

NEWS



WELCOMING NEW LIFE!

Last week, CRA Secretariat staff enjoyed a visit from Justice Research Officer (on maternity leave) Emma Carolan and her newborn, Lorna May.

CRA LETTER TO ACBC: WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

After a discussion at CRA National Council about women at the Plenary Council, a letter from the CRA President was sent to the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference inviting a “deepening of the conversation . . . to bring about the transformation required to enable the equal opportunity for women to exercise their rightful place within the ecclesial community”. [Read the letter here.](#)

CRA “JUST NOW” - OCTOBER ISSUE AVAILABLE

The latest edition of CRA’s Justice publication *Just Now* focusses on criminalising coercive behaviour and ensuring a safe space. Feel free to share the [online version](#) with your congregational members.

2023 MERCY INTEGRAL ECOLOGY EMERGING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

Following the successful 2022 inaugural program, the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia & Papua New Guinea, in collaboration with Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Earthcare, invites applications for the 2023 Mercy Integral Ecology Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program. This fully funded, 12-month (part-time) fellowship program is for those already passionate about animating efforts for Gospel justice to care for our common home. See [information and application guide](#). Applications close 27 November.

JESUIT MISSION WEBINAR – WATER THE GIFT OF LIFE

A Jesuit Mission [media release](#) invites us to a webinar – *Water: the Gift of Life* on Wednesday 9 November at 6.00 pm AEDT – which discusses the impact of a Jesuit-run project in Timor-Leste supporting over 5,000 vulnerable people through the provision of clean water. Download the [invitation](#) here.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL BUDGET

A number of Catholic organisations have issued media releases in the wake of the Federal Budget: [Catholic Heath Australia](#) comments on the Budget’s \$3.9 billion in additional aged care investment.

[Caritas Australia](#) welcomes the Government’s commitment of \$1.4 billion towards foreign aid.

[Catholic Social Services Australia](#) says that low-income and disadvantaged people will not be left behind as the community faces enormous economic and structural budget challenges.

EUREKA STREET PLUS; CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Jesuit Communications Australia invites subscriptions to [Eureka Street Plus](#). It also asks people to consider buying tickets in the [Christmas Raffle](#) or making a [donation](#) to this communications mission.

AUSTRALIA DROPS OPPOSITION TO TPNW

In a vote at the United Nations last week, Australia dropped its opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Continue reading at the [website](#) of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

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 the [position description](#) to potential candidates. Enquiries nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au.

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.

QLD RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE – IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

This Ritual of Remembrance is an annual Religious of Queensland network event held at Nudgee Cemetery, the burial place of many Religious in southeast Queensland. [Download the brochure](#).

Title: QLD Ritual of Remembrance
Date & Time: Wednesday 2 November 2022, 6.00 pm QLD | 7.00 pm AEDT | 4.00 pm AWST
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, St Vincent's Road, Banyo Qld
Registration: If attending the Ritual in person, please [register](#) by Friday 28 October 2022.
If viewing the Livestream, [find the link here](#), on the day.

CRA ONLINE GATHERING OF TEMPORARY PROFESSED

This inter-congregational online gathering for temporary professed and newly finally professed members (less than 5 years), women and men, is a valuable opportunity to share the experience of living religious life in today's world, and to learn from companions on this journey. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Human and Spiritual: Conversations around the vow of celibacy for Religious life in 2022 and beyond
Date & Time: Saturday 26 November 2022, 2.00 – 4.00 pm NSW | 1.00 pm QLD | 11.00 am WA
Mode: Online – a Zoom link will be distributed closer to the day
Registration: [Register free at Trybooking](#) by Thursday 24 November 2022.
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au or phone 02 9557 2695

A CARMELITE CONVERSATION ENGAGING THE WORK OF BRENE BROWN

As part of a series of Conversations, this online session of the Carmelite Centre Melbourne will explore Carmelite spirituality in light of the work of social scientist Brené Brown. Led by Michelle Jones. For further events view the Carmelite Centre [schedule](#).

Title: Carmelite spirituality and the writings of Brené Brown
 Date & Time: Wednesday, 2 November 2022, 10.30 am – 12.00 noon Melbourne time
 Registration: Donation \$10, Register at the [Carmelite Centre Melbourne website](#)

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

LIVING WELL, DYING WELL

Visit livingwelldyingwell.org/share to access a range of resources to assist communities in walking with people who are living with a serious and life-limiting illness, and their families.

ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

Some gentle [music](#) (*PrayerPray*) to help us prayerfully remember the saints, martyrs and our loved ones.

THE LIGHTER SIDE 🤔



First Day as a Pilot

Control Tower: *Can you give me your position?*

Me: *I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion.*

Control Tower: *Can you be more specific?*

Me: *Simba.*

Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eye-witness. – Mark Twain



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