

NEWS

PLEA FOR A MORE GENEROUS AFGHANISTAN RESETTLEMENT

As part of the Advisory Group of Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA), CRA supports CAPSA's plea for a more compassionate Afghanistan resettlement response by the Australian government. Read the [CAPSA statement](#).

SUBMISSIONS TO POPE FRANCIS' SYNODAL JOURNEY

CICLSAL has announced a change in the process of collecting submissions. This was outlined to you in an email from Anne Walker last week. You are being asked to send submissions in the first place to your [Diocese](#) (by 27 February). You may also send it directly to [CICLSAL](#) (by 30 June). CRA will also continue to receive submissions (to end of February) and create a response to send to CICLSAL and the ACBC.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 2022

View a newly released video of [Pope Francis' message](#) for religious sisters and consecrated women: 'Thank you for who are, for what you do, and for how you do it.'

GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION VIDEO

Marking 165 years since their foundation, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have produced a short video, which acknowledges First Nations people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Sisters were founded. [View the video](#).

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 11 FEBRUARY

In his message for this year's World Day of the Sick (11 February), Pope Francis has paid tribute to health care workers, especially for their work amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Download the [prayer card](#) and [media release](#) from the Australian Catholic Bishops and Catholic Health Australia.

MERCY FOUNDATION'S GRANTS PROGRAMME

Mercy Foundation's Social Justice Small Grants Programme is open. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for community-based initiatives addressing social justice issues at the grassroots. Applications due 21 March 2022; criteria and application information can be found [here](#). Enquiries: 02 9911 7390 or office@mercyfoundation.com.au.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

FOR AN ONLINE UPDATE OF [CRA EVENTS](#), CLICK ON THE LINK.

CRA 2022 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - SAVE THE DATE

The 2022 CRA National Assembly will be held at the Novotel on Collins in Melbourne from Monday 29 August to Thursday 1 September 2022. Registrations are not yet open but please save the date!

CRA HEALTH & WELL-BEING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MALE LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES

Over two days, psychologist Campbell MacBean will facilitate professional discussion about secondary and vicarious trauma, while Graham Neist FMS will offer reflections on communion/spirituality, with time for relaxation in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: 'Come apart and rest for a while' (Mark 6:31)
Dates: Friday, 1 April 2022, 5.00 pm to Sunday, 3 April 2022, 10.00 am
Venue: The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road Mittagong NSW
Registration: \$450 per person (accommodation & meals included). Register at [Trybooking](#).
Enquiries: events@catholicreligious.org.au or Ph 9557 2695

CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR FOR TEMPORARY PROFESSED RELIGIOUS

Juliet Mousseau RSCJ, from the Franciscan School of Theology, San Diego, CA, will explore key concepts for living a vowed life with authenticity. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Religious life in the here and now
Date: Saturday, 19 February 2022, 12.00 pm NSW, ACT, TAS, VIC | 11.00 am QLD | 9.00 am WA | 11.30 am SA
Mode: Online 2-hour Zoom presentation
Registration: \$40 per person. [Register online](#)

CRA LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS: A CATALYST FOR CONVERSATION - SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for Part Three of the series *A Catalyst for Conversation*, co-sponsored by CRA, which explores the 'The Light from the Southern Cross' Report.

Title: Accountability & Transparency
Date: Wednesday 4 May 2022, 11.00 am to 2.45 pm
Registration: More information will be available soon

CRA CONTINUING EDUCATION E-COURSE FOR VOCATION & FORMATION MINISTERS

This eCourse, facilitated by Mary Pat Garvin RSM, PhD, provides an opportunity for participants to explore topics related to accompanying women and men discerning Religious Life. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Centred in God, Sent on Mission

Dates & Times: Thursday, 16 June 2022 - optional introductory session followed by 4 sessions held monthly on Mondays: 27 June; 25 July; 22 August; 12 September 2022; 9.00 am start NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS | 8.30 am SA | 7.00 am WA

Mode: Online 2½ -hour Zoom presentation

Registration: \$260.00 AUD for the entire eCourse. [Register online](#). Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho
Ph: 02 9557 2695
Email: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATE

CRA is pleased to advise that the Justice Seminar, which was cancelled last year due to COVID, has been rescheduled and will now take place on 19 October 2022 at the Treacy Centre, Parkville, Melbourne. Registration details via the website will be available soon.

CRA INTERCULTURALITY SEMINARS – POSTPONED

Please be advised that the CRA post-Assembly Interculturality seminars have been postponed and new dates will be advised as soon as they can be confirmed.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING – 8 FEBRUARY

‘The power of care’ is the [theme](#) for the 8th International Day of Prayer and Reflection against human trafficking, 8 February 2022, organised by the Unions of Superiors and Superiors General of Religious. Visit this [website](#) for details.

Title: The power of care – women, economy and human trafficking

Date & Time: Commencing Tuesday 8 February 2022, 9.00 am in Rome

Information: Events are being [livestreamed](#) from 7.00 pm AEDT (9.00 am Rome). Download [Pope Francis’ prayer](#); the [prayer vigil](#); and the [8-hour prayer marathon](#) timeline.

WATAC PRESENTS - FEBRUARY

The February 2022 session of *WATAC Presents* will be a conversation about domestic violence and the Australian Church. Download the [flyer](#) and [media release](#) for details.

Title: Behind stained glass doors: A conversation about domestic violence and the Australian church

Date & Time: Wednesday 9 February 2022, 7.00 pm NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS | 4.00 pm WA | 6.00 pm QLD | 6.30 pm SA | 5.30 pm NT

Registration: Register free at [this link](#)

OUR VOICES – ACCCR WEBINAR

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites us to an online conversation about synodality and church renewal, based on a presentation by Dr Elissa Roper, Australian theologian specialising in synodality and the work of Pope Francis.

Title: It's not too late: Synodality and Change in the Church
Date & Time: Wednesday, 16 February 2022, 7.30 – 8.30 pm VIC, NSW, TAS | 6.00 pm NT
6.30 pm QLD | 7.00 pm SA | 4.30 pm WA
Registration: Register free at [this link](#)

LAUNCH – JOY OF LOVE

You are invited to the launch of *Joy of Love*, a project initiated by the Archdiocese of Sydney and facilitated by CatholicCare Sydney, which is a new framework for the preparation, formation and support of marriage and relationships. More about this and related resources at [this link](#).

Title: Joy of Love | Launch
Date & Time: 17 February 2022, 11.00 am NSW | 8.00 am WA | 10.00 am QLD | 10.30 am SA
Registration: Register free at [this link](#)

ACCOMMODATION

MELBOURNE RENTAL PROPERTY SOUGHT

The Loreto Sisters are looking for a house to rent in Melbourne. If any congregation has a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom house, townhouse or similar accommodation available for rent in the Richmond, Abbotsford or Collingwood area, please contact Jennine Lennox: jennine.lennox@loreto.org.au; 03 8832 0404.

RESOURCES

CRA JUSTICE WEBPAGE

The Justice page at the CRA website has been recently updated. [Open it here](#).

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

For resources celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia: 200years.catholic.edu.au.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF AGEING GRACEFULLY 😊

What's something that really makes you want to be a kid again?
Being an adult.

NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE IN CURSIVE, DO MATH WITHOUT A CALCULATOR AND TELL TIME ON A CLOCK WITH HANDS.

