

NEWS

CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – 19 OCTOBER 2022

Registration for the CRA National Justice Seminar is extended until this Thursday 13 October 2022 – refer to *Events*.

JRS AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PROTECT HAZARAS

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia has called on the Australian government to move with urgency in issuing Special Humanitarian Visas to Afghans, following a terrorist attack in Kabul that targeted the Hazara ethnic community and left more than 170 students dead or injured. [Read the JRS media release](#).

A LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN FOR THE JOSEPHITE COMMUNITY

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, with the Sisters of St Joseph Lochinvar, share their [Explore, Embrace, Embody](#) Laudato Si' Action Plan for the Josephite Community. Read the [media release](#) here.

SYNODALITY TOP OF AGENDA FOR POPE

“It is clear to me that Pope Francis is absolutely committed to this path towards the more truly synodal Church to which the Lord is calling us... It was an honour to be able to share our [Plenary Council] experience with him”, ACBC President Tim Costelloe SDB is quoted as saying in this [media release](#).

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING ROAD FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

As part of the Emerging Leaders Project in Townsville Diocese, this week a group of Indigenous presenters are sharing their wisdom, stories and strategies for overcoming adversity via a Mental Health & Wellbeing Roadshow. Read the Townsville Catholic Education [media release](#), courtesy of CathNews.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 23 OCTOBER

[Catholic Mission](#) reminds us that each year the second last Sunday of October is dedicated to World Mission Sunday, this year falling on 23 October. In 2022, it is also an opportunity to celebrate the great global network of mission - Pontifical Mission Societies (known in Australia as *Catholic Mission*) - founded 200 years ago by a young French woman, [Pauline Jaricot](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2023 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - SAVE THE DATE

The next Assembly will be held from Monday 31 July to Thursday 3 August 2023 at the Novotel Parramatta.

WOMEN AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL – WATAC EVENT

Two women from the Plenary Council - one a Member of the *periti* (advisors) and the other a Member of the Council itself - will provide insight into their experiences at the Plenary Council, at the next instalment of the webinar series, *WATAC Presents*. [Download the flyer](#) and read the [media release](#).

Title: What was it like to be a woman at the Plenary Council?
Date & Time: Wednesday 12 October 2022, 7.00 pm VIC, NSW, ACT | 6.00 pm QLD | 6.30 pm SA | 5.30 pm NT | 4.00 pm WA |
Registration: Register (free) at [this link](#)

CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS

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 Juliet Talarico (Mercy Hub). For speaker information, [download flyer](#) at 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 **Thursday 13 October 2022**
Register at [Trybooking](#). Enquiries: 02 9557 2695 or email secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE

CRA's National Day of Sorrow and Promise is an important day in our annual calendar, to hold and pray for all those who have been abused through contact with our Church. A prayer resource is now available for Religious Institutes to participate in an hour of prayer and reflection on 23 October 2023. The focus this year is the gift of *listening* and its healing power. Download resources at this CRA [webpage](#).

Title: CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise
Date: Sunday 23 October 2022, 5.00–6.00 pm wherever you are, or at a time of your choosing.
Mode: Via Zoom. [Prayer resources available for download](#).

REFLECTION DAY FOR CONGREGATIONS WITH SMALL MEMBERSHIP

For Congregations with small member numbers, there is an opportunity to gather 2-3 times a year, with the final gathering for 2022 to be held this month. This reflection day will focus on the spirituality of Hildegard von Bingen, facilitated by Colleen Leonard SGS. Download the brochure [here](#) or [here](#) (2 versions).

Title: Hildegard Von Bingen – 12th century mystic & ecological prophet
Date: Saturday 22 October 2022
Venue: Holy Cross Centre Serpells Road, Templestowe VIC
Registration: Suggested donation \$20. BYO lunch/face mask (optional). Enquiries: Lorraine Testa ASJM
RSVP: 17 October, ltesta@bigpond.net.au, 0419 377 495

ONLINE SEMINAR – SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

The Marist Brothers Province of Australia is inviting Religious Institutes, clergy and staff to a *free* online seminar being led by two well respected scholars in the area of sexual abuse, Dr Brendan Geary FMS and Dr Barry O’Sullivan. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Cause and effect – sexual abuse in the Church
Date & Time: Thursday 20 October 2022, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm VIC, NSW | 7.00 am WA |
Registration: Register (free) with Bianca Buda at rsvp@marists.org.au to receive Zoom link

LAUDATO SI’ FILM – ONLINE SCREENING

Off the Fence Productions has collaborated with the Vatican to release the Laudato Si’ film – *The Letter*, in which Pope Francis is joined by four more voices: the Indigenous, the young, the poor and the voice of nature. [View the trailer.](#) An online screening (plus discussion) will be hosted by Caritas, Catholic Earthcare, ISMAPNG and Being with God in Nature.

Title: The Letter
Date & Time: 24 October 6.00 pm NSW, VIC | 3.00 pm WA | 5.00 pm QLD | 5.30 pm SA | 4.30 pm NT
Registration: [Register \(free\) at Trybooking](#) and pls double-check your time zone

2023 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

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.

Title: *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* (MOHMOV)
Dates: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023
Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney AND online
Registration: Details to follow. In the meantime, visit the [2023 MOHMOV Conference website](#)

ACCOMMODATION

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION AT SANTA CASA

Santa Casa, in Queenscliff, Victoria, has places available for holidays from 27 December to 10 January; 12 to 26 January; 28 January to 11 February, and invites enquiries from members of Religious Institutes. Cost: \$110 per night, fully catered. Bed linen and towels supplied. Contact: Lizzie Finnerty 0418 194261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

RESOURCES

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II

11 October is the 60th anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council. A succinct [550-word](#) piece at *Salt & Light Media* outlines titles and themes of key conciliar documents, and a discussion question: *What can you and I do to be that kind of Church [envisioned by Vatican II] today?*

ELIZABETH JOHNSON CSJ – CREATION THEOLOGY

The October *Tilling the Soil* Newsletter of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion shares this 40-minute video [presentation](#) with Dr Elizabeth Johnson CSJ, *Enfolded with Affection: Imagining 'Us' in Creation Theology*, part of the Sundays@CTU series.

INTERFAITH ENCOUNTERS IN SCHOOLS

The latest Columban [Interfaith eBulletin](#) contains six short articles on the *Interfaith Encounters* inter-school program developed by Catholic Mission in consultation with Patrick McInerney SSC, director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations in Sydney.

NEW BOOK TO ASSIST CLERGY-LAY COOPERATION IN MINISTRY

New from [St Pauls Publications](#): *Collaborators in Ministry: A Guide for Lay People and Clergy*, by Fr Brian Lucas, is written to assist both lay people and clergy to understand the principles of a collaborative approach to ministry. RRP: \$29.95

THE LIGHTER SIDE 🤔

When the cake recipe says put one whole egg in it



There should be a calorie refund for things that didn't taste as good as you expected. 😊

Jet fighter pilot on vacation

