

## NEWS

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### **CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2021**

CRA Council and its Secretariat express their gratitude for the participation of Leaders, their team members and all Religious at last week's inaugural online National Assembly. The presentations of the speakers were recorded and are currently being prepared for distribution to registrants. We will keep you informed as to when and how these will be made available in due course. We trust that this was a blessed experience for you all.

### **AMENDMENTS TO MODERN SLAVERY ACT PASSES IN NSW**

The [NSW Modern Slavery Amendment Act](#) was passed in NSW Parliament last week. You may recall that ACRATH and CRA prepared a joint submission for the Inquiry. The NSW Modern Slavery Act was passed in June 2018. The amended Act will be implemented from 1 January 2022.

### **NSW VAD LAW UPDATE**

Following the passing of the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) bill through the Lower House last week, NSW Right to Life has issued this [press release](#). Meanwhile, HOPE asks why certain [amendments](#) to the bill were rejected by MPs, and [Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP](#) speaks at last week's pro-life rally in Sydney.

### **PARLIAMENTARY PLEDGE**

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) draws our attention to the Parliamentary Pledge – a commitment by parliamentarians around the world to work for their government to join the UN-sponsored [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#). Read more at the [ICAN website](#).

### **TOOLBOX SURVEY**

[St John Vianney Center](#) (USA) publishes a 'Toolbox' of health and wellbeing resources for female and male religious, which is also used here in Australia. The third edition is being prepared and the publisher is interested in feedback and invites you to take a short survey regarding their programmes and resources. Please consider completing [this survey](#) for female religious. A survey for male religious is being devised and will be available early in 2022.

### **FINAL BULLETIN FOR 2021**

Next week's CRA Bulletin (7 December) will be the final one for 2021. Thank you for your contributions over the past year. The Bulletin will recommence in February 2022.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **CRA NSW LEADERS' AND TEAMS' DINNER**

Leaders and Leadership Team Members in NSW are invited to a networking dinner, download the [flyer](#).

Title: CRA NSW Leaders and Teams Dinner (view on [website](#))  
Date & Time: Thursday 2 December 2021, 6.30 pm  
Venue: DOOLEYS Waterview Club, 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater NSW 2128  
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVBU>

### **ZOOM GATHERING OF TEMPORARY PROFESSED RELIGIOUS**

Temporary Professed Religious are invited to a Zoom gathering to connect with one another, to reflect on the year that has been, and launch the TP Voice Facebook page.

Title: Temporary Professed (TP) Voice  
Date & Time: Saturday 11 December 2021, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart | 1.30 pm in Adelaide | 12.30 pm in Darwin | 11.00 am Perth | 10.00 am in Vietnam | 2.00 pm in Solomon Islands | 3.00 pm in Kiribati | 5.00 pm in South Africa  
Registration: To register (free), email Carmel by 6 December: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **ONLINE FORUM ON WOMEN IN THE CHURCH**

*SA Catholics For An Evolving Church* is hosting this online forum with presenters Geraldine Hawkes, Angela Hazebroek and Liz Morris RSJ. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Women in a Clerical and Gendered Church  
Date & Time: Thursday, 2 December 2021, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in SA | 8.00 pm in NSW, VIC, TAS | 7.00 pm in QLD | 5.00 pm in WA  
Details: To register, email [Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com) Enquiries: Kevin Liston 0411 197 829, [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com)

### **HOUSING REPORT LAUNCH – ONLINE**

*A Place To Call Home* is a [research project](#) conducted by Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia and Western Sydney University exploring the housing pathways and homelessness experiences of people seeking asylum in Greater Sydney. We are invited to the online launch and webinar that discusses its findings.

Title: Launch: A Place to Call Home  
Date & Time: Friday 10 December 2021, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm in NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT | 8.00 am in WA | 10.00 am in QLD | 10.30 am in SA | 9.30 am in NT  
Registration: [Register free at this link](#)

## EMPLOYMENT

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### MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is recruiting a full-time Media and Communications Officer based in Canberra to support the ACBC Secretariat, agencies, offices, councils, as well as other ministries of the Catholic Church across the country. [View the full advertisement](#). Applications close 6 December.

## RESOURCES

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### 2022 RETREAT BROCHURE

For a 2022 brochure of the Retreats, Sabbaticals, Programmes and other opportunities for spiritual nourishment offered by Sisters of St Joseph Retreat Centres in Australia, [click here](#).

### NEW BOOK BY EDMUND CAMPION

*Then and Now - Australian Catholic Experiences* (ATF Press, 2021) by Edmund Campion, Sydney priest, writer, historian and journalist, tells the stories of the changing lives of Catholics and their leaders in their encounters with history. [Click here](#) for purchase details.

### INTERVIEW WITH CHIARA PORRO

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) draws attention to this [video interview](#) with Chiara Porro, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, who is passionate about strengthening networks to combat human trafficking.

### GOOD NEWS!



Enjoy an [Advent reflection](#) here – under 2 minutes.

Enjoy an interfaith moment here: As Christians light Advent candles this week, Jewish communities are lighting Hanukkah candles. The overlap of these candle-lighting rituals prompts the memory of a conversation between Pope Francis and his friend Rabbi Skorka on the meaning of the Christmas and Hanukkah festivals. [View the 8 min video](#) here.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

What are North Pole elves busy doing as they prepare gifts for a pandemic-stricken world?

Santa-tizing!!



You don't know concentration until you have to carry this thing from the sink to the freezer

