

NEWS

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020 – INTERRELIGIOUS DAY OF PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

Pope Francis and Muslim leaders join together to call all believers to unite in an interreligious day of prayer, fasting and works of charity to help end the COVID-19 pandemic on 14 May. This is in conjunction with the initiative of the [Higher Committee of Human Fraternity](#) and the appeal by Pope Francis on 3 May 2020. Read the [letter from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue](#).

16-24 MAY – POPE FRANCIS INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI' WEEK

Laudato Si' week is an invitation to reflect and prepare through online training from 16 to 23 May and then to participate in a worldwide day of prayer to mark the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'* on 24 May. Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future. Visit the [Laudato Si website](#) to help you reflect and prepare for 24 May.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE – URGENT REQUEST TO CALL YOUR MP AND MINISTER

The Sydney Alliance urges everyone to ring their MP or relevant Minister to ask what is being done to extend a vital safety net to some of the most vulnerable people living in Australia at this time. Click here to sign the [#Don't leave anyone behind petition](#).

ARCHBISHOP COLERIDGE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The Catholic bishops of Australia have re-elected Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane to a second two-year term as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP was re-elected Conference vice-president. [Read the media release](#).

AUNTY ELSIE INDIGENOUS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP - UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has established the Aunty Elsie Indigenous Support Scholarship through the University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney campus. Aunty Elsie Heiss played a leadership role in Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for over three decades. [Read the media release](#).

OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN - NEW GUIDE FOR FAITH ORGANISATIONS

[Engaging sensitively with survivors – a guide for faith organisations](#) has been released by the Office of the Children's Guardian. The booklet was written after extensive consultation with survivor advocacy groups.

COURSES/EVENTS

Course: Safeguarding Children in Overseas Ministries is a 2-hour online classroom training that helps build the capacity of religious organisations to effectively safeguard children in overseas ministries.

Date: 14 May 2020, 2:00pm - 4:00pm [Learn more and register via the registration page](#)

Fee: \$121 (less the 10% discount if booked by 20 May) **Promocode:** 10%OFF

Course: CRA Zoom Seminar on JobKeeper for Religious

Date: Wednesday 13 May

Time: 2.00 – 3.00pm

Fee: Free of Charge

Registration: [download the flyer from the CRA website](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER PASTORAL CARE WORKERS NEEDED

Southern Cross Care, Residential Care at Marsfield, Sydney is a 61-bed facility with a mixture of residents; some can do some things for themselves; others are dementia care and high care residents. Southern Cross Care need volunteers and hope religious may be able to assist by providing company. Please call Sue Daby, Facility Manager on 9805 0034 or Catherine Hipwell PDDM on 0409 225 392 to find out more.

BOOKS

- **LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPERS 2020: Our Journey to the Borders and Beyond**

This edition of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Occasional Papers features an array of articles that probe the spiritual journey and what the mission of religious life might mean as we move into a future that we now know will be very different from the past. It includes an interview with the poet, David Whyte. The books are \$20 each, including postage and handling. Download the CRA Order Form and return to events@catholicreligious.org.au no later than 22 May 2020. Contact Carmel Warnock with any queries: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au.

- **A CALL TO RESET THE SAILS**

This book explores challenges and opportunities for serious renewal in the Australian Catholic Church. It made up of addresses and articles: Cardinal John Dew (NZ), Bishop Vincent Long Nguyen OFM Conv., Bishop Bede Heather, Anne Benjamin, Kevin Treston, Tania Rimal, Leone Pallisier osu, Aengus Kavanagh fsp. [A Call to Reset the Sails](#) focuses on the urgent need for renewal and on what a future church might look like. The segment by Ursuline sister, Leone Pallisier, brings a feminine perspective to Scripture reflections enriched with images and poetry, all in a context of the forthcoming Plenary Council. COST: \$25.00 plus postage Request an order form from resetsails20.21@gmail.com.

RETREATS

Title: Religious Life and the “Third Age” with Mary Pat Garvin RSM

Date: 11-18 April 2021

Venue: St Joseph’s, Baulkham Hills

REFLECTIONS ON COVID-19

Australia at Home hosts one-hour interactive conversations with interesting thinkers to discuss the health, economic, and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anti-Poverty Week will feature in a poverty special on **Monday 25 May 2020**. To join in on the conversation with us, visit the [Australia at Home](#) website for more details closer to the date.