

NEWS

CRA CALLS FOR PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

In light of last week's escalating violence in the Holy Land—and a day prior to the announcement of a ceasefire—CRA issued a press release on 20 May calling for a united moment in prayer for peace. [Download the press release](#) or view it at the [CRA website](#).

CRA acknowledges with gratitude those religious men and women within our communities in Australia who are beacons for peace and dialogue between diverse cultures and faiths, especially when tensions run high during times of overseas conflict.

KIDNAPPED RELIGIOUS AND LAITY IN HAITI FREED

A CRA eBulletin last month invited your prayers for a group of seven consecrated Catholic men and women, along with three lay persons, who were kidnapped by an armed gang in Haiti on 11 April. The [Vatican News website](#) reports the news that all ten have now been freed.

BISHOPS FORMALLY CONVOKE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally convoked the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, with president Archbishop Mark Coleridge signing the required decree on Pentecost Sunday. Read this story online at the [ACBC media blog](#).

POPE FRANCIS: REJECT IDEOLOGIES OF 'RIGHT' AND 'LEFT'

[America magazine](#) reports on Pope Francis' Pentecost Sunday homily with its call for unity in the Church and the rejection of the ideologies of conservatives and progressives "that divide and separate us".

STUDENTS CELEBRATE IN SONG 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

Catholic students have joined together in a [video performance](#) of the national song 'Faith in the Future', to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. Download the [NCEC press release](#) here.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CANCELLED - CRA SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

Regretfully, the CRA Social Justice Seminar scheduled this week has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Victorian Government. CRA has taken a conservative position to avoid putting any of its people at risk. A fabulous program was planned, and we hope to find another date soon.

CRA NATIONAL POST-ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

Teresa Maya CCVI, Kevin O’Neill SSC, with Tim Norton SVD, will lead a workshop to process the ideas and challenges from their presentations at the CRA National Assembly to create building blocks for intercultural mission-focussed action. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: What Now? Building Blocks for Intercultural Change. Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership
Date & Time: Friday 6 August 2021, 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta NSW
Registration: \$150.00 per head (lunch provided). [Register by 19 July at Trybooking](#)

CHARISM AND CREATIVITY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 4-5 MAY 2022

This conference has been moved to 4-5 May 2022. Consequently, the other preparatory dates have also changed. Please take note of the changes on the conference website: carismaecreativita.net. The conference is a joint initiative of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and the Pontifical Council for Culture. Contact info@carismaecreativita.net for more details.

“THE PELL AFFAIR” BOOK LAUNCH – AN EVENING WITH FRANK BRENNAN SJ

Observations on the Pell Proceedings, by Frank Brennan SJ, scrutinises a landmark moment in Australian legal history. Extra seating is now available for this book launch event. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: The Pell Affair
Date: 2 June 2021 (5.30pm for 6.00pm start)
Venue: The Chapter Hall, St Mary’s Rd, Sydney
Registration: [Register online at Trybooking](#). Bookings essential. Seating limited.

CREATION SPIRITUALITY LIVE ZOOM PRESENTATION

Colleen Duffy RSM, PhD Physics and Teilhard scholar, will offer her expertise on one of the most influential mystics of the 20th century, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Creation Spirituality
Date: Tuesday 28 September 2021 (9.00am – 10.30am)
Venue: St Joseph’s Convent, 23 York St, South Perth
Registration: Cost: \$20 (including morning tea). [Register by 10 September at Trybooking](#)

RESOURCES

PRAYER VIDEO TO HONOUR THE LIFE OF IRENE McCORMACK RSJ

A prayer video by Catholic Mission, “The Life For Love”, marks the 30th anniversary of the death of Irene McCormack RSJ whilst serving as a missionary in Peru after 25 years of service to Catholic education in WA. Access the video at the [Catholic Mission website](#) or at [this YouTube link](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY 😂

