

NEWS

CRA PUBLICATION: OUR STORIES, OUR LIVES, OUR MISSION

Our thanks to the 40 Religious Institutes who have contributed to the CRA project which was launched on World Day for Consecrated Life (2 February 2022). This storytelling publication, designed to assist teachers and youth ministers to raise awareness of Religious life in their work with the young, is progressing and will be showcased at the CRA National Assembly. There are a few stories being finalised this week. Enquiries: Teresa Pirola ppo@catholicreligious.org.au

JESUIT AUSTRALIA ASSISTS NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia's growing Employment Program, funded by the [PAYCE Foundation](#), is working to support some of Australia's newest refugee arrivals. Continue reading at the [JRA website](#).

ISM PNG CALLS FOR REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER FOR MYANMAR

In a simple [prayer post](#), the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISM PNG) calls us to remember four innocent men recently executed in Myanmar, and to pray for peace.

BISHOPS LAMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic bishops have released their annual Social Justice statement entitled *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, addressing the scourge of domestic violence in society. Read the Bishops' [media release](#) and download the [Social Justice Statement here](#).

BDACE UPDATE

An update on the Biographical Dictionary of Australian Catholic Educators (BDACE) project can be found at [this link](#), including news of its recent public launch by the Vice Chancellor of Australian Catholic University, the new BDACE website, and the text of the address by historian Fr Edmund Campion.

MORE POST-PLenary REFLECTIONS

"The omission shocked me." The August 2022 issue of the [Columban Interfaith E-Bulletin](#) shares some of the 'back story' to the Plenary Council's journey in addressing interfaith relations, from omission to a motion that was passed. The E-Bulletin also highlights a new Interfaith Commission in Parramatta Diocese.

REMEMBERING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT – A VIRTUAL PRAYER SPACE

This week, you may like to spend a [half hour in prayer](#) at the tomb of Australia's first saint, St Mary Mackillop. This virtual prayer space can be entered at the website of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

NEW – WEBINAR: FEAST OF ST PHOEBE

At this CRA-supported webinar, organised by *Liturgy on the Margins*, we will hear from international experts on the permanent diaconate and women's diaconal ministry, and share with each other as we celebrate St Phoebe, the first to be given the title of deacon in the Bible. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Feast of Saint Phoebe

Dates & Times: Saturday 3 September 2022, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm VIC, QLD, NSW, ACT, TAS | 9.30 am SA, NT | 8.00 am WA

Registration: [Register for free](#) here. Further details at the website [Liturgy on the Margins](#)

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Please note that registrations for the 2022 National Assembly will close on Monday, 15 August. There is a new speaker for the [Leadership session on Monday](#) (29 August), if you have not registered for this session and wish to attend, please contact CRA by 15 August. Check [parking and public transport](#) options online.

Looking ahead to next year: please save the date for the **2023 National Assembly** which will be held from Monday 31 July to Thursday 3 August 2023 at the Novotel Parramatta, in Sydney.

CRA HEALTH & WELL-BEING 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 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 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. Speakers include Cathy McGowan AO, former Independent MP for the rural Victorian seat of Indi, speaking on advocacy; Bangerang/Wiradjuri woman, Geraldine Atkinson, on Treaty Making in Victoria; and Brigidine Sister, Brigid Arthur CSB AO, on refugee advocacy. The day will conclude with a student panel on climate change moderated by Romina Martiniello (Caritas Social & Ecological Justice Animator for Victoria & Tasmania). Registration details will be available soon.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY – 'FIELD HOSPITAL' TRAINING VIA ZOOM

[God's Field Hospital](#) Exercises were created by Michael Hansen SJ in response to Pope Francis' image of the church as a field hospital, a place to heal wounds and warm hearts. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, these exercises have been used by prison chaplains, nurses, teachers, carers and wherever healing is needed. Now an online training is being offered to become a 'giver' of these exercises.

Title: God's Field Hospital Training

Dates & Times: Sunday 21 August 2022, 7.00 am to 11.00 am NSW, QLD, VIC | 6.30 am SA, NT

Or: Sunday 16 October 2022, 8.00 am to 12.00 noon AEST

Registration: [Register](#) here, free of charge; a donation is welcome at time of registration

EMPLOYMENT

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE – GREENSBOROUGH VIC

St Mary's Parish, Greensborough, in Melbourne Archdiocese, is looking to employ a Senior Pastoral Associate. Please refer to the attached [advertisement](#) for details.

RESOURCES

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