

NEWS

ACTION PLAN MISSING FROM MCCARRICK REPORT CAN BE FOUND DOWN UNDER

La Croix reports that the entire Church should take seriously the proposals for ecclesial reform coming from Catholics in Australia, according to Massimo Faggioli, one of the authors of [Light From The Southern Cross Report](#). [Read the article here](#).

POLICE ISSUE - NUISANCE CALLS

Two religious institutes, of whom we are aware, have received a multitude of sexually explicit phone calls and emails from a male who identifies himself as Danny Conner. The alleged conduct of Mr Conner is currently being investigated by South Sydney Detectives, Event Number: 146957401 and Case Number: 75482706. If any other Congregations receive contact or correspondence from Mr Conner, Thomas Isbester, Good Samaritans' professional standards officer is happy to be the conduit to the police as he has been dealing with them on this matter – it is always helpful for all information to go to the particular police who are dealing with a specific issue across various areas. Thomas' contact details are: Phone: 02 8752 5319; Mobile: 0468 339 396; Email: tisbester@goodsams.org.au.

OPPOSITION TO CLERICALISM SPARKS TALKS AMONG CATHOLIC LAITY

A new organisation of reform-minded French Catholics has entered into discussions with a similar lay group as a way to see how best to respond to Pope Francis' call for change in the Church. [Read the article in La Croix](#).

RENTAL AFFORDABILITY INDEX CAUSE FOR URGENT ACTION

The 2020 Rental Affordability Index was released on 1 December 2020 by the National Shelter, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Bendigo Bank and SGS Economics & Planning. St Vincent de Paul Society National Council says there is urgent need for a significant injection of funding into social and affordable housing across all jurisdictions, including from the Commonwealth. Read the [Vinnies' media release here](#).

I BELIEVE...IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE GIVER OF LIFE

"Nothing is more important than experiencing the grace and beauty of the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ, who breathes on us every day afresh," writes Br Mark O'Connor FMS, Vicar for Communication, Diocese of Parramatta; [read the article in Catholic Outlook](#).

NEW WEBSITE TO PROMOTE CAUSE FOR CANONISATION OF EILEEN O'CONNOR

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Eileen O'Connor and numerous events are being planned to mark the centenary, including a new [website](#) with resource and information. [Read the media release](#) from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

SIX CATHOLICS ON SUPREME COURT USA AND THE DEATH PENALTY

[This article in America, The Jesuit Review](#) explores how we might expect a Catholic judge in a democratic and pluralist system to bring their faith into their public and governmental work.

SHOULD WE STOP FILMING THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST?

An e-Eucharist can be unsacramental and even anti-sacramental according to this writer in *America, The Jesuit Review*, [read the article here](#).

#YOUAREMYSISTER

Watch the campaign videos [here](#), click [here](#) to read UISG's Executive Secretary's op-ed on the role of Sisters in post-COVID development. UISG have also launched a new Twitter channel called [Voice of UISG](#) through which they showcase the efforts of Sisters around the world responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read one of the stories, [here](#), this one is from Brazil.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

ONLINE CONFERENCE: LAUDATO SI'+

Topic: Laudato Si' +: Realising the vision of regenerating Earth's community of life

Date: 15 – 17 March 2021

Early bird fee: \$125 (+GST if applicable) purchased prior to 29 January 2021

Full Fee: \$165 (+GST if applicable) purchased after 29 January 2021

Flyer: [Download the flyer](#)

Registration: [Register online](#)

Scholarships are available, contact laudatosi.conference.ismapng@gmail.com for details.

WEBINAR: THE OTHER MARYS

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the Australian Embassy to the Holy See, with the British Embassy to the Holy See, are organising a webinar.

Topic: The Other Marys: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and The Venerable Mary Ward

Date: Friday 4 December 2020

Time: 10:00 am, Rome time

Flyer: [Download the flyer](#)

Zoom link: [Click here to go to Zoom](#); passcode: 093953

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](#).

ETHICAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

Buy from the Bush

Buy from the Bush was an initiative created in 2019, amid Australia's worst drought on record, to showcase bush businesses to city dwellers. *Buy from the Bush* has been able to create real change in rural communities, with \$5 million of revenue generated for bush businesses in the first four months. This year, you can continue to show your support by shopping from the *Buy from the Bush* website [here](#).

The Ethical Fashion Guide

Each year, Baptist World Aid produce an Ethical Fashion Guide to inform shoppers to become more thoughtful and ethical fashion consumers. This year, they have put together a special COVID-19 edition, highlighting the challenges the pandemic has brought to fashion companies and suppliers, and the steps brands have or have not implemented to safeguard the most vulnerable workers in their supply chains. You can read their report or download their phone app [here](#).

Ethica

Founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mary MacKillop Today's Fair Trade social enterprise, Ethica specialises in quality Fair Trade products crafted by artisans in Peru. Purchasing a gift from Ethica this Christmas can support communities to have dignified work in safe and fair conditions and support cultural identity. You can browse their online shop [here](#).

Biome

Biome is a store committed to offering solutions to environmental problems, to preserve a safe and healthy planet. You can shop their collections of reusable, plastic free, biodegradable and/or sustainably made household, fashion, food and beauty items [here](#).

Kakadu Plum Co

Kakadu Plum Co work directly with Aboriginal communities who traditionally wild harvest many of their food ingredients, including Kakadu Plum and their bush tea range, supporting them to grow their bush food business on country. You can shop their delicious range of traditional teas, bush foods, homewares and beauty items [here](#).

RESOURCES

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

Pope Francis' book with Austen Ivereigh *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*, is now available. Read the [media release here](#).

ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH - THE LIMINAL PAPACY OF POPE FRANCIS

Join Massimo Faggioli Professor of Villanova University, USA and Conjoint Professor, BBI-TAITE in conversation with Richard Lennan of Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry and Professor Ordinarius, in a book launch of the *Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis* by Massimo Faggioli.

Date: Tuesday 15 December 2020

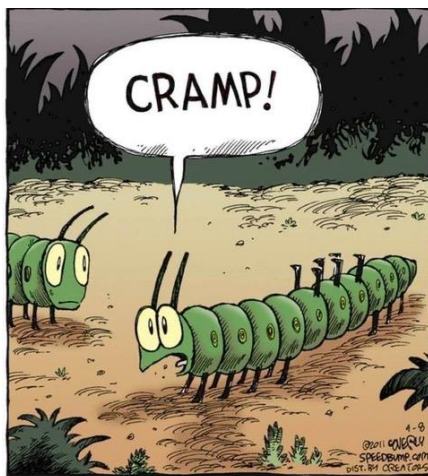
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM AEDT

Register: [free online registration](#)

VIDEO AND MUSIC RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

Emmaus Productions offer you this complimentary [Advent Resource](#), which features video reflections and meditations from numerous theologians and educators; also accessible via the [CRA Resources page](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY

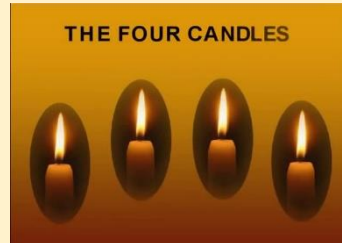


Students at school were asked to write about the harmful effects of oil on fish.

One 11-year old wrote, "When my mum opened a tin of sardines last night it was full of oil and all the sardines were dead."

[FOUR CANDLES](#)

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A beautiful reflection on hope.
(video 2.11 mins)



Always make sure your loved ones are buckled up.

