

NEWS

CATHOLIC LEADERS PUBLISH REPORT ON CHURCH GOVERNANCE

The ACBC and CRA have published the report, *Light from the Southern Cross*, reviewing diocesan and parish governance and management in Australia. A reading guide has also been published to accompany the 200-page report. Read the [report, reading guide and media release here](#).

AN APPEAL TO POPE FRANCIS: THE PATH OF NON-VIOLENCE TOWARD A LAUDATO SI' FUTURE

Pax Christi International is inviting signatures supporting a message to Pope Francis requesting a companion reflection to *Laudato Si'* that would deepen and expand understanding of nonviolence as a crucial pillar in the foundation of a more sustainable common home. Read more and sign [here](#).

VINNIES LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2023

The National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has launched its [strategic plan](#) for the next three years as it continues to work to shape a more just and compassionate society.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Social Justice Sunday:** 30 August 2020 – read [ACBC Social Justice Statement](#), focus on mental health
- **Child Protection Week:** 6 to 12 September – NAPCAN [‘Putting children first’](#)
- **National Week of Solidarity:** 6 to 12 September – Refugee Council of Australia [‘No Child Left Behind’](#)
- **World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** 27 September 2020 – [‘Forced like Jesus Christ to flee’](#)
- **CRA National Day of Sorrow & Promise:** 25 October 2020 (*save the date, more information to come*)
- **Anti-Poverty Week:** 11-17 October 2020 – [find out how to participate](#)

EVENTS

CRA NATIONAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SEMINAR DAY – CANCELLED

Although *Adapting in a Changing World* (scheduled for 9 September) was sold out, it has unfortunately had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Refunds will be processed for all registrants.

CRA HEALTH & WELL-BEING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MALE LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES

- Date:** Friday, 25 September – Sunday, 27 September 2020
- Venue:** The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road, Mittagong NSW
- Topic:** Unpacking aspects of Professional Standards and dealing with vicarious trauma
- Registration:** Download the [registration flyer and registration form](#)
- DEADLINE:** [Please register by Thursday 27 August](#)

CRA ZOOM SEMINAR ON JOBKEEPER FOR RELIGIOUS

Many of you and your finance people attended a Zoom seminar on JobKeeper in May. Pitcher Partners gave their time free of charge to speak with us. They have recently provided the following links, which may be of assistance to you:

- [Revisions to JobKeeper 2.0 following Victoria lockdown](#)
- [ATO commences JobKeeper reviews](#)
- [JobKeeper 2.0 - Government extends payment scheme](#)

RESOURCES

TEN MORE THINGS EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT ISLAM

The Columban Centre Christian-Muslim Relations has published "Ten MORE Things Everyone Needs to Know About Islam", a booklet to overcome ignorance and bias about Islam and Muslims. [Hear Patrick McInerney SSC](#) speak about the publication (2:42 mins) and visit [Columban books](#) to purchase a copy.

RECONCILIATION - A JOURNEY WE MUST ALL TAKE TO MAKE PEACE WITH OUR PAST

CRA President, Peter Carroll FMS says that at some point, we as individuals, nations and as Church need to make peace with our past. Reconciliation is what is required: internal and external; personal and communal. Respectful listening is the key element, deep listening – to ourselves and to the stories of others. [Read the article from CRA Pathways eNewsletter.](#)

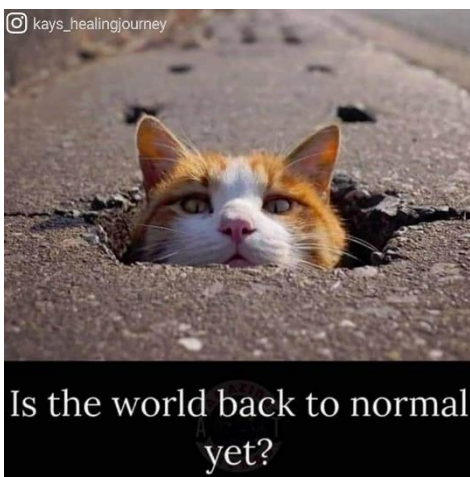
LIVING WITH THE MYSTERY

'Which is true? The transcendent or the immanent? The visible or the invisible?' We want the answers and we want them now. Find the answer in this [reflection by Br Mark O'Connor FMS.](#)

CRA MEMBERS' CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

Please [complete this form for change of leadership information](#), it can be found on our [Resources](#) page.

A LITTLE HUMOUR...



It's wonderful to see how Australian's are adhering to the social distancing rules. When I go shopping with my favourite bag people not only give me 1.5m but actually cross the road and run away! 🤪

