

NEWS

CRA SECRETARIAT NEWS

With each of you, we celebrate with our colleague, Emma Carolan, and her husband Jason, on the birth of their cherished daughter, Lorna May. Meanwhile, CRA welcomes Emma Baker to the role of Justice Research Officer, while Emma Carolan is on maternity leave.

MARISTS BROTHERS SESQUICENTENARY

CRA's latest edition of [Pathways](#) features a story about the Marist Brothers celebrating 150 years since opening their first school in Australia, and the release of a new history of the Congregation in Australia.

PLENARY COUNCIL SECOND ASSEMBLY

In the [Good Oil](#) (July 2022) Patty Fawkner SGS shares her reflections on the Second Assembly. Revisit the decrees, the voting, and various stories and videos at the [Plenary Council website](#). Also, this article, "How the Catholic Church in Australia is learning to be a synodal Church", appeared in [Catholic Outlook](#).

CMA AWARDS

Prof Mary Coloe PBVM has been awarded an honourable mention in the category "Scripture – Academic Studies" of the awards of the Catholic Media Association (CMA), USA. [Continue reading in Vox](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Registrations are still open. There is [a new speaker for the Leadership session](#) on Monday (29 August), if you have not previously registered for this session and wish to attend, please contact CRA. The Novotel on Collins has released additional rooms due to a cancellation, if you need accommodation at the Novotel, please call Taylor ASAP: 02 9557 2695. Check the CRA website for [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 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.

POST-PLENARY ONLINE SERIES: CREATING A JUST, SYNODAL CHURCH

Over four Wednesday evenings this online series focuses on inclusion in the Church in the context of synodality, governance, and leadership. Organised by Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform with Yarra Theological Union and Garratt Publishing. [Further information](#) is available here.

Title: Creating a just, synodal Church
Dates & Times: Wednesday evenings – August 10, 17, 24 & 31, 7.30 – 9.00 pm ACT, NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC | 7.00 pm NT, SA | 5.30 pm WA | 9.30 pm NZ
Registration: \$22.00 incl. GST (all four sessions). Register at [TryBooking](#)
Concessions: contact sales@garrattpublishing.com.au

POST-PLENARY ONLINE EVENT: WHAT DID IT ACHIEVE?

You are invited to join a Zoom meeting organised by Australian Young Christian Workers to hear reflections from Members of the Plenary Council on its achievement and also on the national census data on 'No Religion' being the second highest religious group and what it means for YCW and YCS.

Title: Plenary Council reflection – What did it achieve?
Date & Time: 17 August 2022, 7.00 – 8.30 pm VIC, QLD, TAS | 5.00 pm WA | 6.30 pm SA, NT
Registration: [Register](#) (free) at this link and find [further details](#) here

ACCOMMODATION

UNITS FOR RENT

The Carmelites have a number of independent single units in Middle Park, Victoria, available for rental. They may be well suited to the needs of some Religious and a reasonable rental fee can be negotiated. If interested, contact Damien Cairns, Business Manager, businessmanager@carmelites.org.au, or phone 0424 157 834.

RESOURCES

EUREKA STREET

“[In Praise of Complexity](#)” (*Eureka Street*, 21.7.22) by Andrew Hamilton SJ discusses how due weight given to complexity is part of political maturity. Also, *Eureka Street*’s latest bi-monthly essay, Melinda Tankard-Reist explores the toxic impact of pornography on young people (subscription required for access).

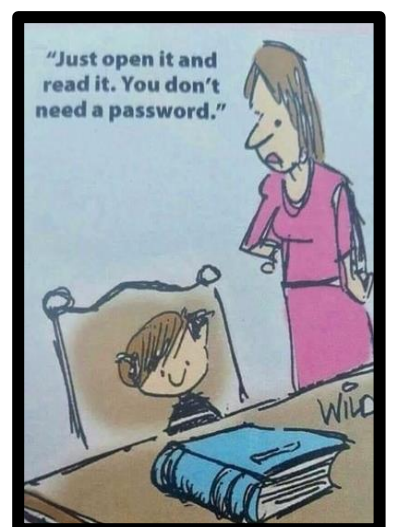
HONOURING GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (24 July 2022) has just been celebrated, and Pope Francis’ message for the occasion can be found at [this link](#).

SHORT COURSE

Campion College has launched a short course, *Introduction to Western Civilisation*, offering a broad overview of some of the most important texts and ideas from the past 3000 years. The course is open to all, regardless of age or location. Read the [media release](#) and find details at the Campion College [website](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊😊😊



I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the i-phone and the resident tech-expert is asleep. Because he's five. And it's past his bedtime.