

NEWS

CRA PATHWAYS

The latest issue of CRA's *Pathways* is [now available](#) on the CRA website.

CHANGE TO CRA EVENTS LISTING

Please note a change to future notifications of those CRA events which are only available to our Leaders such as the Bishops and Leaders meeting, and state Leaders dinners. Notifications of these events will continue to be advised by email and published in this Bulletin. Specific location details will be provided after registrations are verified. This avoids registration by members of the public at those events. Please contact Yvonne on comms@catholicreligious.org.au if you have any queries about this.

CEO OF SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY APPOINTED

The Board of the Spirituality Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph has announced the appointment of Xavier Crimmins as its Chief Executive Officer. [Read](#) the RSJ media release here.

JESUIT MISSION MAYTIME FAIR

The Jesuit Mission [Maytime Fair](#) is being held Saturday 4 May at Xavier College, Kew in Melbourne.

A FORGOTTEN CRISIS?

[America](#) magazine, quoting [Human Rights Watch](#), comments that Sudan now represents the world's largest internal displacement crisis, with more than six million uprooted from their communities.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION 2024

24 April is a significant date, marking the [Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide](#). Information about the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923) is included [here](#).

READY TO LAUNCH HOUSE

Ready to Launch House, an innovative home in regional Victoria, is giving young locals with disability a springboard to launch their independence. Read the ACU [media release](#) (courtesy CathNews).

CANA FARM – GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Canafarm provides meaningful transitional employment, assisting those living through challenging times in their lives. Their [online shop](#) has arranged gifts suitable for purchase as Mother's Day gifts.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2024 & 2025 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The dates for the 2025 CRA National Assembly are Monday 18 August to Wednesday 20 August 2025.

The dates for the 2024 CRA National Assembly are Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Registrations are now open for the 2024 Assembly – details below – [View the program](#) here.

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

Location: Brisbane

Registration: Register at [Humanitix](#)

NSW LEADERSHIP DINNER

Leaders and Leadership Team Members of Religious Institutes to come together for a meal and a chat in Sydney. Download the [flyer](#) at the CRA website.

Title: NSW Leadership Dinner

Date & Time: Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 6.00 to 8.00 pm

Venue: Lidcombe

Registration: Register at [Humanitix](#). RSVP: **Tuesday 23 April**

Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho | P: 02 9557 2695 | ea@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA-VIC LEADERS' NETWORK DINNER

Details for the next gathering of Leaders and Leadership Team Members of Religious Institutes who are part of the CRA-VIC Network are as follows:

Title: CRA-VIC Leaders' Network Dinner

Date & Time: Wednesday 8 May 2024, 6.30 pm

Venue: Kew

Bookings: RSVP by 5 May 2024, jillburma@gmail.com

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

THE CALL TO BE – 2024 LECTURE SERIES

[The Call To Be](#) 2024 lecture series, by Catalyst For Renewal, asks: How does Catholicism provide a bridge to re-establish a shared foundation of faith and creativity? Daniel Dominguez, artist, educator and Catholic, will respond to this critical question via discussion and a contemplative form of drawing.

Title: The Call To Be – The Artist’s Story
Dates & Time: 1, 8, 15 May 2024, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
Venue: The Crypt of St Patricks Church, 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks, Sydney
Registration: \$90; Register at [Trybooking](#); for enquiries, email: thecalltobe@gmail.com

ONLINE RETREAT

Over two weeks and four sessions Sally Neaves and Margie Abbott RSM will offer a [retreat](#) opportunity to reflect on the peril that Earth is undergoing, drawing on Pope Francis’ words in *Laudate Deum*.

Title: ‘Everything Is as It Were a Caress of God’ (Pope Francis)
Date & Time: Tuesdays and Fridays: 7, 10, 14, 17 May 2024
10.00 am – 11.30 am NSW, VIC | 8.00 am - 10.30 am WA | 9.30 – 11.00 am SA
Registration: \$75; Register at [The Well Spirituality Centre](#)

AWAKENING TO ONENESS RETREAT

We are invited to a six-day guided retreat inviting us to open ourselves to raising our consciousness of love, through quiet, stillness, process, poetry & music. Visit the St Joseph’s Centre [website](#) for details.

Title: Awakening to Oneness
Dates: Friday 24 to Friday 31 May 2024
Venue: St Joseph’s Centre, Kincumber South NSW
Registration: Cost \$800
At the same time there are also two other directed retreats with limited spaces - Cost \$850. Book now at reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au or call 02 4368 2805

AUSTIN COOPER SYMPOSIUM

Catholic Theological College invites us to a hybrid symposium in honour of the Rev Professor Austin Cooper OMI AM (1931 – 2023) founding Master of CTC, historian, formator and ecumenical friend. The symposium will feature speakers exploring Fr Austin’s various contributions to Christian scholarship and formation, and as spiritual friend to so many.

Title: Austin Cooper Symposium
Date: 10 May 2024, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm
Venue: Knox Room, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
Registration: Cost: \$60 (lunch included) or \$30 (online attendance)

For more details, download the [CTC flyer](#) or go to the [CTC website](#)

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH – ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES

Catholic Theological College is offering nine stand-alone sessions on a range of themes which will be presented by members of its lecturing staff. These sessions, for a general audience, are an ideal opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.

Title: Engaging Your Faith
Dates: This series runs from 14 May to 30 May 2024
Cost: \$25 per session (\$40 for teacher accreditation)
Registration: For details, download the [CTC flyer](#) or go to the [CTC website](#)

TATOOS OF THE HEART – GREG BOYLE SJ'S VISIT TO 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 in Australia on a speaking tour 3-17 October 2024, in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Wollongong, sponsored by GPBS resources.

For all the event details of dates, venues and topics, please visit the [GPBS website](#).

RESOURCES

ANZAC DAY REFLECTION

Andrew Hamilton SJ offers this [reflection](#) for ANZAC Day 2024.



NEW BOOK BY MARY REABURN NDS

A Friendly Guide to Jewish-Christian Relations by Sr Dr Mary Reaburn NDS (Garratt Publishing, 2024) is available [at this link](#). RRP \$29.95

COLUMBAN E-BULLETIN

The latest [Columban E-Bulletin](#) (April 2024) is now available.

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER - EVANGELISATION

View the [latest issue](#) of *The Bridge*, the bi-monthly newsletter of the [National Centre for Evangelisation](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

I never thought I'd be the type of person who would get up early in the morning to exercise. I guess I was right.

There should be a calorie refund for things that didn't taste as good as you expected.

