

NEWS

PRAYERS FOR SCHOENSTATT SISTERS

As some of you would know, five Schoenstatt Sisters were injured in car accident last Wednesday night. One of the Sisters remains in a critical condition and the other Sisters are home with minor injuries. Your prayers are deeply appreciated at this extremely difficult time for the Schoenstatt community.

ROME CONGRESS FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCES OF RELIGIOUS

The Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (DICALSAL) is holding a Congress, 14-15 December 2022, for English-speaking national Conferences of Religious from Australia, Canada, USA, England, Wales, Ireland and New Zealand to discuss matters relevant to religious life. CRA President Peter Jones OSA and National Executive Director Anne Walker will participate. Leaders, teams, canonists and EFCL have been invited to send their thoughts to CRA.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage. This and prayer/liturgical resources can be accessed at the [Catholic Australia website](#).

EMMAUS SUPERVISION PROGRAM ACHIEVES AAOS RECOGNITION

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation – a ministry of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart – shares with us the good news that its Emmaus Supervision Program has been recognised as a “Registered Supervisor Training Program” by the Australasian Association of Supervision. Details about joining the 2023 Emmaus Supervision Program can be found at the [Heart of Life Centre website](#).

A NOVEL APPROACH TO SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Tasmanian members of the ancient Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem are working with Vinnies to bring the pleasure of reading to those in need. Vinnies Vans are fitted with a crate of novels. Clients can borrow a book (or keep it), and the Order replenishes as required. [Read more](#) at the Hobart Archdiocese website.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Society asks us to help vulnerable families survive the cost-of-living crisis this Christmas by donating to their [2022 Christmas Appeal](#).

ACRATH COMPANIONSHIP PROGRAM

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) highlights the story of Judy Lamb a volunteer companion to a family supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and who is documenting the impact of the Companionship program. Continue reading at the [ACRATH](#) website.

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

FOREST DWELLING PROGRAM 2023-24

The Forest Dwelling program is run out of the Oblate School of Theology (San Antonio, TX, USA). It is designed for more mature seekers who desire to mindfully embrace the challenges and opportunities of aging and diminishment by accessing the deep wisdom embedded in the world's great mystical and contemplative traditions. Download the [brochure](#).

Title: Forest Dwelling: Spirituality for our Wisdom Years

Dates: The program runs over the period January 2023 through December 2024. It includes up to 100 participants from a range of geographic locations and spiritual traditions. Each year includes two, in-person or virtual, six-day gatherings.

Registration: \$US 4500.00 tuition costs. Due with submission of application: \$US 50.00 non-refundable application fee. Due upon acceptance: \$US 500.00 deposit to hold your spot. [Further details](#) can be found at this link. Applications close 1 Dec 2022.

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

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

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Read Pope Francis' [message](#) for the Sixth World Day of the Poor (last Sunday, 13 November 2022).

A PARTING GIFT FROM NOEL DAVIS

The final reflections of Australian poet Noel Davis have now been collated in a moving collection, *The Joy Of Living Our Heart's Knowing and Imagining*. Details at [Emmaus Productions](#). Order the book, \$31.95, at [Pauline Books & Media](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE of PETROL STATIONS 🤔

We continue last week's item from a petrol station in Gauteng, South Africa that has become a landmark because of its daily uplifting quotes written on a chalk board.... It has been noted that the boards have appeared many times in newspapers and magazines, have been spoken about on radio stations and shared and retweeted around the world. Some more examples follow:

