

NEWS

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS CALL FOR GREATER ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANS

CRA has urged the Government to make a greater commitment to assist those Afghans whose lives are now at risk as a result of the recent Taliban take-over of the country. Read the [media release](#), [CRA's letter to the Prime Minister](#), the Prime Minister's response and [CRA's submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Family Reunion Visas](#).

See, too, updates at the [Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\) Australia website](#), including resources for those affected by or responding to the crisis in Afghanistan.

WHY AUSTRALIA MUST RATIFY THE UN TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

On 13 September 2021, CRA hosted a webinar presented by representatives from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Australia. Read the [media release](#) and view the [video recording](#) of the webinar, also on CRA's YouTube channel. Please share.

POTENTIAL COLLABORATION WITH DR TED DUNN

At the initiation of one of our Members, CRA is exploring the possibility of a collaboration of religious institutes to work with Dr Ted Dunn, a licensed clinical psychologist who for many years has trained faith-based communities in the USA and internationally in the skills of discernment, contemplative listening, conflict resolution and reconciliation. To join a conversation about a potential collaboration, contact Kaylie at CRA ea@catholicreligious.org.au. She will send you the Zoom link for a one-hour meeting on 12 October 2021, 11.30 am (AEST).

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

CRA encourages all (and not only Plenary Members) to make a submission to the Plenary Council, addressing the [PC Agenda Questions](#). CRA is advised that Submissions made directly to the PC Facilitation Team at plenary.council@catholic.org.au will reach all PC members. We suggest you supplement this approach with direct communication to Plenary Council members from your diocese. These names are on the [Plenary Council website](#). If you do not have their email addresses, send your email to the local bishop or Plenary Council coordinator (see PC website) with a request that it be forwarded.

Also, the organisation [Sense of the Faithful](#) has issued a paper recommending additions to the six sets of questions that constitute the published agenda for the Plenary Council. [Read the paper here](#).

LITURGY ON THE MARGINS

Elizabeth Young RSM, working in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, shares a project that arises from her prayer and discernment, called 'Liturgy on the Margins.' To engage with her vision, read her [reflection and project description](#). Elizabeth's blog site will go live on 1 October: liturgyonthemargins.org.

SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS IN POSITIVE AGEING PROJECT

Religious Sisters in their senior years living in South Australia are being supported in their retirement by the Positive Ageing Project, initiated 13 years ago by Meredith Evans RSM. Continue reading in *Pathways* on the [CRA website](#).

A THREE-IN-ONE GIFT: A COLLEGE WITH THREE SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

Casimir, a Catholic college in Marrickville (NSW), boasts three strong traditions. It was named after an early Passionist parish priest who built up Catholic education in inner Sydney. The Good Samaritan Sisters and the De La Salle Brothers are the other arms of its educational mission. Read on at the [La Salle website](#).

CSSA URGES STRONG VACCINATION MESSAGE FROM CHURCH LEADERS

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) has called on all community leaders, including leaders of the Catholic Church, to back the advice of public health officials regarding the importance of vaccination. [Read the CSSA media release](#).

LATIN PATRIARCHATE AND BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY SIGN AGREEMENTS

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Bethlehem University (where the Vice-Chancellor is a De La Salle Brother) have signed agreements for two projects, one supporting training and job opportunities for young people, and the other aimed at qualifying catechists in Christian Schools. View this [3-minute video](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2021 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – NOW ONLINE

Very soon, CRA will re-issue registration details for the new online event which will be held during the same week, 22 – 25 November 2021.

2022 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - SAVE THE DATE

Please note a change in date for the 2022 CRA National Assembly. It will be held from 29 August to 1 September 2022 in Melbourne.

CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: BUILDING BRIDGES: REACHING OUT TO OUR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Spirituality author, James Martin SJ, will explore how the Catholic Church in Australia can do more to welcome and respect the dignity of LGBTQIA+ Catholics and build bridges with the LGBTQIA+ community.

Title: Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community

Date & Times: Tuesday 26 October 2021

10.00 am AEDT in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC during Daylight Savings | 9.30 am ACDT in SA | 9.00 am AEST in QLD | 8.30 am ACST in NT | 7.00 am AWST in WA

Registration: Free [online registration](#) at the [CRA website](#); The link is included in the Trybooking confirmation when you register. It will also be sent the day prior to the email address on your registration.

EDMUND RICE WEBINAR: COP26, CLIMATE AND THE PACIFIC

Edmund Rice Centre invites you to a Zoom webinar on the significance of COP26 for the climate emergency in the Pacific. The conversation will be facilitated by Jan Barnett RSJ. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: COP26, Climate and the Pacific: the Cry of Earth, a call to action

Date & Times: 17 September 2021, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart
4.30 pm in Adelaide | 3.00 pm in Perth

Registration: Registrations are essential. Book at the [Edmund Rice website](#).
Contact: Corinne Fagueret, cfagueret@edmundrice.org

CREATION SPIRITUALITY – OPEN TO ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Please note that ‘Creation Spirituality,’ the online presentation by Kathleen Duffy SSJ PhD – Physics and Teilhard scholar – has been opened to online participation, and the RSVP date extended to 24 September. Kathleen 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 & Time: Tuesday 28 September 2021, 9.00 am – 10.30 am, Perth time |
10:30 am Adelaide | 11:00 am Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart

Venue: Online, or in-person at St Joseph’s Convent, 16 York St, South Perth

Registration: Cost: \$20 per participant, in person or online
Register by 5.00 pm on 24 September at [Trybooking](#)
Enquiries: Shelley Barlow RNDM: sbarlowrndm@gmail.com

COLLABORATIVE ARCHIVES WEBINAR

This North American webinar examines the process of creating a collaborative archive for preserving and making accessible Catholic religious community archival collections. [Download the flyer](#) for details. Unfortunately, the time zone differences are difficult for Australia-based audiences.

Title: Collaborative Archives: Factors and Benefits

Date & Time: Wednesday 6 October 2021, 12.00 pm Eastern Time USA

Registration: Bookings can be made at [this link](#)

DATE SAVER - WOMEN RELIGIOUS SAY: ‘ENOUGH!’

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Rome-based *Voices of Faith* is bringing together the voices of women Religious speaking up against discrimination and abuse of religious sisters around the world.

Title: Enough! Women religious demand an end to servitude, misogyny and racism
Dates: 25 – 26 November 2021
Venue: Live-streamed from Rome, pandemic permitting
Registration: Stay abreast as further details become available at the [Voices of Faith website](#)

RESOURCES

JOURNAL LA SALLE

The [January-June 2021 digest](#) of news, views, activities and resources from the De La Salle District of Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan & Papua New Guinea is now available. This issue has articles on the history of the Papua New Guinea Mission, in its 75th Year. *Journal La Salle* is published every six months.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has published its 2021 resource kit for World Day for Migrants and Refugees. It includes Pope Francis' message, prayer resources, and stories from Australian communities celebrating diversity. Read the [ACMRO media release](#) and [access the resource kit](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY



DUE TO MY ISOLATION. I FINISHED 3 BOOKS YESTERDAY. AND BELIEVE ME. THAT'S A LOT OF COLOURING.

