

NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW JESUIT PROVINCIAL

Dominic Vu Kim Quyen SJ has been appointed as the next Provincial of the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus. He will assume this new role on January 1, 2021. Read the [announcement](#).

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS SPEAK OUT ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING REPORT

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have issued a statement following the release of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board report (1 September 2020). The Bishops describe the report as revealing “a sad story of the loss of hope and care for vulnerable people”. Read the [Bishops’ statement here](#).

AHRC AND KPMG PUSH TO DECLARE MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018

The first of five industry-specific guides to help businesses in Australia combat modern slavery has been released. The guide [Property, construction & modern slavery: Practical responses for managing risk to people](#) has been developed as part of a collaboration between the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) and KPMG Australia. Read the [media statement here](#). [Sign the ePetition to](#) proclaim the *NSW Modern Slavery Act 2018* now.

PRAYER AND ACTION ON BEHALF OF CREATION

This year’s [Season of Creation](#) occurs during the [Special Laudato Si’ Anniversary Year](#), commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Pope’s encyclical. Click on the first link for resources including a 2020 prayer and event planning tools. Resources may also be found on the UISG [Sowing Hope for the Planet page](#).

VINNIES WELCOMES POVERTY AND INEQUALITY REPORT

The Poverty and Inequality Partnership between the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) and the University of NSW published a report on 2 September summarising the extent and effects of income and wealth inequality as a result of COVID-19. St Vincent de Paul Society’s National Council is one of the 12 ACOSS partners providing financial and other support towards this important work. Read the [St Vincent de Paul Society’s media release here](#).

PORTUGAL: PREPARATIONS FOR WYD 2023 RESUME

Preparations for World Youth Day (WYD) have resumed after planning was paused earlier this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. WYD will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2023. The handover ceremony is scheduled for November 22, 2020, the Feast of Christ the King. Read more on [Vatican News website](#).

SISTERS REACH MILESTONE IN ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The Missionaries of God’s Love Sisters have reached 100 days of praying the Rosary online with Australians and people in countries including Indonesia, England and Sri Lanka. Read more on [CathNews](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Child Protection Sunday:** 13 September – [CRA Resources page](#) and NAPCAN [‘Putting children first’](#)
- **R U OK Day:** Thursday 10 September – [There’s more to say after R U OK](#)
- **National Week of Solidarity:** 6 to 12 September – Refugee Council of Australia [‘No Child Left Behind’](#)
- **International Peace Day (UN):** Monday, 21 September – [Shaping Peace Together](#)
- **Mercy Day – Feast of Our Lady of Mercy:** Thursday, 24 September
- **World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** 27 September 2020 – [‘Forced like Jesus Christ to flee’](#)
- **Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi:** October 4 2020 – [Pope plans festivities to mark feast of namesake](#)
- **Anti-Poverty Week:** 11-17 October 2020 – [find out how to participate](#)
- **CRA National Day of Sorrow & Promise:** 25 October 2020 (*save the date, more information to come*)

WEBINARS/RETREATS

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE PROVIDE FAITH ENRICHMENT WEBINARS

In response to the challenges of COVID-19, Catholic Theological College is offering short online sessions on theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality, via Zoom for 90 minutes; [learn more here](#).

Date: Monday 14 September to Saturday 31 October (12 sessions available)

Price: \$20 per session; [register here](#)

SANTA CASA ONLINE RETREATS

Theme: *In the Gaze of Luminous Presence*

Date: Sunday 27 September – Friday 2 October 2020

Sessions: Two sessions per day at 9.30am and 4pm, delivered via Zoom.

Price: \$350 (GST not included)

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKZBR>

Theme: *Teilhard de Chardin and the Way of Transformation Through Love and Suffering*

Date: Sunday 11 – Sunday 18 October 2020

Session: Delivered via Zoom; times to be announced.

Price: \$300 (GST not included)

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKZBS>

Theme: *Treasuring Our Later Years*

Date: Friday 30 October – 5 November 2020:

Session: Two sessions per day at 9.30am and 3.30pm; delivered via Zoom

Price: \$300 (GST not included)

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKZBT>

For further information, [download the flyer](#).

RESOURCES

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY – 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

A number of resources have been created to help Catholic communities mark the day, including prayers, social media graphics and banners which you can access via [CRA Resources page](#).

A LITTLE HUMOUR...



