

NEWS

ACRATH: URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) has sent out an urgent appeal for support for its current fundraising campaign which leads into 30th July - World Day Against Trafficking In Persons. [Read ACRATH's letter](#). Donate online at the [ACRATH website](#).

NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR RESPONDS TO PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES FROM BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

New Testament scholar Mary Coloe PBVM recently presented a critique on the six Themes of the Plenary Council Documents, from a biblical perspective, during which she also voices her concern at the lack of biblical education across Australia. View the 20-min presentation in this [Vimeo link](#).

ASSISTED DYING BILL SENDS HARMFUL MESSAGE TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE COPING WITH PANDEMIC

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has challenged draft assisted suicide laws in NSW parliament as “the last thing we need” while the state battles a COVID outbreak following months of strain due to the pandemic. [Read the media release](#) at the Sydney Archdiocesan website.

MONIQUE EARSMAN NAMED CSSA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monique Earsman, whose working life has included roles in the Federal and ACT Parliaments and within the Church, has been named the new executive director of Catholic Social Services Australia. [Read the CSSA press release](#).

CATHOLIC CHURCH, NETWORK TEN TO MARK 50-YEAR MILESTONE

The longest-running program on Australian commercial television, *Mass for You at Home*, will celebrate 50 years on our screens when Mass is broadcast into people's living rooms on 1 August. *Mass for You at Home* is today a production of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. [Read the ACBC press release](#). Access *Mass for You* via the [CRA website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2021

The CRA National Assembly will be held from Monday 22 to Thursday 25 November in Sydney. Previous registrations for the August date have been transferred to November. If you cannot attend the new date and require a refund, please email: events@catholicreligious.org.au.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR CRA PLENARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Commissioning Ceremony for Religious Institute leaders as members of the Plenary Council will proceed to be held online 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 a few days prior to the event, to participants who have registered.

GRADUATE MICROPROGRAM IN SAFEGUARDING MINORS AND VULNERABLE PERSONS

The Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) announces the creation of a new online graduate-level interdisciplinary microprogram in safeguarding minors and vulnerable persons. Suitable for those managing, supervising, and safeguarding schools, parishes, dioceses, charitable institutions, health care facilities.

Title: Graduate Microprogram in Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons

Dates: 3 graduate-level courses, Fall 2021 and Winter 2022. [Refer to brochure for details](#)

Registration: For further information contact: CPCS@ustpaul.ca or [visit the course webpage](#)

DIRECTOR OF HEART OF LIFE LAUNCHES 44TH SILOAM PROGRAMME

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is launching Australia's longest running Spiritual Direction Formation Programme, Siloam, with a call for candidates wishing to join the 44th Siloam Programme in 2022. [Read the Heart of Life press release](#). Download the [Siloam brochure](#) and [application form](#). Or join in a 'taster' session:

Title: Siloam – Taster session

Date & Time: Saturday 14 August 2021, 9.30 – 11.00am AEST

Venue: Held in-person at *Heart of Life*, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern Victoria, or Zoom.

Registration: [Register online](#) or go to the [Siloam webpage](#) for further information.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT

THE CARDONER PROJECT

The Jesuit-run Cardoner Project is looking for a building that could accommodate ten or more persons, with appropriate, shared bathroom/laundry facilities and a common area for eating and gathering. The Cardoner Project is a registered charity/NFP, supporting young adults on their intellectual and spiritual journey, enabling them to develop a more benevolent approach to those in need, particularly the poor. For further details read the [attached document](#) or email robbie.graham@thecardonerproject.org.

RESOURCES

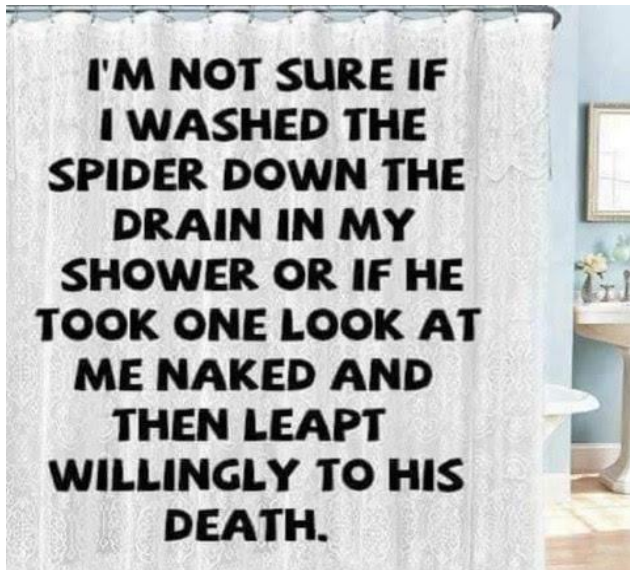
GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

A series of Gospel reflections is available on the [CRA website](#), for your spiritual nourishment.

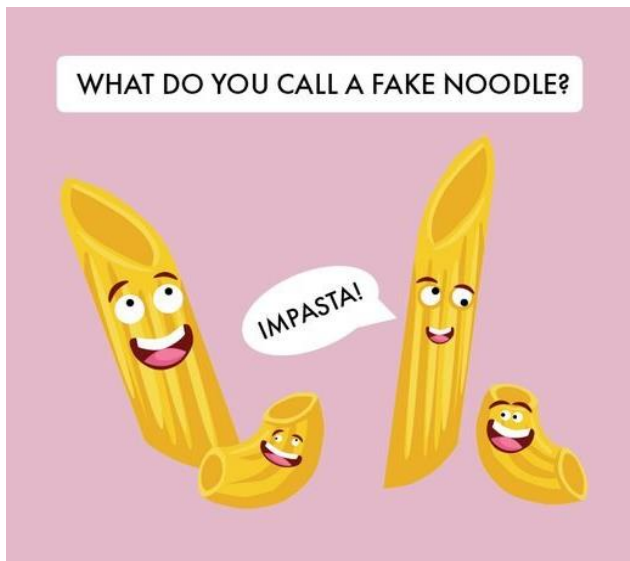
FIELD HOSPITAL - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Pope Francis described the Church as “a field hospital after battle. The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful.” Amid a world of pandemic, Michael Hansen SJ, retreat leader and spiritual formation teacher, has created a Field Hospital of accessible spiritual exercises for those who, in lock down, illness, or serving the sick, need critical help and healing now. To explore this and related work in Ignatian spirituality, see the [Field Hospital](#) at [JISA Ministries](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY 😂



The official sports drink when I was a kid...



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Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.