

## NEWS

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### **MATER RECOGNISES TIRELESS WORK OF MERCY SISTER AFTER 75 YEARS OF SERVICE**

The Mater Hospital has celebrated the service of Angela Mary Doyle RSM to Brisbane, 75 years after her arrival in the city from her native Ireland. Continue reading at the [CRA website](#). Revisit Angela's [TedTalk](#).

### **150 YEARS OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH IN NSW**

The [Sesquicentenary Mass](#) celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW since their arrival in Perthville in 1872, was held in the Cathedral at Bathurst on 16 July 2022.

### **NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK | 7-14 AUGUST 2022**

A new vocations' [webpage](#) at the Catholic Bishops' Conference website invites the sharing of resources from dioceses, religious institutes and other networks. A number of Religious have already shared excellent storytelling videos. We are aware that there are many more Congregations with well-produced videos, podcasts and articles that tell vocational stories on their local websites. You are encouraged to share your material and links with the [national site](#). Contact [media@catholic.org.au](mailto:media@catholic.org.au).

### **MORE POST-PLenary CONVERSATIONS**

Reflection and conversation on the experience of the Plenary Council continues, including an online gathering convened by the [Carmelites](#) with Paul Cahill OCarm on Wednesday 3 August, 10.30 am.

### **VOLUNTEERS - LIVING WELL DYING WELL**

*Living Well Dying Well* volunteers provide accompaniment to individuals living with serious and life-limiting illness, as well as support for their family and carers. [Learn more](#) about this ministry which provides companionship, connection and belonging to people who are navigating times of challenge, transition and change.

### **INTERFAITH STATEMENT ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

The Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is being held on 1-26 August 2022. A number of Religious Institutes have signed an [interfaith statement](#) for this occasion (drafted by Soka Gakkai Action for Peace).

### **CHA SAYS SECTOR READY TO WORK ON ROYAL COMMISSION AGED CARE LEGISLATION**

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) welcomes the passage of crucial legislation that paves the way for a new and more transparent funding regime for aged care providers. Read the [CHA media release](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **CRA TED DUNN ONLINE COLLABORATION**

Registrations are open for CRA's online collaboration with Ted Dunn in September 2022. The two sessions will take place 9.00 am – 12.00 noon AEST on 17 and 30 September 2022. Further information will follow soon at the CRA website. In the meantime, registrations can be taken through CRA's [TryBooking](#) platform.

### **CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Registrations are open for a little while longer. 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. 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### ACRATH ONLINE BREAKFAST

Join Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) for an online for breakfast on Tuesday 16 August to discuss women and leadership and to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council.

Title: Breakfast Celebrating Women Leaders  
Date & Time: Tuesday 16 August 2022 at 8.00 am in ACT, VIC, NSW | 6.00 am WA | 7.30 am SA  
Registration: Join the breakfast zoom link at the [ACRATH website](#)

### HEART OF LIFE REFLECTION DAY – IN-PERSON

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” (Mary Oliver). For those moving into the second half, or maybe the final third, of life, Nicole Rotaru RSM, will lead a gentle reflection of themes with special significance to our later years, awakening to new possibilities in our present lives.

Title: Treasuring our Later Years  
Date & Time: Saturday 20 August 2022, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm  
Venue: Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern, VIC  
Registration: \$60. Book and pay by 12 August 2022 at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)  
Enquiries: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or phone (03) 9890 1101

### BIENNIEL NATIONAL DEACON CONFERENCE

The conference focus for this biennial gathering of deacons in Australia is looking at the impact of the Plenary Council on the Deacon's Ministry. Download the Conference [brochure](#) for programme details.

Title: Deacons going into the deep  
Dates & Times: 4.00 pm 13 October to 2.00 pm 16 October 2022  
Venue: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills, NSW  
Registration: Bookings can be made at the conference [website](#)  
Enquiries: [jill.franco@parracatholic.org](mailto:jill.franco@parracatholic.org)

### 2022 NATSICC VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

The theme for 2022 NATSICC Assembly is *Holy Spirit in This Land* and topics will include *Laudato Si'*, Healing through Country, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirituality. The details for virtual attendance are below. For information about in-person attendance in Townsville, visit the [NATSICC Assembly](#) website.

Title: Holy Spirit in This Land  
Date & Time: 19 – 23 September 2022  
Registration: \$100 pp for Virtual Assembly. Click here for bookings and [further ticket options](#).

### SABBATICAL OPPORTUNITY

This Sabbatical focuses on transitions and is suitable for those at the crossroads of life and ministry. The invitation is to openness, vulnerability and spiritual growth. [Download the brochure](#).

Title: Invitation to Wisdom, Mission, Conversion, Transformation  
Date & Time: 19 February to 2 April 2023

Venue: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills NSW  
 Registration: Cost: \$8,550.00 Closing date for [applications](#): 17 February 2023

## RESOURCES

### RELIGIOUS STORIES FOR VOCATIONS WEEK 2022

In a recent Augustinian vocations video, [Saldie Resolado OSA](#) shares his insights into his experiences of responding to God's call. The call to religious life as Canossian Daughters of Charity is shared through a [video series](#). Meanwhile, [Elizabeth Young](#) RSM has shared her story as a Sister of Mercy with a call to diaconal service at the margins. There are so many more vocational stories within congregational networks... Please share your resources widely during Vocations Week!

### THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊😊😊



Some days I amaze myself.  
  
Other days, I put my keys in the fridge.



Happiness is letting go of what you think your life is supposed to look like and celebrating it for everything that it is.