

NEWS

VATICAN LETTER TO SUPPORT LATEST PAPAL ENCYCLICAL

Read a [letter from the Vatican](#) asking religious institute leaders to think about how you can promote and support Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (*Brothers and Sisters All*). There are also two recommended articles for you: [An encyclical for all brothers and sisters](#) and [Fratres omnes - Brothers and Sisters All](#).

FRATELLI TUTTI – A BETTER WAY IS POSSIBLE

"If the message of *Laudato Si'* is that 'Everything is connected', the message of *Fratelli Tutti* is that 'Everyone is connected'". This is how the Pope's latest encyclical has been described in [The Tablet](#).

CELEBRATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

This Saturday 17 October 2020 will mark the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation. It will be celebrated with commemorative prayers, videos, and a global vigil in her honour. Click on the [Sisters of St Joseph media release](#) outlining details of the celebration.

BUDGET LEAVES MANY ASKING "WHAT HOPE FOR ME?"

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) comments on the Commonwealth Budget in this [CSSA media release](#). The overall sentiment is one of opportunities lost, though there were some announcements that will support people working in and supported by the social service sector.

ACRATH – PETITION TO PROCLAIM MODERN SLAVERY ACT

NSW Parliament passed the Modern Slavery Act in June 2018 but it has never been proclaimed into law and now appears to be delayed due to harmonisation discussions with the Commonwealth. Citizens of NSW have an opportunity to petition the Government for the immediate implementation of the Modern Slavery Act. When 20,000 NSW residents sign the petition, it automatically gets tabled for a debate in the House. Click on the following link to sign the [petition](#). Currently there are 10,328 signatures.

CSSV INVITES PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THEIR CONSTITUTION

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) invites the participation of representatives from religious congregations in the review of their Constitution, the Review is being conducted by Fr Frank Brennan. You can prepare by reviewing the [CSSV Annual Report](#), [Directions Paper](#) and [Terms of reference](#). Participation is via a Zoom online Forum at 9.00am, Friday 16 October. Please [RSVP here](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Trustees of Catholic Healthcare are seeking to appoint a new Non-Executive Director to the Board, please read the [advertisement here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **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](#)
- **10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross:** 17 October – [Take fresh courage](#)
- **CRA National Day of Sorrow & Promise:** 25 October 2020. There are three Liturgy Booklet versions, a Promise Statement and social media tiles to share your support for this day of remembrance, on the [website](#).

WEBINARS/EVENTS

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 (and perhaps not so young) religious, to explore ways to collaborate more into the future.

Date: Saturday 24th October 2020

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm (AEDT).

Audience: Anyone who is Temporary Professed (male or female)

Registration: To register for the event, please email Carmel Warnock: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

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

Date: 1-3 September 2021

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, Sydney

Learn more: [Download the flyer](#).

RESOURCES

ORDERS FOR THE LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPER ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

The (US) Winter 2021 issue of LCWR's journal, Occasional Papers, entitled ***God's Infinite Vision***, explores how we might look upon this time of upheaval in society as a moment for transformation.

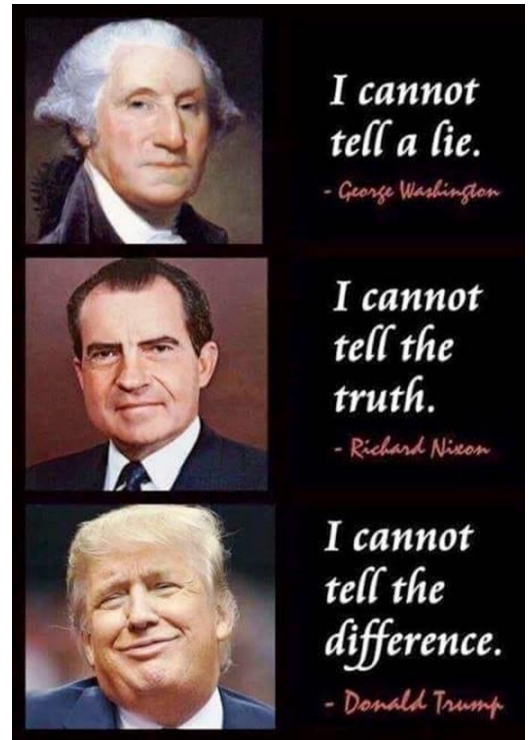
A highlight of this issue is an interview with theologian Douglas Christie, author of *The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes for a Contemplative Ecology*. In addition, the issue features an array of interesting articles that probe how we might courageously enter into the invitation the chaos and uncertainty of these times present us.

CRA will be in touch with you in the next week with regards to placing your orders. (Expected delivery date is early February 2021).

LAUGHTER THERAPY

Please see the next page.

One Flu Over the Cuckoo's Nest



2020 IS ACTUALLY THE YEAR OF THE RAT.

- We are all in hiding.
- We only come out to get food.
- We store the food in our homes to eat later.
- And we run away when people come close to us.



The COVID19 situation has been especially stressful for the Flat Earth Society.

They fear that the social distancing measures could push people over the edge.

The fact that Jellyfish have survived for 650 million years despite not having brains gives hope to many people.



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