

NEWS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SYNTHESIS FOR THE 'SYNOD ON SYNODALITY'

The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to which CRA was a contributor, has been published. Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' [media release](#) and access the [Australian Synthesis](#) at the ACBC website.

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN STUDY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) program offers financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Programme components include opportunities for spiritual direction, mentoring and dialogue with like-minded women. Applications are invited for 2023 (2021 and 2022 applicants may reapply). [Download the flyer](#), and read more about the program [here](#). For further information, email samleadership@goodsams.org.au.

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE

With sadness, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart share their carefully discerned decision to allow the Retreat Centre business at Douglas Park (NSW) to enter a 'fallow' time. The [St Mary's Towers](#) Retreat Centre in-house retreat programs will be *rested* until further notice. Read the MSC Provincial's [letter](#) here.

CHA URGES SENATE TO OPPOSE TROJAN HORSE EUTHANASIA BILL FOR TERRITORIES

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) is warning that the Restoring Territory Rights Bill 2022, which is now before the Senate, has a single purpose – to allow the Territories to pass assisted suicide and euthanasia laws, and is concerned by the lack of honesty of the motives behind the Bill. Read the [CHA media release](#).

EXPERTS UNPACK THE LATEST CENSUS DATA

A recent event jointly hosted by the National Centre for Pastoral Research and the Christian Research Association, in response to the Australian Bureau of Statistics' June release of data from the 2021 Census, provided insight into statistical trends and possible implications for a pastoral response. [Continue reading](#) or view the Census Seminar [video](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Please note that registrations for the 2022 National Assembly have closed; enquiries should be directed to Taylor Coutinho, secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au; ph (02) 9557 2695. Check [parking and public transport](#) options online.

Religious Archive Project At National Assembly

There is an Archive project group in Victoria which has been collaborating with the University of Divinity to create possibilities for research while honouring the contribution that religious congregations and groups have made to education, health, welfare and pastoral leadership over the course of their history. Helen Carboon PBVM will present at the National Assembly on Thursday (1/09) and an informal meeting will be held on Monday (29/08) before the Welcome Dinner. [Continue reading](#) at this link.

2023 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

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.

ONLINE SEMINAR: 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 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 NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – IN PERSON, IN MELBOURNE

Registrations are open for the 2022 CRA National Justice Seminar Day which will engage our members in conversation about contemporary justice issues and support their proposed actions. Speakers include Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, Brigid Arthur CSB AO, and a student panel on climate change moderated by Romina Martiniello. For speaker information, [download the flyer](#) at the CRA website.

Title: Now is the time!
Date & Time: Wednesday, 19 October 2022, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville VIC 3052
Registration: \$150 per person, including lunch. RSVP by Monday 10 October 2022
Register at [Trybooking](#). Enquiries: 02 9557 2695 or email secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

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.

2023 CONFERENCE: MISSION - ONE HEART MANY VOICES - SAVE THE DATE

Please '[save the date](#)' for the sixth biennial national mission conference sponsored by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* (MOHMOV), to be held 3-5 May 2023 in Sydney and online. Program details will follow in due course, or '[watch this space](#)' at the 2023 MOHMOV Conference website.

HEART OF LIFE SESSIONS – VIA ZOOM

Are you a spiritual leader? Pondering studying spiritual direction or supervision? Or simply interested in contemplative listening and responding with your heart? Come and experience a taste of one of the *Heart of Life* offerings for next year. Details below and at the [website](#) of the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.

Title: Taster Session
Date & Time: Saturday 27 August 2022, 9.30 am – 11.00 am AEST, via Zoom
Registration: [Register free](#) here for the session and receive the zoom link
Enquiries: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone (03) 9890 1101

In this reflection event, Chris Chaplin MSC will explore aspects that can enhance or detract from hearing the voice of God within, and how our assertiveness can build up everyone's strength and capacity to love. Details below and at the [website](#) of the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.

Title: Assertiveness – “Is that you God?” – Trusting your own inner voice
Date & Time: Tuesday 30 August 2022, 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm AEST, via Zoom
Registration: \$35. Book and pay by 23 August at this Heart of Life [webpage](#)
Enquiries: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone (03) 9890 1101

RESOURCES

SOUL FOOD PODCAST SERIES

Parramatta's *Soul Food* podcast series features an interview with Ursuline Sister Patty Andrew OSU and can be found at the Pastoral Formation [webpage](#) of Parramatta Diocese or at [Spotify](#). Coordinator Donny Velasco invites suggestions of people to be part of the series. Enquiries: donnie.velasco@parractholic.org.

THE BRIDGE - NEWSLETTER

The [latest issue](#) of *The Bridge*, the bi-monthly newsletter of the National Centre for Evangelisation, reports on a range of topics such as a new Domestic Church movement; encountering God through music; and the upcoming conference *Evangelise*, to be hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry on 20-22 October 2022.

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