

NEWS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CICALSAL REGARDING CHAPTERS

[Read the letter](#) from the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICALSAL) regarding Chapters and the use of telecommunications, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CRA PRESIDENT REFLECTS ON GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

CRA President reflects on Pope Francis' vision of the Church in reference to governance and leadership in the Australian Church in his latest article in CRA's monthly eNewsletter, *Pathways*, [Formation for all is central to process of governance and leadership](#). Click here to [subscribe to Pathways](#) for free.

CRA ENDORSES OPEN LETTER – TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

CRA has signed the interfaith open letter in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, joining 46 other organisations. It will be made public on 6 August.

[ICAN Australia](#) is co-hosting an interfaith service for nuclear disarmament with the Australian Uniting Church, including prayers from the Hindu Council of Australia, the Australian Bahá'í Community, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Buddhist Council of NSW and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. They will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Interfaith Service: Thursday 6th August at 6.00pm to 6:45pm AEST via Zoom, [register here](#).

MESSAGE TO LEADERS WITH COMMUNITIES IN VICTORIA FROM VICAR FOR RELIGIOUS - MELBOURNE

In her position as Vicar for Religious for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, appointed by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Veronica Hoey SGS has asked for an email list of leaders with communities in Victoria to be shared with the Archdiocese of Melbourne. If you wish to be included on the Melbourne Archdiocese mailing list, and have not already responded to Alina Tsakonas, please email: Alina.Tsakonas@cam.org.au to receive communications, information and updates from the Archdiocese.

SR BARBARA AMOTT PBVM CELEBRATES 70 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF TEACHING

[Watch this interview \(2.44 mins\) with Barbara Amott](#) (89 years old) who has been teaching for 70 years. Barbara says in the video clip that she continued teaching during the eight years that she was Superior General of the Presentation Sisters. *Congratulations Barbara!*

COVID-19 OPEN LETTER TO HUMANITY

The International Anti-Poaching Foundation (IAPF) is a non-profit organisation focused on protecting and preserving wildlife and the environment. Coronavirus evolved in the wet markets of Asia, and the IAPF focus is preventing future pandemics by shutting down these wet markets which exist all over the world and have been identified as key settings for future devastating viruses. Watch the [video clip](#).

FEAST DAY OF MARY MACKILLOP - 8 AUGUST 2020

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, MacKillop Place in North Sydney will be closed. Mass in the Mary MacKillop memorial chapel will be livestreamed at 10.00am Saturday 8 August followed by a time of prayer at the tomb. Details will be posted on the [website](#). Read the [notice](#).

CARRYING THE CROSS

While China imposes National Security Law in Hong Kong, Bishop Ha in Hong Kong remembers Jesus' words: 'Peace I leave you; my peace I give you.' Read the Columban article, [Carrying the Cross](#).

EVENTS/COURSES

CRA NATIONAL SEMINAR: HEALTH & WELL-BEING – final call for registrations!

Topic: Adapting in a Changing World
Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2020
Venue: Norths Club, Abbott Street, Cammeray NSW 2062
Speaker: Di Adamson, Speaker, management and business facilitator and coach
Registration: \$150 p/p Download the [flyer and registration form](#) or go to the [CRA website](#).
Deadline: Friday 31st July 2020
Nota Bene: With the ever-changing landscape associated with COVID-19, we are unsure as to whether this seminar will proceed and are mindful of Victorian colleagues who are unable to travel interstate. We have several participants who have registered but not enough to hold it. If we do not have further registrations by Friday, 31 July 2020, we will cancel the event and **refund you** in full.

CRA NATIONAL SEMINAR DAY WITH TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP – *save the date!*

Date: Wednesday, 2 June 2021
Location: Sydney
Speaker: Timothy Radcliffe OP, Dominican friar of the English Province, internationally known preacher, prolific author and ally of Pope Francis.

LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS COURSE

[Global Catholic Climate Movement](#) is an independent international group whose founding document is Pope Francis' encyclical on climate change and ecology, *Laudato Si'*. Find out about their [online training](#).

RESOURCES

[A Candle for You](#) - click on the link for a video and song composed in 2012 by Marie Dunne CHF to remember Missing Persons and sung by Patricia Bourke D'Souza. In light of COVID-19, the video has been created to accompany the song and to reflect the isolation felt by so many at this time. In spite of the sadness and darkness of this current reality, the song endeavours to offer light and hope, as reflected in the light and warmth of the burning candle. This information came from [Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue](#), Holy Faith Sisters in Ireland.