led by qualified meditation teacher and spiritual director Paola Cheng.

Title: Mindfulness & Meditation
Date & Time: Saturday 30 July 2022, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm AEST, online via Zoom
Registration: \$50. Book and pay by 25 July via www.heartoflife.melbourne
Enquiries: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone (03) 9890 1101

GENTLY INTEGRATING OUR SHADOW-SIDE TOWARD WHOLENESS – ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

Our shadow-side is not some deep, dark pathology within us to be feared. Although we are unaware of our shadow-side operating within, it nevertheless shapes our living, in that it expresses itself through distorted and unhealthy means. Event, led by Spiritual Director Kaye Twining, includes reflective practice.

Title: Gently Integrating our Shadow-side Toward Wholeness

Date & Time: Saturday 6 August 2022, 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person
Registration: \$50. Book and pay by 29/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne
Enquiries: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone (03) 9890 1101

2022 ABRAHAM CONFERENCE

This year's Abraham Conference in Sydney features Geraldine Doogue as guest presenter and John Cleary as moderator, with panellists from the three Abrahamic traditions and audience participation in the Q&A.

Title: Religion for the 21st Century: Recovering faith in Faith
Date: Sunday 14 August 2022, 2.00 – 5.00 pm
Venue: Amity College, Auburn Campus, 26-28 Kerr Parade, Auburn NSW
Registration: Cost: \$15 (\$10 concession). [Register at Humanitix](#)

EMPLOYMENT

ACSL POSITION: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL) invites expressions of Interest (by COB 5 August) for the position of ACSL Non- Executive Director. Continue reading [here](#). For further information, contact Ursula Stephens on 0407 228 727 or ursula.stephens@acsltd.org.au.

RESOURCES

CRA LAUDATO SI WEBPAGE - NEW RESOURCES

A number of new [links to resources](#) have been added to CRA's Laudato Si' webpage.

NEWMAN LECTURE TEXT AND VIDEO

From Newman College, the [text and video](#) for the 2022 Hélder Câmara Lecture: 'The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?' presented by Christopher Lamb on 11 July, are now available. Christopher Lamb's Parramatta Lecture text and video are available at the [Catholic Outlook](#) website.

EUTHANASIA INFORMATION SEMINAR

A Euthanasia Information [Seminar](#) was held on 9 July 2022, sponsored by the Australian Catholic Medical Association (ACMA) and the Order of Malta Australia. The recording is available to the public till mid-August. Enquiries: admin@catholicmedicine.org

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A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn. (Helen Keller)

