

## NEWS

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### **FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY – KEY THEMES IN POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL**

Pope Francis has released the third encyclical letter of his pontificate: [Fratelli Tutti](#) (*Brothers and Sisters All*). The document focuses on the ideas of friendship and human solidarity and is seen as particularly relevant during the time of COVID-19. Read the [ACBC media release](#).

### **POPE FRANCIS CLEANING UP THE VATICAN**

On 24 September, Pope Francis demoted a Cardinal Becciu, who is suspected of money-laundering and the timing coincides with the publication of an [investigative report](#) on Vatican finances. Read [Massimo Faggioli's article](#), republished in *Catholic Outlook* and [BBC news](#) here.

### **LOW NUMBER OF PEOPLE APPLYING FOR NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME IS A RED FLAG**

Only 8,000 Australians have applied for redress, out of 60,000 estimated. The concern is that segments of the population, such as Aboriginal people, are not aware of the compensation scheme, or do not feel comfortable coming forward. [Read the MSN article here](#).

### **LANDMARK COURT DECISION PAVES WAY FOR GEELONG SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS**

A victim of historical child sexual abuse has won a landmark case in Victoria against the Catholic Church, giving him a second chance to sue for compensation. He is believed to be the first survivor in Australia to overturn a settlement agreement with the Catholic Church. [Read the ABC article here](#).

### **FRENCH PHILOSOPHER AND AUSTRALIAN THEOLOGIAN - WINNERS OF THE RATZINGER PRIZE**

The Vatican has announced the names of the winners of the Ratzinger Prize, the Nobel Prize of Theology. They are French philosopher Jean-Luc Marion and Australian theologian Tracey Rowland. The award ceremony will take place on November 14 at the Vatican. [Watch the video](#) (1.42mins)

### **'NEW NORMAL' PARC NOVITIATE**

The 'new normal' has challenged the De La Salle Brothers' view on their Novitiate Formation, read the [De La Salle newsletter](#) to learn how they are searching for a sense of normalcy.

### **COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION OF MERCY ACKNOWLEDGED**

On Mercy Day, 24 September, Mercy Health staff were reminded in a video message that they were a living part of the legacy of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. [Watch the video](#) (11.05 mins)

### **MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST COLUMBAN CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE FAR EAST MAGAZINE**

The Far East magazine celebrates 100 years in October 2020 and has been devoted to missionary work in China and the Far East. Watch the [video message of thanks](#) from the President of the ACBC.

## DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY – AUSTRALIAN AND UK PROVINCES INTEGRATE

The two provinces of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul – namely the Province of Great Britain and Province of Australia – have integrated and are now known as the Province of Rosalie Rendu. Read the [news from Daughters of Charity UK](#).

## JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE COVID-19 SPRING APPEAL

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has had significant calls on its services given many asylum seekers and refugees have lost their jobs and have no income. HRS has very depleted stocks in its food bank. [See the flyer](#). If you can assist with food items or toiletries, please contact [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au).

## ACRATH

- The Four Corners investigation that exposed a predatory network of human traffickers is available on [ABC iView](#) or [read the ABC article](#), and is described as one of the largest human trafficking cases ever seen in Britain.
- Read [ACRATH's September newsletter](#), and order the [2021 ACRATH Calendar](#)

## ARETE CENTRE, A WORK OF THE MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE

The Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership this week launched its 2021 program and is open for enrolments. [Read about the courses available](#) in topics such as Spirituality of Missionary Leadership.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- **World Mission Month:** October, [a time to support and celebrate global missionary work](#)
- **Anti-Poverty Week:** 11-17 October 2020 – [find out how to participate](#)
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross:** 17 October – [Take fresh courage](#)
- **CRA National Day of Sorrow & Promise:** 25 October 2020 (*save the date, more information to come*)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Caritas Australia is recruiting a Head of Mission Integration – [read the ad](#) and [position description](#) here.

## WEBINARS/EVENTS

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### TEMPORARY PROFESSED RELIGIOUS INVITED TO ZOOM GATHERING

All temporary professed religious (female and male) are welcome to join an online event via Zoom. This will be a great opportunity to connect with other young religious and to explore ways to collaborate more into the future.

Date: Saturday 24th October 2020

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm (AEDT).

Registration: To register for the event, please email Carmel Warnock: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **VOICES OF FAITH – ZOOM WEBINAR**

Date: Saturday 10 October 7.30 – 8.30pm (AEDT)  
Topic: Why Women Must Speak About Power in the Catholic Church  
Speaker: Dr Christiane Florin political scientist, journalist and author  
Register: [register online](#)

### **MISSION CONFERENCE: ONE HEART MANY VOICES - *Save the date!***

Date: 1-3 September 2021  
Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, Sydney  
Learn more: [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au) or [download the flyer](#).

### **SPIRITUAL READING GROUP – via ZOOM**

Date: Tuesday, 20 October, 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Topic: 'Heart Speaks to Heart' John Henry Newman, with Brian Harold  
Register: [online registration](#)

## **RESOURCES**

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### **SURVEY ON LAY ASSOCIATIONS**

The CRA Stewardship Committee is interested in hearing your comments on Lay Associations, such as whether you have one or not, and, if you do - how it is set up and managed. The data gathered will be used by the committee to plan for 2021 as it discerns whether or not a Seminar on such would be worthwhile. Please click on the [link to complete the confidential survey](#) by 4.00pm 12 October 2020.

### **LECTIO DIVINA FOR OCTOBER**

You can download and save the scripture texts, reflections and prayers for Lectio Divina for each day of this month. Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying the Scriptures. [Visit the Carmelite's Lectio Divina page](#) for more information about how to pray using Lectio Divina. Join their Lectio Online group every Friday at 10am (AEDT) to prayerfully reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel. [Register here](#).

### **#YOU ARE MY SISTER**

#YouAreMySister is an awareness campaign of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), profiling how women religious are supporting communities in Cambodia, Kenya, India and Brazil during the coronavirus pandemic [in six videos](#). The main campaign video is [here](#). UISG is calling for the international response to COVID-19 to be more agile to local communities. [Read how you can support the campaign via social media](#).

### **LAUGHTER THERAPY**

A special thank you to Jill Harding FCS, congregational leader of Family Care Sisters for these, and many other funny graphics, she has contributed to the 'Laughter Therapy' section of the eBulletin. See the next page...



"Oh my God! Mother?!"



## CALORIES:

Tiny creatures  
that live in your  
closet and sew  
your clothes a  
little bit tighter  
every night