

NEWS

CRA 2021 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Bookings for CRA's [2021 National Assembly](#) are coming in thick and fast. The Assembly is open to all Religious, noting that there are some sessions that are leadership-specific. See *Events* below for details.

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary have two re-appointments for the Leadership for the Region of the Southern Cross, to commence 4 November 2021, for a three-year term: Kathleen Cotterill LCM, Region Leader, and Monica Whelan LCM, Region Leadership Member.

CRA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Two [employment](#) opportunities have arisen at the CRA Secretariat: Committees and Projects Coordinator and Team Administrative Assistant. See *Employment* below.

CATHOLIC LEADERS CALL FOR ACTION AHEAD OF COP26

CRA has joined 15 other leaders of Australian religious institutes and Catholic leaders from around the world in signing a [statement to the G20 leaders](#) for their current meetings ahead of next month's [COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow](#). Read the article in [Catholic Outlook](#).

SYNODAL JOURNEY IS UNDERWAY

The two-year journey of consultation towards the 2023 Synod of Bishops continues to unfold, with diocesan launches held last weekend in [Australia](#) and around the world. One expert suggests that this 'may be the biggest consultation exercise in human history' ([Crux](#), 11.10.21).

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 webpage](#).

FOMER PREMIER ARGUES FOR BETTER PALLIATIVE CARE

In a Sydney Morning Herald article titled, 'Why I hope New South Wales does not embrace voluntary assisted dying', former NSW Premier Mike Baird argues that, despite the sincere intentions of euthanasia advocates, good palliative care offers a better way to die. Read it [here](#) at *Mercatornet*.

PASTORAL/SPIRITUAL CARE WEEK: 24-30 OCTOBER

As part of [Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week 2021](#), Catholic Social Services Victoria and St John of God Accord are holding an online panel discussion 'Spiritual Health and Wellbeing' on 26 October. [Download the flyer](#).

CSSA SPEAKS OUT ON SUICIDE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) alerts us to a recent ABS report, *Causes of Death, Australia*, which found that during the period 2016-2020 suicide was the leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged between five and 17. Read the [CSSA media release](#).

CATHOLIC MISSION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Catholic Mission has launched an awareness campaign featuring the faces and voices of missionaries from over 50 countries who share a global message: *We Are Still Here*. The campaign has appeared in several international and influential Catholic publications. Read the [media release](#) and view the [video](#).

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: 17-23 OCTOBER

In [Anti-Poverty Week](#) (17-23 October 2021), the St Vincent de Paul Society strengthens its call for urgent investment in social housing and more realistic income support in the face of escalating family and domestic violence. Read the [SVDP media release](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

QUEENSLAND - RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Ritual of Remembrance is an annual Religious of Queensland network event held at Nudgee Cemetery, the burial place of many religious in southeast Queensland. Livestreaming details for the Ritual will be available closer to celebration and communicated through CRA. To read more, [click here](#).

Title: Ritual of Remembrance
Date & Time: Wednesday 3 November 2021, 6.00 pm QLD
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, St Vincent's Road, Banyo QLD
Registration: Register to attend in-person via [Trybooking](#). RSVP by 27 October 2021
Livestreaming details for the ritual will be available closer to celebration through CRA. Enquiries: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au; Ph: 02 9557 2695

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 or phone 02 9557 2695

NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE: 24 OCTOBER

The National Day of Sorrow and Promise will be held this 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 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 be 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

SA CATHOLICS – ONLINE FORUM

You are invited to an online forum sponsored by *SA Catholics for an Evolving Church*, promoting renewal of Catholic life ‘for a Church that is Jesus centred, people based and Spirit enlivened’. [Download flyer](#).

Title: Voices of life - On the way together

Date & Time: Thursday, 21 October 2021, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in SA | 8.00 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC | 7.00 pm in QLD | 6.30 pm in NT | 5.00 pm WA

Registration: To register, email Kevin.liston1@gmail.com. You will receive the Zoom link on 20 October by email. Enquiries: Kevin Liston: 0411 197 829 or email above.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is hosting its second annual Virtual Symposium with a keynote by international educational expert Dr Lyn Sharratt focusing on school improvement. It is the final national event for the celebration of the Bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia. [Read the NCEC media release](#).

Title: Faith in the Future

Date & Time: 27 October, 3.00 pm NSW, ACT, VIC | 2.00 pm QLD | 2.30 pm SA | 12.00 pm WA

Registration: This is a free ticketed event for educators and leaders in Catholic schools, education offices and universities. See here for [information and registration](#).

ACRATH CONVERSATION - ONLINE

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) invites us to a Zoom conversation with Bonnie Graham and Nick Savaidis who are working to slavery-proof supply chains and to influence buying practices that impact workers around the world. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Human trafficking: Placing the person at the centre of our Christmas shopping

Date & Times: Wednesday 27 October 2021

Cuppa at 11.15 am, Conversation 11.30 am to 12.00 noon in NSW, VIC, QLD, TAS | 10.45 am Cuppa in SA | 8.15 am Cuppa in WA

Zoom link: Please click on the [flyer](#) to access the Zoom link

Enquiries: office@ACRATH.org.au or visit the [ACRATH website](#)

STORYTELLING FROM THE HEART

Participants are invited to listen to and engage with artist Richard Campbell, whose paintings for the Stations of the Cross are at the Reconciliation Church in La Perouse Sydney. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Storytelling from the Heart: Painting Through the Pain

Date & Time: Thursday 28 October 2021, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC | 3.30 pm in SA | 3.00 pm in QLD | 2.30 pm in NT | 1.00 pm WA

Registration: Register for free at [eventbrite](#)

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

At the third Convocation of Catholics organised by ACCCR (Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform), Ellen Fanning (ABC, The Drum) will lead an online discussion of the Plenary Council Assembly. Experts, including PC members, will review the proceedings and outcomes.

Title: Convocation 3: The future of Catholicism in Australia

Date & Time: Thursday 18 November 2021, 7.30 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC | 7.00 pm in SA | 6.30 pm in QLD | 6.00 pm in NT | 4.30 pm WA

Registration: Register for free and find further details at the [ACCCR website](#)

EMPLOYMENT

CRA SECRETARIAT – TWO EMPLOYMENT OPPORUNITIES

CRA is seeking a [Committees and Projects Coordinator](#) (4 days per week) and a [Team Administrative Assistant](#) (4 days per week) to join its professional, creative and dynamic team. Access the advertisements and position descriptions at the [CRA Employment](#) webpage. Please direct enquiries and applications to Kaylie Beuchat at ea@catholicreligious.org.au. Applications close 5 and 15 November 2021 respectively.

RESOURCES

CRA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Please note that CRA's Youtube Channel is now accessible from the [CRA 'Resources' webpage](#).

NEW BOOK BY AUSTRALIAN MARIST GERALD ARBUCKLE SM

The Pandemic and the People of God: Cultural Impacts and Pastoral Responses (Orbis Books, 2021) by Gerald A. Arbutckle SM. This book first dissects the painful cultural and human costs of the pandemic. Vaccines alone will not resolve its enduring consequences. It then offers practical and pastoral guides for individuals, churches institutions, and nations yearning for a 'new heaven and a new earth' animated by solidarity, compassion, and justice. [Download the Orbis flyer](#). Order from [Garratt Publishing](#).

A STORY OF LOVE AND SURVIVAL - EDDIE JAKU (1920-2021)

Last week Australians [mourned](#) the passing of Eddie Jaku, a 101-year-old Jewish Holocaust survivor and self-proclaimed 'happiest man on earth'. His vow to smile every day and his simple message about the futility of hate touched the hearts of many. His story of pain, love and survival is shared here with [The Project](#) and [TEDxSydney 2019](#).

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