

## NEWS

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### **JESUITS IN TIMOR-LESTE RESPOND TO EASTER SUNDAY FLOOD CRISIS**

Jesuits in Timor-Leste are responding to the widespread destruction of Tropical Cyclone Seroja that brought flash flooding, leaving 42 people dead and an estimated 14,000 people temporarily displaced. [Read more](#). Jesuit Mission, assisting Jesuit Social Service, urges prayerful and practical support for the devastated families. [Donate to Jesuit Mission here](#) or call 02 8918 4109.

### **MEDIA RELEASE: CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

Catholic Mission has launched its major appeal for the year, supporting the essential work of the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, as they reach out to vulnerable women in their time of need. Read the [Catholic Mission Media Release](#). [Donate here](#).

### **VALE NOEL DAVIS**

CRA has been informed of the recent death of Australian poet Noel Davis, whose inspirational reflections and poems have been deeply appreciated by many across Australia, New Zealand and beyond. Noel continued writing up to his death on 27 March 2021. His final piece was his prayer of surrender, shared with you [here](#). Tributes to Noel, can be viewed [here](#).

### **LATEST FROM ACRATH**

Read ACRATH's [April 2021 newsletter](#), filled with stories about people and projects working to combat human trafficking.

### **NEW WEBSITE: SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AUSTRALIA**

On 6 April, CRA President, Peter Carroll FMS officially launched the [new website](#) of the Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia. CSD Australia is a professional not-for-profit association of spiritual directors committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of spiritual direction.

### **DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OR VIDEO FOOTAGE FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2021?**

A reminder that the Australian Catholic Media Council is seeking high-quality photo or video content to show 'the Church in action' for the World Communications Day 2021 campaign "Come and See", to be held 9 May 2021. [More information here](#), including instructions for sending your contributions by Friday, 16 April 2021.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### WATAC INTERACTIVE WEBINAR

Speakers Dr Maeve Louise Heaney and Dr Danielle Anne Lynch discuss the importance of music in their spiritual lives and theological work, exploring the issue of gendered language for God in prayer. Read the [invitation](#) and about the [speakers and programme](#) in the WATAC media release.

Title: Keeping Grounded – Music and Spirituality

Date: 14 April 2021

Time: 6.00 – 7.00pm (AEST)

Registration: [Free online registration](#)

### CONVOCATIONS OF CATHOLICS

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) is organising a series of three Convocations of Catholics, promoting Church renewal in the context of the Plenary Council and the signs of the times in Australia. Read the [flyer here](#). See also [Convocation Information](#).

Title: The Future of Catholicism in Australia, with Joan Chittister OSB.

Date: 2 May 2021

Time: 9.00 – 10.30am (AEST)

Registration: Free [online registration](#)

### LAUDATO SI' CONFERENCE – SESSION RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy recently collaborated with the Australian Catholic University and Catholic Religious Australia for an online conference that celebrated the changes inspired by *Laudato Si'* since its 2015 release. [Session recordings now available - Click here](#)

### 2021 CRA EVENTS

Monday, 3 May	<a href="#">CRA Professional Development &amp; Networking Day for Administrators</a> , 'Living Your Best Life'	North Sydney, NSW
Wednesday, 5 May	<a href="#">CRA National Stewardship Seminar</a> , 'How best to maximise yield in a low interest environment'	Zoom event
Wednesday, 26 May	<a href="#">CRA National Justice Seminar Day</a> , 'Now is the Time!' (Click on the link or download the <a href="#">flyer</a> )	Melbourne, VIC
Monday 2 to Thursday 5 August	<a href="#">CRA 2021 National Assembly</a>	Parramatta, NSW
Friday 6 August	CRA Interculturality Workshop (flyer and registration available shortly)	Parramatta, NSW

## RESOURCES

### 21-DAY CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Partake in a daily challenge April 23 – May 16 to grow in ecological awareness. A daily email will be sent with resources that invite you to learn, pray, and act on a particular environmental justice topic. Details at [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#).

### PACIFIC CLIMATE WATCH

A recent monograph entitled *Rising Tides, Raising Voices* is available from Pacific Climate Watch, an Inter-Congregational Voice on Climate Change. Read the document [here](#).

### LAUGHTER THERAPY



Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday.

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**You are my people.**



"There I go—still writing 'B.C.' on my checks."

