

## NEWS

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### **CRA PRESENT AT GLOBAL GATHERING OF RELIGIOUS PREPARING FOR JUBILEE 2025**

Australian religious were represented at a global gathering of consecrated people in Rome, 1-4 February 2024, to prepare for the Church's Jubilee Year in 2025. Continue reading the CRA [media release](#).

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8 MARCH**

A [media release](#) from Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) highlights 2024 International Women's Day as the third birthday of the podcast initiative "Australian Women Preach", which has produced 157 sermons over the three-year lectionary cycle. More WATAC news under *Events* below.

### **ACU AND AUSTRALIAN JESUITS ANNOUNCE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP**

Australian Catholic University (ACU) will partner with the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus to launch a new national research institute in Melbourne. Continue reading the ACU [media release](#).

### **THE GOOD OIL**

"We are called to be neighbours to asylum seekers and refugees," writes Catherine McCahill SGS in February issue of [The Good Oil](#).

### **FROM AFRICA TO REGIONAL AUSTRALIA: A MISSIONARY'S JOURNEY**

More than 12,000 km from his family in Kenya, Fr Eddie Khaemba CSSP speaks about becoming accustomed to life in a new country as one of Australia's migrant priests. Continue reading in [The Bridge](#).

### **RESEARCH APPLAUDS COMPANIONSHIP PROGRAM**

Two years ago, research was undertaken on the work of the Companionship programme of Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking (ACRATH). The resulting *ACRATH Companionship Project Research Paper*, has been published and is now available [here](#).

### **HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS IN UKRAINE REMAIN GRAVE TWO YEARS INTO THE CONFLICT**

A Caritas Australia [media release](#) (25.2.24) draws attention to the two-year anniversary of the conflict in Ukraine and the ensuing humanitarian crisis. [Donate](#) here to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

### **NCEC MEDIA RELEASE**

The National Catholic Education Commission has issued a [media release](#) in response to the Australian Education Union's report (26.2.24) on capital funding.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### 2024 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – DATE CLAIMER

Registrations and accommodation bookings will open shortly:

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

Venue: Royal on the Park, 152 Alice St, Brisbane

### CRA STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ONLINE SEMINAR

With a focus on charitable trusts, Josephine Heesh, partner at Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers, will explain the role of trustees, their duties, and responsibilities. Jaimie Rayn, Partner and director of VJ Ryan and Co Chartered Accountants and Business Consultants, will discuss best practice accounting for trusts.

Event: The Role of Trustees, their Duties and Responsibilities

Presenters: Josephine Heesh & Jaimie Rayn, followed by Case Studies and Q&A

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Mode: Zoom

Audience: Leaders, Leadership Team members and Finance Personnel

Registration: \$40 per person. [Register at the CRA Events webpage](#) by Sunday 7 April 2024.

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### 2024 CRA HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee have engaged diabetes educators and a dietician to present a one-day seminar in April. Topics include: Unravelling the Intricacies of Diabetes Pathology; Navigating the Plate for Diabetes Wellness; Understanding the Impact of Language in Diabetes care; Lived Experience of Diabetes; and Options in Managing Diabetes. Further details are at the [CRA Resources](#) webpage.

Title: Understanding Diabetes

Presenters: Wendy Bryant and Penny Morris, Clinical Nurse Educators, Lara Mathers Dietician and Gabrielle Riches; interspersed with table talk and Q&A

Date & Time: Wednesday 17 April 2024, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney

Registration: \$160 Member, \$180 non-Member. [Register online](#) Registrations close 5 April

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### CRA ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES - MARY PAT GARVIN RSM

The CRA Initial Formation Committee have invited Mary Pat Garvin RSM to prepare an online seminar series for 2024 for formators and formation team members.

Title: Words of Wisdom, Words of Grace

Dates: **Tuesday 18 June 2024** - Optional introductory session; then 4 monthly sessions:

**Tuesday 25 June** - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics I

**Wednesday 17 July** - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics II

**Tuesday 13 August** – Intergenerational Living: From Generation to Generation

**Tuesday 17 September** – Strengthening Skills for Accompaniment

Time: 9.30 am QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS | 9.00 am SA | 7:30 am WA  
 Mode: Online via Zoom | 2.5 hours for each Seminar  
 Audience: Formators and those involved in formation of religious (not those being formed)  
 Registration: Will open soon, brochure to follow  
 Enquiries: Stephen Middleton | P: 0401 050 595 | E: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### WATAC: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL FORUM (ONLINE)

International Women's Day 2024 is the 3rd birthday of Australian Women Preach (AWP), the podcast that models the church we want to be by raising women's voices in preaching the Gospel. WATAC invites us to a 60-minute Zoom forum for preachers, listeners, and supporters, to celebrate the AWP team's latest milestone of 157 sermons that now span the 3-year lectionary. Click [here](#) for further information.

Title: International Women's Day Special Forum  
 Date: Wednesday 6 March 2024, 7.30 pm in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart | 7.00 pm Darwin, Adelaide | 6.30 pm Brisbane | 4.30 pm in Perth  
 Registration: Download the [flyer](#) and register at the WATAC website: [watac.net.au](http://watac.net.au)



### HARVEST JOURNEYS: PILGRIMAGE – A TIME TO RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

Is 2024 the year of pilgrimage for you? Harvest Journeys invites us to set out on a journey with a community of like-minded pilgrims for a transformative, life-giving encounter. *Soul of Ireland* is a unique journey into Ireland's heart and soul. Traverse the ancient paths of our faith heritage from St Patrick to Our Lady of Knock. Drink of the rich history and beauty of Ireland through a mix of fun, faith and friendship.

Title: Soul of Ireland  
 Dates: Commencing 26 August 2024  
 Registration: [Click here for details](#). For more Harvest Journeys visit [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## RESOURCES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Autumn issue of [Australian Catholics](#) highlights how the 1975 revised version of the Stations of the Cross differs from the traditional set, with those stations without scriptural foundation omitted.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

Some days  
I amaze myself.  
Other days, I put my  
keys in the fridge.

