

NEWS

ATT: CLERICAL RELIGIOUS - YOUR HELP REQUIRED

Attached is a [letter from Thomas Ulum Ismoyo](#), a priest from Jakarta who is doing doctoral work at Queensland University of Technology. His research is about priests' identification of their job as a calling and how this may influence their priestly ministry. Thomas needs a large number of clerical religious to respond to this survey, please click on the link above for more information if you are able to assist.

COMETH THE MOMENT, COMETH THE WOMEN

Global Sisters Report, a project of National Catholic Reporter, USA has published an article by Patty Fawcner SGS, leader of the Good Samaritans and Vice President of CRA, entitled, [Cometh the moment, cometh the women](#).

CRA EMPLOYS NEW JUSTICE RESEARCH OFFICER



CRA has a new Justice Research Officer to support initiatives of the CRA Justice Committee and the Secretariat. Emma Carolan will be working 2 days a week, commencing 15 September and will bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to the role.

Emma has previously worked as a Sessional Academic at the Australian Catholic University, BBI-TAITE and the University of Sydney, teaching Catholic Social Teaching, Biblical Studies, and Studies of Religions and Interreligious Dialogue. She is currently completing a Master of Human Rights and is passionate about all areas of social justice and interreligious dialogue, including climate justice, indigenous rights, peace-building and Catholic-Jewish relations. Emma has also recently completed a Master of Philosophy at the University of Sydney. She brings strong research skills to the role to further an evidence-based voice of CRA. CRA is very happy to have Emma join the CRA team.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE

Read Senator the Hon Marise Payne's [announcement](#) of the appointment of Ms Chiara Porro as Australia's new Ambassador to The Holy See. Our CRA President and National Executive Director met with the Ambassador to discuss religious life and the Church in general in Australia before she took up her appointment in Rome.

ARRCC CAMPAIGN FOR A CLEAN RECOVERY

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AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NEED GREATER CERTAINTY

Read the [media release from Catholic Social Services Australia](#) in which CEO Dr Ursula Stephens and Chair, Dr Maria Harries, outline why the path to economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic must prioritise those who are most vulnerable, including children and families.

HOLY SEE OFFERS OBSERVATIONS ON ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made 49 recommendations in its final report that were addressed to the Catholic Church. Of those, 12 called for referral to, or consultation with, the Holy See because they relate to universal Church law or practice.

Earlier this year, the Holy See provided its observations regarding these recommendations to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). The observations were discussed by the bishops at their plenary meeting in May. They have since been provided to the Attorney-General of Australia.

The Holy See's observations have just been published on the Royal Commission page of the [ACBC website](#). The [ACBC media release](#) will be the only comment the ACBC makes regarding the subject.

MEDITATION FOR WORLD HEALING

Missionary Sisters of Service invite all people who meditate or pray to unite with one intention, to inundate the world with the energies of love on 4 October. [Read more here](#).

INDIGENOUS MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHTS TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP PROPOSAL

The Government will vote on a bill next month to pass the [National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment Bill](#). [Friends of the Earth](#) claim that the bill would strip Barngarla Traditional Owners and other interested parties of their rights to a judicial review of the nuclear waste dump proposal. Read a [letter](#) from the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation to the Federal Government stating that the proposed nuclear dump is a violation of the Barngarla People's human rights.

GLOBAL MISSION VIDEO GAINS INTERNATIONAL TRACTION

Pope Francis has highlighted his passion for the Pontifical Mission Societies, known in Australia as Catholic Mission, recognising mission is at the heart and identity of the Church, and the worldwide network reflects the rich variety of "people with a thousand faces".

These faces are featured in an inspirational video that connects more than 30 missionaries based in over 25 different countries speaking a variety of languages. 'A Thousand Faces' is part of a global awareness campaign launched as part of World Mission Month. View the [Global Mission video](#) and read [Catholic Mission's media release here](#).

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **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

WATAC JOINS THE CALL FOR ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

WATAC, the activist and advocacy organisation Women and the Australian Church, announced the third topic in their bi-monthly series of interactive webinars which provide theological formation to women.

[Read the media release.](#)

- Topic: Acting now: *Laudato si'*, eco-theologies and advocacy
Date: Wednesday 14 October, 6.00pm AEST
Speakers: Jacqui Remond, co-founder, Global Catholic Climate Movement; and
Di Rayson, an eco-theologian and Bonhoeffer scholar
Registration: Free - [click here](#)

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY PRESENTS FREE ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE

- Topic: Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics (Downloaded the flyer [here](#))
Date: Monday 12 October from 10-11.30am (AEST) via Zoom
Speaker: Professor Julia Upton RSM
Registration: by 7 October 2020. Register [here](#)

JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Jesuit College of Spirituality is holding its annual Open Day on Wednesday 23 September 2020 via Zoom. Learn more about how to [participate here](#).

RESOURCES

REIMAGINING OUR LIFE AS BROTHERS

The De La Salle Brothers have shared a resource regarding reimagining the life of a brother in a modern world that is in crisis. [Access the document here](#).

A LITTLE HUMOUR...

[A General Giggle](#) and the [‘Best Italian Shoes’](#) video clip (*download, then double click*)