

## NEWS

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### **CRA 2021 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Registrations for CRA's [2021 National Assembly](#) are now open to all Religious. See *Events* below for details.

### **AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE**

Advocacy efforts are taking place around Australia in response to the crisis unfolding in Afghanistan. CRA has been approached by a number of organisations for assistance with their work. Information about each of these initiatives can be found [here](#).

### **CRA VOICES CALL FOR G20 ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) has worked with various Catholic organisations to write a letter to all G20 governments in the run-up to COP26 on climate change, asking them to consign fossil fuels to history. A number of CRA Members have added their signatures to the letter which can be read [here](#). CRA's President and National Executive Director have also written to Prime Minister Scott Morrison urging action in greater global solidarity to avert the worsening climate crisis. Read it [here](#).

### **FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**

On 10 October 2021, Pope Francis opened a two-year process of consultation with the Faithful, leading to the 2023 Synod of Bishops: *"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."* In response to CICLSAL's request for religious involvement, CRA has devised a simple, flexible process for inviting Religious in Australia to participate in the synodal journey. See [CRA Resources webpage](#).

The synodal journey will be launched in dioceses around the world on Sunday 17 October 2021. The Australian Catholic Bishops are inviting the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on October 17 for the initial period of consultation, accessible at this [ACBC webpage](#).

### **PLENARY COUNCIL: FRUITS OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY**

As the first general assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia closed over the weekend, the members approved a concluding statement sharing the fruits of the First Assembly and looking forward to nine months of 'prayer, reflection, maturation and development' leading up to the Second Assembly. Read the Plenary [media release](#) and the [concluding statement](#).

### **COALITION FOR LIFE**

This [Coalition for Life](#) bulletin has a number of items for prolife action and education in view of Alex Greenwich MP's bill for Voluntary Assisted Dying, soon to be introduced in NSW Parliament.

## OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission's annual World Mission Month Appeal highlights the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds through the [Kindergarten Centre](#). Schools across Australia are also connecting through Catholic Mission's nationwide schools' programme, [Socktober](#). World Mission Sunday will be celebrated this year on Sunday 24 October 2021.

## BEATIFICATION OF PAULINE JARICOT

Catholic Mission welcomes the announcement of the beatification of lay woman, Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to take place in Lyon in 2022, the year marking the 200th anniversary of its foundation. Download the Catholic Mission [media release](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### CRA 2021 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE

Registrations for the online 2021 CRA National Assembly are now open. The theme, *Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership*, will focus on religious life within a Church and society comprised of diverse people, different cultures, ages, beliefs, countries of origin, theologies, genders, ordained/lay. "How can we broaden our vision so that interculturality is a positive force in our congregational lives and in the service of the mission?" [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership  
Dates: Monday 22 to Thursday 26 November 2021.  
Refer to [programme](#) for session times  
Registration: \$200 for Leaders and Team Members – [register here](#)  
\$100 for all other Religious – [register here](#)  
All information is available on the [CRA website](#), including a full programme  
Enquiries: [events@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:events@catholicreligious.org.au) or phone 02 9557 2695

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

The National Day of Sorrow and Promise will be held on Sunday 24 October 2021. Resources for commemorating this in your local community are available at the [CRA Safeguarding webpage](#).

### 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.  
A recording of the presentation will be available after the event.

### **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 (NT) | 1.00 pm (QLD) | 1.30 pm (SA) | 2.00 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

### **WATAC: OCTOBER ZOOM SESSION**

The October session of ‘WATAC Presents’ will explore the Australian Women in Religion Project, which is working to ensure Australian women’s stories in religion are told. Tracy McEwan, vice president of WATAC will explore this feminist initiative with Kerrie Burn and Michelle Eastwood in a one-hour Zoom session.

Title: WATAC Presents: Feminist activism in action  
Date & Time: Wednesday, 13 October 2021, 6.00 – 7.00 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC Daylight Savings | 5.30 pm in SA | 5.00 pm in QLD | 4.30 pm in NT | 3.00 pm WA  
Registration: Register for free via the [WATAC website](#) to participate

### **LIVING THE CHANGE – ARCC ONLINE WORKSHOP**

This ‘Living the Change’ event, sponsored by [ARRCC](#) (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change), is one of a series of small group sessions where participants share, learn and discuss issues about aligning finances and faith to protect the planet by divesting from fossil fuels.

Title: Living the change  
Date & Time: Thursday 14 October 2021, 90-minute session, 6.30 pm QLD | 7.30 pm NSW, ACT, VIC | 7.00 pm SA | 4.30 pm WA  
Registration: Free registration via [Trybooking](#). Enquiries: [alice@arrcc.org.au](mailto:alice@arrcc.org.au)

## ECOLOGICAL RETREAT - GUNTAWANG

You are invited to enter into a time of reflection at the [Guntawang Environmental Bush Retreat](#) in Oakdale, NSW, listening to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit directing the necessary changes we need to make, in the way we regard Creation. [Download flyer.](#)

Title: Quantum Spirit in Creation  
 Dates: 7.00 pm Friday 29 October to 2.00 pm Sunday 31 October 2021  
 Venue: 45 Sheeheys Creek Road, Oakdale NSW 2570  
 In the Lands of the Burraborang people of the Gundungarra Nation  
 Registration: \$95.00 Applications/Information: [antiphon1@outlook.com](mailto:antiphon1@outlook.com)

## RESOURCES

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