

## NEWS

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### **CRA ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

CRA's Annual Report 2021 can be accessed at this [link](#), or at the Member's log-in section of the [CRA website](#).

### **NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE: 24 OCTOBER**

The National Day of Sorrow and Promise, acknowledging those who have been abused within the Catholic Church, is in its fourth year and will be held on Sunday 24 October 2021. CRA has once again produced a liturgy for the use of its Members in their local settings. This year's theme is 'At the Foot of the Cross'. All resources can be accessed in [Dropbox](#) (you do not need a Dropbox account in order to access files) and [Google Drive](#). You can also [download the colour liturgy booklet and Powerpoint](#) from the CRA website. For assistance contact Sylvia ([comms@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:comms@catholicreligious.org.au) or 0410 644 356).

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL**

We continue to pray for Religious and all Members of the Plenary Council who are meeting this week. You may like to listen to Archbishop Mark Coleridge interviewed by Andrew West on [The Religion and Ethics Report](#) (ABC, Radio National) last Wednesday, in anticipation of this week's assembly.

### **LITURGY ON THE MARGINS – AUSTRALIAN DIACONAL MINISTRY, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

Elizabeth Young RSM has launched an online community for Catholics in Australia who are drawn to diaconal ministry or who may already be leading liturgy on the margins as an ordained or consecrated person, chaplain, pastoral worker or catechist. More details, and join the blog: [liturgyonthemargins.org](http://liturgyonthemargins.org).

### **HOLY SEE APPROVES MERCY MINISTRY COMPANIONS**

In a Decree dated 24 September 2021, the Holy See approved the formation of the new entity, 'Mercy Ministry Companions' as a Public Juridic Person of Pontifical Right to oversee the future canonical governance of the incorporated ministries of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG). Continue reading at the [ISMAPNG website](#).

### **CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA – THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Along with fighting proposed euthanasia laws in Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and NSW, serving as a united voice for the sector's strong ethical, patient safety and quality concerns with assisted suicide, it has been a big year for Catholic Health Australia. Download its ['Year in Review'](#) report.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **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 & Time: 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](#)  
Audience: This event is open to all who are interested.

### **CRA WEBINAR FOR FORMATORS**

CRA, through the work of its Initial Formation Working Party (IFWP), invites you to this event, specifically designed for Formators. Presenter Tim Norton SVD will lead us towards a holistic approach to formation through interculturality. The seminar will provide an opportunity for collaboration and sharing regarding the many and varied layers of interculturality that interconnect us all. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: [Formation Through The Lens Of Interculturality](#) (webpage)  
Date & Time: Thursday 28 October 2021, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm (WA) | 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm (NT) | 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm (QLD) | 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm (SA) | 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm (NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS)  
Registration: Cost is \$40.00 and registration at [Trybooking](#). Zoom link will follow registration  
Enquiries: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au) or 02 9557 2695  
Audience: This event is designed for Formators

### **CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: SYNODALITY & CO-RESPONSIBILITY**

'Synodality and Co-Responsibility' is the second online conversation of a series of conversations about 'The Light from the Southern Cross' Report. Its purpose is to discover the richness of the Report and provide a source of formation. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Synodality & Co-Responsibility  
Date & Time: 1 November 2021, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm in NSW, VIC, QLD  
9.30 am in SA | 9.00 am in QLD | 7.00 am in WA  
Registration: [Free online registration](#). Further details at the [CRA website](#)  
Audience: This event is open to all who are interested

### **WEBINAR - LIVING WELL, DYING WELL**

This webinar is a collaboration between Catholic agencies and Catholic Healthcare. Specialists and professionals in the fields of end-of-life and palliative care explore the themes around living well and dying well, offering insights and connections to further information and support, and looking at what the Catholic Church says about death through its traditions around dying, death, burial, and 'life beyond'.

Title: Living well, Dying well

Date & Time: Thursday, 7 October 2021, 11.00 am in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC Daylight Savings | 10.30 am in SA | 10.00 am in QLD | 9.30 am in NT | 8.00 am WA

Registration: [Register](#) for free here. Enquiries: [communications@chcs.com.au](mailto:communications@chcs.com.au)

### ICAN ONLINE FORUM – NUCLEAR SUBS

ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) is hosting an open forum on the AUKUS deal and nuclear submarine announcement. The forum will present a range of perspectives from experts and regional partners on the implications of the deal for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

Title: Open Forum: Nuclear Submarine Deal

Date & Time: Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 6.00 – 7.30 pm AEDT in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart | 5.00 pm in Brisbane | 3.00 pm in Perth | 5.30 pm in Adelaide | 4:30 pm in Darwin.

Registration: For free registration and further details, go to the [ICAN website](#)

### CTCU OPEN DAY - ONLINE

Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) is offering a free online Open Day Information Session for ‘Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research’ for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey.

Title: Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research

Date & Time: Wednesday 13 October 2021, 7.00 pm - 7.30 pm AEST in NSW, VIC, QLD, TAS | 6.30 pm in SA | 6.00 pm in QLD | 4.00 pm in WA

Registration: Free registration and further details at the [CTU website](#)

### SABBATICAL - ST JOSEPH'S CENTRE BAULKHAM HILLS

This Sabbatical focuses on transitions and is suitable for those who are at the crossroads of life and ministry. [Download the brochure](#).

Title: Invitation to Wisdom, Mission, Conversation, Transformation

Dates: 25 February to 8 April 2022

Venue: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Norwest NSW 2153

Registration: \$8,550.00. For further information, contact Lil Girardi RSJ, Sabbatical co-ordinator: [lianella.girardi@sosj.org.au](mailto:lianella.girardi@sosj.org.au) or 0418 554 463

## EMPLOYMENT

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### HEART OF LIFE SEEKS PART TIME SUPERVISOR

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation is seeking a Supervisor (Part-time) in the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors. The [position advertisement](#) can be downloaded here.

## RESOURCES

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### THE SYDNEY STATEMENT: A YOUTHFUL INTERRELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTION

The October 2021 [Columban newsletter](#) celebrates The Sydney Statement, a ‘bridge-building’ charter developed and launched earlier this year by young adults from diverse religious traditions who have been ‘walking the talk’ of interfaith dialogue since the birth of [Youth PoWR](#) in 2015, with Columban support. [Read](#) more about The Sydney Statement, watch the [launch](#), and [order copies](#) of the Statement.

### THE JOY OF AGEING

*The Joy of Ageing. A Spirituality for Oldies* by Brian Gallagher MSC (Coventry Press, 2021). This book reflects on the joys and the struggles, the memories and the dreams as we grow older, and offers a clear Christian approach to ageing. The author writes from his own experience and after many years of listening to others as a spiritual guide. Purchase at the [Coventry Press website](#).

### FEAR AND FAITH

*Fear and Faith. Christian, Jewish and Evolutionary Perspectives*, edited by Dr Rachael Kohn AO (ATF Press). An international array of scholars explores the polyphonic meaning of fear in contemporary society, biblical and post biblical texts, the mission field, human evolution and society. Watch a [5-minute video](#) introduction. [Order from ATF Press](#).

### LAUGHTER THERAPY

