

## NEWS

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### **UISG EMERGENCY FUNDS – COVID-19**

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) has received new funds to support religious congregations in various parts of the world suffering the impact of COVID-19 (€5,000 max). Photos and a paragraph describing the impact of the pandemic on the community/ministry are required. Australia is in Constellation APME Pacific C6 – this is needed if filling in the form. See the [message and form from UISG](#).

The funding could apply to a particular part of a province or congregation, this could include Pacific Island communities which are struggling. As the delegate for UISG, please let Monica Cavanagh RSJ know if your institute applies for the support of this fund by email: [monica.cavanagh@sosj.org.au](mailto:monica.cavanagh@sosj.org.au).

### **300 YEAR JUBILEE OF THE PASSIONISTS**

On Sunday 22 November 2020, the Passionist Congregation held the Jubilee for its 300 years of foundation. It began with the opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John and Paul in Rome and continued with a Mass at which the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, was the principal celebrant. Please see the [Passionist newsletter](#) with links to the opening ceremonies in Rome and the province opening Ceremony.

### **MCCARRICK REPORT**

Prepared by the Holy See, the [400-page McCarrick Report](#), published on 10 November 2020, has been widely debated but ["an open letter to the bishops, from a young Catholic who's only known a church in scandal"](#) demonstrates just how important the safeguarding of children and adults at risk is, and how crucial it is to embed safeguarding into the mission of every religious organisation.

You may be interested in reading [Top 5 Takeaways from the McCarrick Report](#) on the America website or [The McCarrick Report Is Published: Four "Scapegoats"?](#) on Inside the Vatican website.

### **MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018 - NSW GOVERNMENT IN CONTEMPT OF THE HOUSE**

In a debate on 18 November 2020 regarding the failure to proclaim the Modern Slavery Act 2018, a motion was passed finding the NSW Government in contempt of the House. Read the [motion passed by the Legislative Council](#). You can also read [a short speech](#) given by the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, the Hon. Don Harwin MLC in the debate. The third and final paragraphs of the speech summarise the NSW Government's position on the matter of the proclamation of the Modern Slavery Act 2018. Both the motion itself and Hansard are in the public domain.

### **LASALLIAN VOCATION: FOLLOWING THE STAR**

This short story, [Lasallian Vocation: Following the Star](#), provides a glimpse into the ministry of a young Lasallian Brother in a school setting in Sydney, offering senior students different avenues into spirituality and Christian faith and serving those with special needs.

### **PEACE BOAT HIBAKUSHA PROJECT ONLINE**

A new project has been launched as the next step forward, following the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombing and the 50th ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

“Every Second Counts for the Survivors! Peace Boat Hibakusha Project Online” plans to hold online Hibakusha testimony sessions in more than 190 countries and regions to gain greater support for the Hibakusha’s plea and the TPNW. Hibakusha are people affected by the 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, who are aging and whose time is limited. Started in October 2020, the plan is for 100 such events to be held by the end of 2021. Visit the [peace boat website](#) for more information.

### **JOIN ACRATH IN 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM**

Wednesday, 25 November the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, marks the beginning of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence which ends on 10 December - Human Rights Day.

Human trafficking, a \$150 billion global industry, is one of the greatest examples of violence against women and girls. Millions of women and girls are forced to marry, or to work in slave-like conditions for little, or no pay and no chance of an education.

Join ACRATH and the international community for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. Over the 16 Days of Activism ACRATH will be sharing stories, focusing on the people working in the areas of forced labour, forced marriage and supply chains, as well as creating opportunities for learning, prayer and reflection. Resources and events details can be found on the [ACRATH website](#).

### **POPE TO YOUNG ECONOMISTS**

Pope Francis held a virtual meeting ‘The Economy of Francis’ in Assisi from 19 - 21 November with young economists and entrepreneurs. [Watch the Pope’s video-message](#) to participants attending the ‘Economy of Francis,’ warning them that they are the future, “Either you are involved or history will pass over you.”

### **CORRECTION - TOWARDS MERCY MINISTRY COMPANIONS**

In the covering email for last week’s CRA Bulletin, it was wrongly printed that ‘ISMAPNG has set up a Ministerial PJP’. While the Institute is looking to establish a Ministerial PJP, it is still in the planning stages with a petition still to be made to Rome in 2021.

### **ACCESS TO CRA MEMBER LISTS**

The national reach of CRA with its ability to share information inter-congregationally across states or the whole country is one benefit of CRA membership. However, CRA cannot provide lists of member contact details to third parties due to privacy laws and CRA’s responsibility for member data.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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### **BROKEN BAY DIOCESE – NEW POSITIONS VACANT**

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay, in Sydney:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days)
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator
- Diocesan Director, Communications

For information on each of these roles and to watch a short video message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo (2.38 mins), please visit the [Broken Bay Diocese website](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **ACRATH WEBINAR**

Topic: Holding the Light: An Ecumenical Service Remembering Victims and Survivors of Family Domestic Violence

Date: Sunday 29 November 2020, 2.30pm

Location: St Peter's Eastern Hill 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

Register: [Online registration](#)

Live-streamed: [St Peter's FaceBook page](#) and [St Peter's YouTube Channel](#)

This webinar will be held as part of the UN's 16-Days campaign against gender-based violence.

### **VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES – FREE**

Four Lecturers from Yarra Theological Union (YTU) Biblical Department are involved in these series including Mary Coloe, Janina Hiebel, Mary Reaburn and Chris Monaghan. Virtual Advent Series hosted jointly by Garratt Publishing and YTU. There are two streams available:

- **Infancy Narratives – Virtual Personal Development Seminar**

Dates: Thursday November 26 and December 3

The Infancy Narratives Seminar is ideal for teachers and those seeking faith development; it may offer up to three hours of accredited personal development. Click here for [more information to register](#).

- **Virtual Advent Series**

Dates: Tuesday November 24, December 1,8 and 15

Click here for [more information and to register](#).

### **NEW CRA NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

Dates for Leader Supervision Groups in 2021 have been added to the [CRA 2021 Events Calendar](#), also available on the [CRA Resources page](#).

## RESOURCES

### NEW BOOK – LET US DREAM: THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE

Ahead of the release of Pope Francis' new book with Austen Ivereigh, the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* has published an excerpt from *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*, in which the Pope describes three of his own personal 'COVID' moments of solitude. [Read the article](#) on the Vatican News website. Pope Francis' book will be available from 1 December 2020.

### FREE JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ writes a collection of articles, which he makes available for use in Catholic media outlets. The [articles for December and January](#) are here - free for your use. In an effort to sustain the *Madonna Magazine* into the future, Jesuit Communications asks that if you use one of these articles in December or January, you might consider placing the following note at the end of the article:

*Madonna magazine, published by the Australian Jesuits, has accompanied Australians in their daily prayer and spiritual growth for more than 120 years. It is an ideal prayer companion and thoughtful gift in this time of isolation and disconnection from parish and community. Subscribe, or give a gift subscription, and help keep our prayer community going in 2021. Go to [www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au) for more.*

### LAUGHTER THERAPY

\*\*\*\* Borrowed Laughs \*\*\*\*

No Nativity this year because the 3 Wise Men face a travel ban.

The shepherds have been furloughed.

The Inn Keeper has shut under stage 3 regulations and had a slump in bookings.

Santa won't be working as he would break the rule of 6 with Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen.

As for Rudolph, with that red nose, he should be isolating and taking a test.

