

NEWS

A CATALYST FOR CONVERSATION THAT LEADS TO RENEWED HEARTS AND MINDS

On 7 July, CRA launched a series of online ‘conversations’ to explore *The Light from the Southern Cross Report* and to provide an opportunity for reflection and engagement with this landmark document, at a significant time in Church history and in light of the Plenary Council. Read the [short article here](#).

FIVE PASSIONIST NOVICES TAKE FIRST VOWS

The Passionists have just celebrated the first profession of vows taken by five novices from Vietnam on 10 July at St Paul's, Glen Osmond (SA). The celebration included the surprise gift of a videoed song sung by all the brothers in the Passionist Saigon communities. More details, including photos of the ceremony, can be viewed at the [Passionist \(Holy Spirit Province\) Newsletter](#).

A RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE DURING LOCKDOWN

Five non-profit organisations, including Jesuit Refugee Services and St Vincent de Paul Society, are partnering with Australian Catholic University (ACU), through its Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Unit, to explore the impact of COVID-19 for the community sector. Read the [ACU media release](#) here.

VACCINES FOR DISABILITY CARE WORKERS PROTECT THE VULNERABLE

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) has backed a proposal for disability care workers to be required to be vaccinated, to keep a vulnerable group of Australians safer. Download the [CSSA media release](#).

CONCERNS OVER QUEENSLAND ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Catholic Health Australia is concerned that the assisted suicide bill to be debated in Queensland in September will force church-run nursing homes and hospitals to allow euthanasia for terminally ill patients. This story and updates on similar issues can be found at the [HOPE website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2021 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER

Due to the pandemic lockdowns in NSW, the new dates of the National Assembly will be Monday 22 to Thursday 25 November 2021. The venue will remain the same, the Novotel Parramatta. The post-assembly interculturality workshop scheduled for Friday 6 August will be postponed to early 2022 and will be held in 2 online workshop sessions – more information will be available on the CRA website soon. The

Council Elections will be postponed until the November National Assembly. The commissioning ceremony for religious institute leaders as members of the Plenary Council will now be held by Zoom on 4 August 2021 – more information will be available on the CRA website soon.

CRA MALE RELIGIOUS LEADERS RETREAT POSTPONED

Due to the pandemic lockdowns, the decision has been made to postpone the male Leaders weekend that was scheduled for 16-18 July. Future dates will be advised soon.

REGENERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS – RETREAT

The Redemptorists are holding this retreat as “an Australian ecumenical response to the health crisis”, drawing on *Laudato Si’*, *Fratelli Tutti* and other relevant sources. [Download the brochure here](#).

Title: Regenerative Relationships – Dialogue and Action
Dates: 5 – 8 October 2021 (starts 3.00pm Tuesday, concludes Friday after lunch)
Venue: St Clement’s Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong (NSW)
Cost: \$300 for Programme (See [brochure](#) for accommodation options)
Registration: For registrations, contact info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222

MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE - ONLINE

The 2021 MOHMOV conference will explore the challenges of living the joy of the Gospel and leading mission. All those who are passionate about mission and people serving in leadership roles in dioceses, parishes, communities, organisations and agencies are invited to join the conversation.

Title: Mission: One Heart Many Voices
Date: 1-3 September and a day of creativity and formation on 4 September 2021
Speakers: Click here to see a full list of [presenters](#)
Registration: [Online registration](#); read the [invitation](#); view the [programme](#).

CANON LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 - ONLINE

The 2021 Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia & New Zealand is to be held via Zoom. Keynote presenter will be Bishop Arrieta, who led the project of the revision of Book VI of the Code of Canon Law. Other presentations on penal processes within the Church will be of value to Safeguarding personnel.

Title: 54th Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand.
Date & Times: 31 August – 2 September 2021 ([See brochure](#) for AEST times)
Cost: \$110 for Members (\$165 Non-Members) for access to all presentations
Registration: Register online at the [Canon Law Society events webpage](#) OR by completing and returning the [last page of the brochure](#).

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FORMATION PROGRAM

St Francis College is offering a four-year part-time supervision formation course for spiritual directors, in both online and in-person modes. The course is an initiative of the Anglican Church and open to participants from other traditions. For further information, visit the [St Francis College website](#).

Dates: 250 contact hours over four years. Intensives held April/May and October.
[See brochure for details.](#)

Venue: St Francis College, Southern Queensland

Registration: Contact Dale Keenan, dkeenan@ministryeducation.org.au, or ph: (07) 3514 7429

RESOURCES

RESOURCES FROM “LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS” CONVERSATION

Resources are now available from the online event *Mission and Church*, the first conversation in the *Light from the Southern Cross – Catalyst for Conversation* series held on Wednesday 7 July. Find links below to:

- [Recording of the presentations;](#)
- [Dropbox for the PowerPoints](#) from Richard Lennan, Mel Dwyer, and a paper by John Warhurst.

LAUGHTER THERAPY 😂

