

NEWS

CRA PARTNERS WITH NATSICC - CULTURAL COMPETENCY COURSE

CRA has partnered with NATSICC to provide a new online course called *Cross Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context for CRA members*. Read the [media release](#). Enrol in this course at the [CRA website](#).

JOSEPHITE ELDERING RESOURCES

Resources by Catherine Shelton RSJ are available on the [CRA website](#) (under Health & Well-being Resources) for use by Religious across Australia with permission of the Josephite Eldering Team (JET), as well as a webinar on 'Conscious Eldering' with an introduction and discussions by members of the SOSJ Communications Team. CRA appreciates the generosity of JET in sharing these resources.

CRA PUBLICATION: "OUR STORIES, OUR LIVES, OUR MISSION"

Thank you to the 60 congregations who have contributed to the forthcoming CRA publication: *Our Stories, Our Lives, Our Mission*. The period for submissions has concluded; final edits are being made this week.

NEXT STAGE OF GLOBAL CONSULTATION ON SYNODALITY

Groups across Australia are now able to participate in the latest discernment process for the global Synod on Synodality, reflecting on the [Working Document for the Continental Stage](#). The portal for group submissions is now open at the [ACBC website](#) until 9 December. CRA is organising a consultative exercise to be held next week.

COLUMBAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Columbans invite support for the 2022 Columban Christmas Appeal, [at this link](#).

CARE OF PERSONS WHO ARE AGED, ILL OR VULNERABLE

An [article](#) by the Aged-Care Director of Catholic Health Australia (CHA) provides an update on aged-care reforms introduced since the last Australian federal election.

Meanwhile, the World Medical Association (WMA) has once again affirmed the right of doctors to conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide in updating the text of the [International Code of Medical Ethics](#) at its 73rd General Assembly, in Berlin, October 2022. Read the [WMA press release](#).

RED WEDNESDAY – 23 NOVEMBER 2022

Many churches and cathedrals in Australia, and throughout the world, will be lighting up in red and holding an event to commemorate [Red Wednesday](#) on 23 November, to draw attention to the plight of millions of Christians around the world persecuted for practising their faith.

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.

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

2022 CARDIJN LECTURE - ONLINE

Australian Cardijn Institute (ACI) and Catholic Mission Australia have announced that Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ, president of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will deliver the Cardijn Lecture for 2022. Further information at the [ACI website.](#)

Title: Siblings All, Sign of the Times: The Social Teaching of Pope Francis

Date & Time: Monday 14 November 2022, 7.30 pm Sydney, Melbourne | 7.00 pm Adelaide | 6.30 pm Brisbane | 4.30 pm Perth

Registration: [Free registration at this link](#)

MERCY CHARISM BOOK LAUNCH

Join in person or online for the launch by Mercy Partners of *Be as Shining Lamps – Preserving, Nurturing, Reimagining the Mercy Charism*. This handbook provides information on the life of Catherine McAuley along with reflections, prayers, liturgies, worksheets and suggestions for preserving the Mercy Charism. [Download the flyer](#) and [order the book at this link.](#)

Title: Mercy Charism Book launch

Date & Time: Thursday 17 November 2022, 6.00 – 8.00 pm NSW, ACT, VIC | 5.30 pm SA | 5.00 pm QLD | 4.30 pm NT | 3.00 pm WA |

Venue: Mater Newstead Auditorium, 14 Stratton St, Newstead Qld

Registration: For in-person or online attendance, [register at Eventbrite](#)

BECOMING A CHURCH OF CLOSENESS – ONLINE CONVERSATION

Join a live international conversation with Sr Nathalie Becquart, Fr James Mallon, and Dr Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, sponsored by Divine Renovation. What does Pope Francis mean, calling the Church to become a *Church of closeness*? What are the challenges and opportunities of synodality for parish life and mission?

Title: Becoming a Church of closeness

Date & Time: In Australia: Saturday 19 November 2022, 5.00 am Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne

Registration: [Register free](#) and find more details at the Divine Renovation [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

ADVENT RESOURCES 2022

Some offerings of Advent resources for 2022 from Religious publishing: [Loyola Press](#) - Ignatian Spirituality; [Redemptorist Publications](#) Advent & Christmas Catalogue; [St PAULS](#) Publications - Advent resources.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTION

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. [More](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE of PETROL STATIONS 🤔

Can you imagine wanting to make sure you drove by a certain gas station every day just to see the message on the chalk board? It's true -- a petrol station in Gauteng, South Africa has become a landmark because of its daily uplifting quotes written on a chalk board. Some people say they deliberately travel this route just to read the quote to brighten their day. Here are some examples:

