

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

NSW

Catalyst for Renewal: *Forum with Joan Chittister OSB*

Date: Tuesday 15 September from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Venue: Monte Sant'Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney
Fee: \$25 p/p
Registration: [Download the form](#) or go to www.trybooking.com/BICTI

CRA and Diocese of Parramatta: *A Conversation with Joan Chittister OSB on Religious Life and the Future of the Church*

Date: Thursday 17 September from 10.00am to 2.00pm
Venue: Novotel Hotel, Parramatta
Fee: \$45 p/p, including morning tea and lunch
Registration: [Download the form](#) from the CRA website

The Legacy of Jean Vanier: A Personal Memoir

Date: Thursday 19 March from 7.00pm
Venue: Ailsa McKinnon Community Centre, Parramatta (Sydney)
Fee: Free
Registration: [Download the flyer](#) and RSVP to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

VICTORIA

Women's Wisdom in the Church Inc (WWITCH): *Seminar with Joan Chittister OSB*

Date: Tuesday 8 September from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Venue: Melbourne Town Hall
Fee: \$25 p/p
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=557382>

The Legacy of Jean Vanier: A Personal Memoir

Date: Thursday 12 March from 5.00 – 6.30pm
Venue: Newman College, University of Melbourne, Parkville
Fee: Free
Registration: [Download the flyer](#) and RSVP to markoconnorfmts@icloud.com

NATIONAL

Download the [CRA 2020 Calendar of Events](#)

SPEAKERS

[Emeritus Professor Tony Gittins CSSp](#), a well-known Spiritan lecturer from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, will be visiting Melbourne from around 6 to 9 September and is available for a retreat day, a day of recollection or short workshop on Missionary Discipleship or Intercultural Living. For enquiries, please contact Tony directly by email: anthonygittins@aol.com.

BOOKS

Dr Christine Cameron, senior academic, author and past member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, has published two books on servant leadership and the way the lives and works of four women doctors of the Catholic Church reflect the ten core characteristics of servant leadership:

- [Leadership as a Call to Service: The Lives and Works of Teresa of Ávila, Catherine of Siena and Thérèse of Lisieux](#) (2012)
- [Leadership as a Call to Service: The Life and Works of Hildegard of Bingen](#) (2015)

Christine has since applied the seven pillars of servant leadership to the lives and works of 14 selected women leaders of the Church throughout history in her recent book:

- [Heralding a Renaissance: Women & Leadership in the Catholic Church](#) (2019)

These books are also available on Amazon and Book Depository.

Sr Bernadette Wallis mss invites you to the launch of her book *Dear Mother, Dear Father: Letters home from John Corcoran Wallis* (2019) in the following locations (click on the links for full details):

- 5 March, 5.30pm, Theological College, [Melbourne, VIC](#)
- 8 March, 2.00pm, St Therese's Church, [Toowoomba, QLD](#)
- 11 March, 7.30pm, Holy Spirit Seminary, [Brisbane, QLD](#)
- 19 March, 5.30pm, Catholic Institute of Sydney, [Sydney, NSW](#)

SEEKING SUPPORT

MacKillop Family Services is seeking your financial support to provide services for schools and communities affected by the recent bushfires across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

With sufficient financial support, MacKillop Family Services can provide all Catholic schools impacted by the fires, access to the *Stormbirds: Natural Disaster Resilience Program* and *Seasons for Growth free of cost*. Any donation from your community would go directly to supporting this commitment.

Please read the [letter from MacKillop Family Services](#) with information on how to donate and information on the programmes.

NEWS

- **Vatican News** - [SUPER NUNS: the fearless sisters fighting human trafficking](#). On Saturday, 8 February 2020, Pope Francis viewed the new anti-human trafficking campaign "Super Nuns". Street art and new social media platforms are now working to support and raise awareness of Catholic Sisters' work to stop human trafficking. Pat Murray IBVM, Executive Secretary of International Union of Superiors General (UISG), and Gabriella Bottani SMC, International Coordinator of Talitha Kum, appear in the Vatican News article above. Talitha Kum is the name of the anti-human trafficking project of UISG.
- Read the [Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to participants in the First General Assembly of Talitha Kum](#), 26 September 2019.
- **Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)** is part of the Talitha Kum network and Louise Cleary CSB, Claire Griffin CSB and Christine Carolan were delegates at the Talitha Kum Assembly at the UISG in September 2019, read the media release on the [CRA website](#).
- **Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation [Querida Amazonia](#)**, which follows the October 2019 Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, has just been published. This [ACBC media release](#) offers an initial reaction to the document, which members of the Church in Australia will continue to reflect upon in the coming weeks, months and years.

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8 MARCH 2020

- UN Women Australia [fundraising breakfast and lunch events](#) across several Australia
- International Women's Day [events and information](#)
- Voices of Faith [action for International Women's Day](#)

EARTH HOUR – 28 MARCH 2020, 8.30PM

- Download [CRA Earth Hour poster 1](#) and [CRA Earth Hour poster 2](#).

CRA LENTEN CARBON FAST CALENDAR 2020

- Download [CRA Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar 2020](#) and distribute by Ash Wednesday (26 Feb).

RESOURCES

- [Make Your School Slavery-free Resource Kit](#) has been launched by Louise Cleary csb, co-founder of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and Archbishop Peter Comensoli on 14 February 2020. Louise encourages all workplaces, parishes, community organisations and families to use it. More product sourcing guides and resources are available on [RESource website](#).
- [CRA Lenten Calendar](#)
- [Earth Hour Posters](#)