

NEWS

JESUIT MISSION AUSTRALIA CALLS YOU TO 'STAND WITH STAN'

Jesuit Mission Australia and the Australian Jesuits have joined an international group of church groups supporting Fr. Stan Swamy, an 83-year-old Jesuit arrested in Ranchi and now in jail for supporting indigenous tribal people being victimised. Read the [media release from Jesuit Communications](#). You may wish to support Stan by [signing the petition for his release](#).

CHRISTMAS APPEAL TO SUPPORT ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

[Opening The Doors Foundation](#), which has been led by the diverse voices of the Aboriginal community, will be selling authentic Aboriginal Christmas ornaments to raise funds which go directly to supporting educational costs for Aboriginal students. View the [Christmas ornaments](#) and download the [order form](#).

COMMUNITY RESIDENCE - FOR SALE - CLAYTON, VICTORIA

A Brigidine residence used as a supported community is for sale in Clayton, Victoria. The building is 20 years old, has ten bedrooms with ensuites, is situated within walking distance to local church, shopping centre, public transport and Monash Hospital, Clayton. For further Information, please contact Daniel by ph: 0410 485 239.

QUESTIONING THE FEDERAL BUDGET

National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society, said the Federal Budget delivered 6 October 2020 relies heavily on a number of optimistic assumptions and that it targets people who are already comfortable and overlooks the plight of low-income Australians and others who do not pay tax. Read the [St Vincent de Paul Society media release](#).

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

These celebrations will take place throughout 2021 school year:

- a 'soft launch' will be part of the program of the [NCEC Virtual Symposium on 30 October 2020](#);
- an official launch will be held in each diocese during the week beginning 22 February 2021; and
- a national mass will be celebrated in each diocese on 24 May, Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Read the '200 Years Newsletter Update': [May](#), [June](#) and [September](#) editions.

RECENT CRA MEDIA STATEMENTS

- [CRA endorses the vision for the Church outlined in *The Light From The Southern Cross*](#)
- [CRA opposes the Migration Amendment Bill 2020](#)
- [CRA Against the Revolving Door of Youth Injustice](#)

PROVISION OF ADEQUATE HOUSING - KEY TO REALISATION OF UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA

UNANIMA International is a coalition of 23 communities of women religious and friends, in 85 countries with 25,000 members. They advocate on behalf of women and children (particularly those living in poverty), migrants and refugees, the homeless and displaced, and the environment. Read three recently released documents from UNANIMA International:

- [Hidden Faces of Homelessness Vol 2](#)
- [Family Homelessness through the Lens of the 2030 Agenda](#)
- [September 2020 Newsletter](#)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL - PRAYERFUL & EUCHARISTIC?

Fr Warren Kinne writes in the Columban eBulletin, in response to the discernment paper of the Plenary Council, '[How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and eucharistic](#)'.

ON PILGRIMAGE WITH MARY WARD - APP LAUNCH

Loreto Ministries has launched a new 'On Pilgrimage with Mary Ward' App, which covers seven key destinations of the major Mary Ward pilgrimage in Europe. Read the [Loreto Ministries media release](#) here.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CARETAKERS REQUIRED IN ACT

[HOME in Queanbeyan](#) (HOME) is a community-based initiative that provides 24-hour supported accommodation for twenty people with chronic mental illness in a safe environment. HOME is seeking Caretakers, be they active/retired Religious, a retired couple, or even a family, who would like to make a difference in the lives of residents. Please read the [ad here](#). Please contact Anne Pratt, Manager, HOME, by ph: 0412 460 308 or 6284 2409.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **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](#). Because there are multiple files, all the resources have been placed in [Dropbox](#) (click on this link) – please call Sylvia if you need assistance downloading files: 0410 644 356.

WEBINARS/EVENTS

UNCHARTERED: HEALTH, HOUSING, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COVID-19

This multi-speaker webinar, organised by the Centre for Human Rights and Inclusion, University of Technology Sydney, will explore how a stronger human rights focus in decision-making can help build a better society.

Date & Time: Wednesday 28 October 2020, from 12.30pm – 1.30pm (Online via Zoom)

Registration: [Click here to register](#)

A NIGHT IN WITH JEWISH HOUSE

[Jewish House](#) offers a safe place and support for people experiencing trauma and personal crisis. They are holding a free online event, raffle and silent auction:

Date & Time: Wednesday, 2 December 2020, 8.00pm (1 hour online)

Keynote: Dr Devora Kestel, Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Use, World Health Organisation

Register: [click here](#) for more information and for free tickets.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE - TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2021

[Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre](#) is a COVID-Safe registered business in Mulgoa, NSW. With restrictions being lifted, they can provide private room accommodation for up to 18 guests and up to 54-day guests, with social distancing in the dining and conference rooms, for your next retreat or gathering. Contact: Ann-Maree Timmings by email: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or by ph: 02 4773 8338 Ext: 236.

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

Date: 1-3 September 2021, Sydney, [download the flyer](#).

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

RESOURCES

WHAT IF I'M NOT A CATHOLIC?

Read an [article from the Lasallian perspective](#) about the people who work in their organisations and how they embrace a wide range of personal beliefs.

JOURNEYING TOWARDS FREEDOM - NEW MARIST PODCAST SERIES

The theme of the series is '*Journeying towards freedom: a desire for God and wholeness in our lives*'. Each speaker in the podcast explores the theme from their own perspective, experience and area of expertise; there are six episodes, [discover them here](#).

SERVING COMMUNITIES WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION - NEW BOOK

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) has published key learnings from the conference they delivered with Catholic Social Services Australia, in February 2020, in a new book entitled, *Serving Communities with Courage and Compassion*. The book includes more than [20 chapters](#) that capture the key themes from the conference. Read the [CSSV media release](#) or visit the [CSSV website](#) to purchase the book.

2021 JOAN CHITTISTER CALENDAR

A new calendar is available for purchase combining Joan Chittister's wisdom and nature photography, for more information and to order, [click here](#).

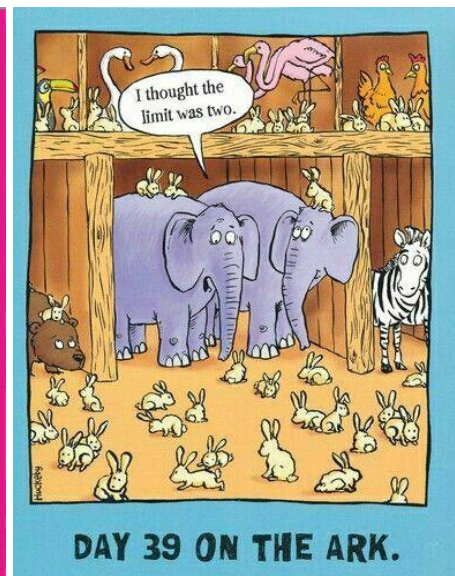
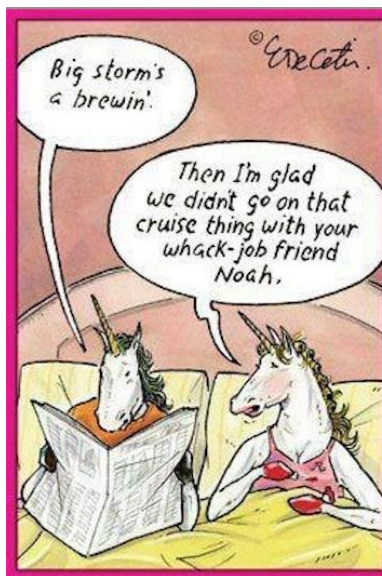
ORDERS FOR THE LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPER ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

The (US) Winter 2021 issue of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious 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*.

- Hard copy cost: \$20.00 each, including postage and handling. Please download the [order form](#), and return it to events@catholicreligious.org.au no later than Tuesday, 8 December 2020; or
- Digital copy: [subscribe](#) to the *Occasional Papers* at a cost of US \$15.00 p.a.

LAUGHTER THERAPY

APOLOGY: We wish to apologise for the inclusion of cartoons on page 3 of the last eBulletin entitled 'One Flu Over the Cuckoo's Nest' and another referring to US Presidents Washington, Nixon and Trump. CRA's intention is to be sensitive, non-political and always furthering the Gospel message. Apologies.



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