

NEWS

'FRANCESCO' – NEW DOCUMENTARY ON THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF POPE FRANCIS

A new film 'Francesco', which debuted at the virtual Rome Film Festival on 21 October, offers a moving portrait of the Pope's personal impact in the world ([Vatican News](#)). The film includes landmark remarks about LGBT civil unions ([USA Today](#)). The director received a film award on 22 October ([CNA](#)).

FRANCIS SULLIVAN – NEW CHAIR OF CSSA LTD

Francis Sullivan has been elected as the new chair of the CSSA Ltd Board, replacing Dr Maria Harries, who served as chair of the CSSA board for seven years. He is well known within and beyond Catholic circles and will lead the organisation in a new era following its recent consolidation. Read the [CSSA media release](#).

APPEAL TO HELP STREET KIDS OF AFGHANISTAN

Mahboba's Promise is a charity which aims to establish a rescue house to take Afghan children off the streets and provide them with the food, shelter, and education. To understand the current situation, [see the video here](#). Mahboba's Promise need funds to provide this assistance and rehabilitation to the children. Please visit [the website](#) to find out more and to make a donation.

ICAN – CLOSE TO 50th RATIFICATION - DESPITE OPPOSITION

[AP News reported](#) that the USA is pressuring states which have supported the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to withdraw from it. However, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) expects the treaty will soon acquire its 50th ratification, triggering its entry into force 90 days later. For further detail on what entry-into-force means for Australia, [click here](#).

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE FORMS NOT-FOR-PROFIT TO OVERSEE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has established a not-for-profit company to oversee and restructure the management of Melbourne's 335 Catholic schools. Read the [Archdiocese of Melbourne's media release](#).

STUDENTS LEAD WORLD MISSION MONTH CELEBRATIONS

There has been a lot of 'story telling' in many local dioceses during World Mission Month, thanks to a unique youth-lead initiative from Catholic Mission, read the [media release here](#).

APPLICATIONS INVITED - 2021 STUDY AND MENTORING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Leadership Program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women (30 years and over), as they undertake undergraduate or post-graduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological institution. To find out about the selection criteria and how to apply, [visit the website](#) or [download the flyer](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JESUIT COMMUNICATIONS SEEKS EUREKA STREET EDITOR

Eureka Street is a publication of the Australian Jesuits; they are seeking a part-time editor, based in Richmond, Victoria. Find out more about the position on the [Australian Jesuits' website](#). Applications close 11 November 2020.

WEBINARS/EVENTS

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE - 30 OCTOBER - 4.30PM

The Ritual of Remembrance is an annual Religious of Queensland network event held at Nudgee Cemetery, the burial place of many religious in south east Queensland. The event is usually celebrated towards the end of October or early November. Due to COVID health restrictions, this year's Ritual of Remembrance has been pre-recorded and is offered to CRA members as a prayer and celebration honouring all our saints. You are invited to join in praying on Friday 30 October at 4.30pm. Please click on the [invitation](#) which contains the [video link](#) (also provided here) and download the [prayer booklet](#).

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

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

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

CTC Open Day online sessions in theology, spirituality or pastoral studies are running in November. [Download the flyer](#) to find out more about the open day and course offerings in 2021.

RESOURCES

WOMEN: ICONS OF CHRIST – NEW BOOK

Dr Phyllis Zagano's an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the Church and is a member of the papal commission for the study of the diaconate of women. In her latest book, *Women: Icons of Christ*, she traces the history of ministry by women, especially those ordained as deacons and presents cogent arguments supported by history to refute arguments against restoring women to the ordained diaconate. [Find out more and purchase the book](#).

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

- Video - [Lion King Shadow Dancing](#)
- Video - [Transforming Streets with Art](#)

A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a cat died.

In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The German Shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master."
"Good!" said God. "Sit at my right side."

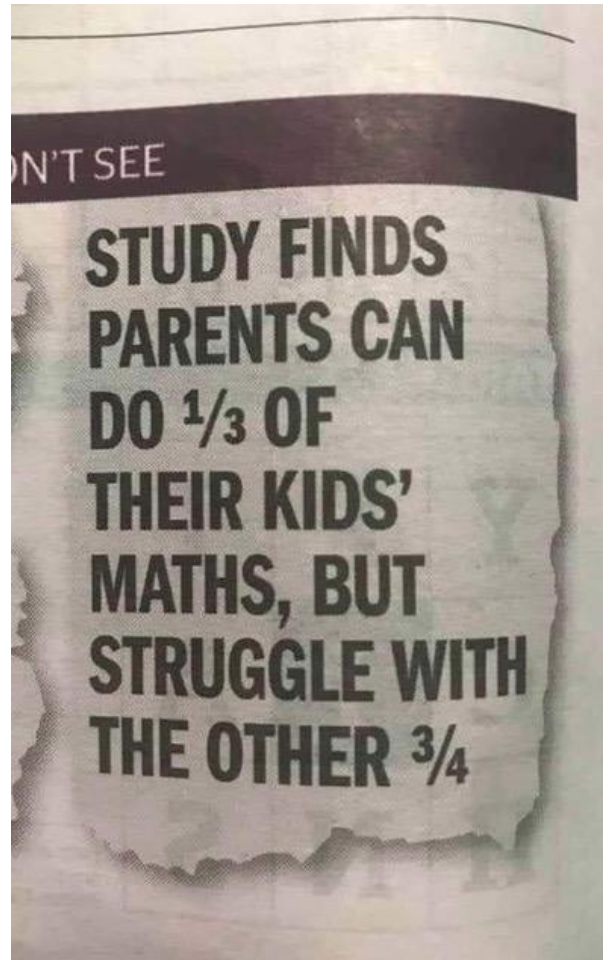
"Doberman, what do you believe in?" asked God.

The doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Aha," said God. You may sit to my left."

Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat replied, "I believe you are sitting in my seat."



Shop assistant fought off armed robber with his labelling gun.

Police are now looking for a man with a price on his head.

When this virus is over I still want some of you to stay away from me.