

## NEWS

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### **CRA JUST NOW**

The latest issue of CRA's justice publication, [JUST NOW](#), looks at the destruction of cultural heritage, notably 'Sea Country', as another injustice affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

With sorrow, the [Redemptorist community](#) shares the news of the passing of Anthony Kelly CSsR, one of Australia's more gifted theologians and a prolific author. He taught several generations of students at ACU, YTU and internationally and leaves a legacy of profound influence on Australian and international theological discourse.

The [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) Australia community shares the sad news of the death of Aloysius Mowe SJ, a former Country Director of JRS Australia, a close colleague, friend and presence in the lives of many. May they rest in peace.

### **SISTER DISCIPLES OF THE DIVINE MASTER CENTENARY**

The [Sister Disciples of the Divine Master](#) have celebrated 100 years of their founding. In Australia, this joyful occasion was marked on Sunday 11 February with a Eucharistic celebration at St Dominic's Church in Flemington, NSW.

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8 MARCH 2024**

2024 [International Women's Day](#) carries the theme [#InspireInclusion](#). At U.N. Women the theme is "[Count Her In: Invest In Women. Accelerate Progress](#)". The Day is marked in the Catholic community, for example, by [World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations](#) (5 Mar); the [Vatican Museums](#) (7-8 Mar); [WATAC](#) (6 Mar); [Canberra-Goulburn](#) Archdiocese (7 Mar); [Catholic Schools NSW](#) (8 Mar); and more.

### **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, ADELAIDE**

Joseph Kielnerowski SDC, of the Society of Christian Doctrine, a member of CRA, has received the 2024 Citizen of the Year [award](#) in Adelaide. His community garden is a source of produce, education and neighbourly outreach.

### **TWO YEARS OF JESUIT SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

Two years on from the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, the Jesuits in Europe, with the support of the Australian Catholic community, have provided [emergency assistance](#) to over 100,000 Ukrainian refugees.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

In his prayer intention for March, Pope Francis asks us to pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world. Read a [reflection](#) by Andrew Hamilton SJ.

## 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

*Please not that we are separately looking at an additional extra half-day as an optional opportunity to have other speakers present. We will let you know when this becomes clearer.*

### ANNUAL GATHERING OF LEADERS AND BISHOPS – DATE CLAIMER

Please mark your diaries for the annual gathering of Leaders and Bishops to discuss matters of importance. It is a key opportunity to pray, talk and spend time together. Monica Cavanagh RSJ will soon be meeting with Bishop Mark Edwards to determine an agenda.

Date: Saturday, 4 May 2024, 9.00 am – 12.30 pm (TBC)

Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney

### CRA–VIC GENERAL MEETING

Please refer to [this flyer](#) and below for details of the next CRA-Vic Meeting for Leaders and members of Leadership Teams.

Event: Vic General Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday 26 March 2024; 9.30 am for 9.45 am start

Venue: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew

Registration: \$20 (includes lunch), see [booking form](#)  
RSVP Jill Harding [jillburma@gmail.com](mailto:jillburma@gmail.com) by 20 March

### CRA STEWARDSHIP 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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### **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  
Enquiries: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: [secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **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: Fee \$300 per person for the series. [Register at Humanitix](#) by midnight 16 June  
Enquiries: Stephen Middleton | P: 0401 050 595 | E: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **ACI WEBINAR - LAY PEOPLE: MISSION AND VOCATION**

This year is the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium*, which presented the Church as the “People of God” and includes the pathbreaking Chapter 4 on The Laity. To mark this important milestone, the Australian Cardijn Institute (ACI) is holding a series of webinars to address the role and mission of lay people in the world and the Church. See the [flyer](#) for the March webinar.

Title: Promoting the mission and vocation of lay people: Preparing for the Second Assembly of the Synod on Synodality  
Date: Wednesday 6 March 2024, 7.00 pm AEDT  
Speaker: Hosted by Dr Paul Lentern  
Registration: [Register](#) free at the ACI website: [australiancardijninstitute.org](http://australiancardijninstitute.org)

### **TRAUMA INFORMED SPIRITUAL CARE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN CHURCH CONTEXTS**

St Vincent’s Health Australia invites CRA Members to an online information session with an update on findings from this important project. Sessions will be held by Zoom as follows:

Title: Trauma informed spiritual care for survivors of sexual abuse in church contexts  
Dates & times: Friday 22 March 2024, 12.30 – 1.30 pm; or  
Friday 12 April 2024, 12.30 – 1.30 pm  
Enquiries: For more information or to RSVP please contact Dr Dan Fleming at [daniel.fleming@svha.org.au](mailto:daniel.fleming@svha.org.au) or Dr Joanne Durkin at [joanne.durkin@svha.org.au](mailto:joanne.durkin@svha.org.au)

### POETRY BOOK LAUNCH

A new book by Jo Dirks SSS, “Face to Face with a Saint”, is an artistic collaboration between Peter Rohr of Spectrum Publications and the author. Download the [flyer](#) for details of the book launch.

Title: Face to face with a saint: Last poems  
Date & time: Sunday, 7 April 2024, 2.30 – 4.30 pm  
Venue: St Joseph’s Church, 274 Rouse Street (Tram terminus 109) Port Melbourne  
RSVP: RSVP by 13 March to [mavvt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mavvt@yahoo.com.au)

### TATTOOS ON THE HEART – GREG BOYLE SJ IN AUSTRALIA

Fr Greg Boyle, SJ, is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. He will be speaking in Sydney, Wollongong, Melbourne and Brisbane later this year. [Download the flyer](#) for details.

Title: Tattoos on the heart – the power of boundless compassion  
Dates & venues: Thursday 3 October - Friday 18 October 2024.  
For a [promo video and tour schedule](#) visit the GPBS website  
Registration: Registrations open soon at [GPBS.com.au](http://GPBS.com.au)

## RESOURCES

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### COLUMBAN INTERFAITH E-BULLETIN

The March [Columban Interfaith E-Bulletin](#) includes an article on ‘The Absolute Essentials of Islam’ – helpful reading with the approach of Ramadan.

### NORTHERN TERRITORY VAD VIDEO

In an exchange between Sammy, a young Territorian, [this video](#) (2½ min) engages Bishop Charles Gauci, Bishop of Darwin, on questions about the Catholic Church’s stance on voluntary assisted dying, and the complexities of life, death, and human dignity.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

