

## NEWS

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### **CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS URGE GOVERNMENT TO REFORM REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER POLICIES**

CRA has written to the Government highlighting where its policies do not uphold Australia's international human rights obligations, contrary to the Government's insistence otherwise, in its recent Universal Periodic Review Outcome Statement. Read the [CRA media release](#) here.

### **CRA ECOLOGY ALLIANCE**

The CRA Ecology Alliance Committee (EAC) has highlighted a number of examples of regeneration projects initiated by Catholic Religious, either on their own land or in partnership with local community groups around Australia. [Download this EAC report.](#)

### **GOOD OIL WRITERS' AWARD**

Entry are still open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan which aims to encourage the development of emerging and published writers. Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday August 22, 2021. For all information visit [The Good Oil webpage](#).

### **A COLUMBAN REFLECTION ON MIGRATION AND *FRATELLI TUTTI***

In the latest [Columban eBulletin](#), Warren Kinne SSC offers a reflection on human migration in light of the fourth chapter of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship.

### **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDARENTS AND THE ELDERLY | 25 JULY**

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is to be celebrated on July 25 in 2021, near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Read the [media release](#) and access [resources](#) here.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR CRA PLENARY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Commissioning Ceremony for Religious Institute leaders as members of the Plenary Council will proceed be held on Zoom in a 30-mins prayer service on 4 August. All welcome.

Title: Commissioning Ceremony for Plenary Council Members

Date: Wednesday 4 August 2021, 11.00 am (AEST) | 9.00 am (AWST) | 10.30 am (ACST)

Registration: [Register at Trybooking](#) or at the [CRA website](#). Zoom links will be sent out one week prior to the event to participants who have registered.

### **CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – POSTPONED**

The new date for the National Assembly is Monday 22 to Thursday 25 November; [registrations are open](#).

### **LASALLIAN TWILIGHT RETREAT**

The De La Salle Brothers invite us to a short respite in a busy week, [download the Lasallian retreat flyer](#).

Title: Walking New Paths

Date & Times: Wednesday 11 August 2021 (check [flyer](#) for times zones) 45 mins duration

Registration: [Free online registration](#). For further information, contact: Br Peter Ryan FCS [peterryan@delasalle.org.au](mailto:peterryan@delasalle.org.au); Ph 02 9795 6400

### **CREATION SPIRITUALITY LIVE ZOOM PRESENTATION**

Kathleen Duffy SSJ, 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, 16 York St, South Perth (NB: Address corrected)

Registration: Cost: \$20 (including morning tea). [Register by 10 September at Trybooking](#)

## **RESOURCES**

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### **THREE NEW BOOKS FROM DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES**

[Click here for details](#) of three new titles authored or edited by Divine Word Missionaries:

- *Pastoral Creativity Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Global Experiences*
- *What Does the Bible Say About: Strangers, Migrants and Refugees*
- *Becoming Intercultural: Perspectives on Mission*

### **BAPTISMAL STOLES AVAILABLE FROM TARRAWARRA ABBEY**

The Cistercian monks at Tarrawarra Abbey in the Yarra Valley (Victoria) are making available for the wider Catholic community a new array of handmade [baptismal stoles](#) and [sacramental certificates](#) to mark the journey of children through each sacrament. Learn more at the [Melbourne Archdiocese website](#).

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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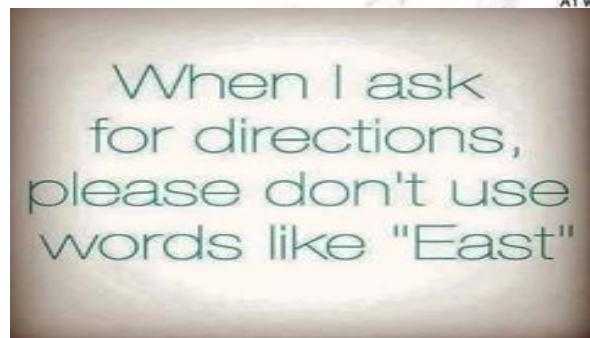
### **MEMBER/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR**

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) are hiring a 0.5 FTE Member/Community Relations Coordinator. If you are committed to working collaboratively towards positive change, demonstrate great organisation skills, and have a flare for managing communication systems and relationships, then this opportunity may be right for you. [For further information visit the CSSV website](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY 😂



I'm no wildlife expert, but I think this monkey might be drunk.



My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling, and I'm still alive.

I felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery when the GPS blurted out, "You have reached your final destination."

Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words: defence, defeat, detail.  
 Student: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.