

NEWS

CRA NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE – SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

A reminder that resources for this year's CRA's National Day of Sorrow and Promise on Sunday 23 October are [available for download](#) and on the [webpage](#). Thank you for marking this important day in our calendar.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR LGBTIQA+ CATHOLICS

A [statement of support](#) affirming the dignity of LGBTIQA+ Catholics and their contributions to Catholic community is being circulated among members of the Plenary Council, inviting signatures. If you were a member of the Plenary Council and wish to add your support or seek further information about this lay-led initiative, please contact organiser [John Warhurst](#) at John.Warhurst@anu.edu.au.

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

“The biggest gift the nuns who educated me gave me was to tell me, ‘You have got to learn to walk in two worlds’ and this has influenced my work ever since,” said Catholic Aboriginal elder Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann in her address at the recent Aboriginal Catholics and Reconciliation evening held in Sydney Archdiocese. Continue reading at the Sydney Justice and Peace [website](#).

USIG-USG CONTRIBUTION TO SYNODALITY CONSULTATION

The International Union of Superiors General (USIG) and the Union of Superiors General (USG) have released their [synthesis of reflections](#) in the lead-up to the 2023 Synod on synodality. A presentation of the document will take place in Rome on 2 November, 2.00 – 4.00 pm (Rome time). See [flyer](#) for details.

Also, Pope Francis has announced that the Assembly meetings of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality will take place in two sessions: in October 2023 and October 2024. Continue reading at [Vatican News](#).

CARITAS MEDIA RELEASE

[Caritas Australia has released a statement](#) expressing solidarity with aid agencies in Ukraine and civilians affected by a devastating wave of missile attacks and other airstrikes across the country.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CRA EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

The CRA Secretariat is seeking an Executive Administrator to provide high level executive assistance to the National Executive Director and to ensure the smooth running of the national office. Please forward this information and [position description](#) to any suitable potential candidates. With sadness, we farewell

Kaylie Beuchat who has brought her expertise and grace to the position for the past three years. Applications close 3 November 2022. Enquiries should go to nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au.

GENERAL MANAGER FOR SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

The Board of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart are seeking a General Manger for Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney with senior level not-for-profit experience, ideally in sectors such as Education, Hospitality, Health, Aged Care or Allied Health; or leadership of a Catholic Church agency. See more information here. Enquiries should be directed to John Chesher on 0417 068 220.

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.

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. 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, email: ltesta@bigpond.net.au or ph: 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

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

An extensive list of directed retreats, reflection days and contemplative walks offered by Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia can be found [at this link](#), covering the period October 2022 to January 2024.

SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE 2022

Legislation now requires health care workers to cooperate in processes which facilitate abortion and euthanasia in NSW. The conference will provide guidance for clinical students and healthcare workers in exercising conscientious objections to such practices.

Title: Conscientious Objection to Abortion and Euthanasia for Health Care Students and Workers

Date & Time: 5 November 2022; 1.30 – 5.30 pm
 Venue: Warrane College, UNSW, cnr Anzac Pde and Barker St, Kensington NSW
 Registration: Further information and free registration at [Eventbrite](#)
 Enquiries: solidarity.committee.conference@gmail.com

HEART OF LIFE – SPIRITUALITY SESSION (IN PERSON)

Heart of Life Centre Melbourne invites us to relate to screen images as visions for our spiritual lives.

Title: Spirituality & Screen Images (Led by lecturer Peter Malone MSC)
 Date & Time: Saturday 5 November 2022, 12.30 – 5.00 pm
 Venue: Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern, Victoria
 Registration: \$60. Book and pay by 29 October 2022 via www.heartoflife.melbourne
 Enquiries: office@heartoflife.melbourne, or phone (03) 9890 1101

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

Catholic Mission and CRA invite you to '[save the date](#)' for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference.

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](#)

RESOURCES

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2022

The latest issue of *The Bridge* Newsletter of the National Centre for Evangelisation, can be found at [here](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE

We just bought a book from Ikea!



shared by silversurfers.com

On the surface:
Cool as a cucumber

On the inside:
Squirrel in traffic

Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector
that shuts off
when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"



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"You getting athlete's foot is about
as ridiculous as a coal miner
with sunstroke!"