

NEWS

CRA SUPPORTS NEW BILL TO TRANSFORM AUSTRALIA'S MIGRATION POLICIES

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) has urged the Government to make changes to its system of immigration detention for asylum seekers, in a recent [submission](#) strongly supporting the proposed *Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2021*. Read the [CRA media release](#).

UPDATE: SYNODAL JOURNEY SUBMISSIONS

A reminder that the latest instruction from CICALSAL asks that responses to the global consultation leading to the 2023 Synod of Bishops be directed in the first place to the [diocesan](#) consultation process, where the deadline has been extended by two weeks, until 13 March 2022. You can also send submissions direct to CICALSAL until 30 June 2022. Meanwhile, if you wish to also send a response to [CRA](#), we will continue to accept submissions till the end of February.

UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

The UNANIMA International [February Newsletter](#) features a story by Noelene Simmons SM about the Marist Children and Youth Centre of Villas de Guadalupe in Zapopan, Mexico. The NGO [UNANIMA](#) International advocates for women and children, migrants, refugees, the homeless and the environment.

NAURU OFFSHORE DETENTION COMPANY MAKING \$500,000 PROFIT A YEAR FOR EACH DETAINEE

Francis Sullivan, Chair of Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA), says it is a disgrace that the companies running the Nauru detention centre continue to make obscene profits. Read the [CSSA media release](#).

FAITH ONLINE FOR FAMILIES

Majellan Media is launching a new service, *Faith onLine*, inviting visits to the Majellan website to hear a three-minute recorded message on a range of pastoral topics. Read the Redemptorist [media release](#).

TWO MARIAN STATUES AVAILABLE

Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) is offering two Marian statues to an interested Congregation at no cost. [View images](#) here. Enquires: Lorraine Testa ASJM, Lorraine.Testa@vmch.com.au

PATHWAYS

The first edition of [Pathways](#) for 2022 is available at the CRA website, with stories of Religious active in a range of initiatives, from family ministry to ecology fellowships, justice activity, and much more.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

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!

VICTORIAN NETWORKING GROUP

If you are interested in attending the next gathering of the Victorian Networking Group, please contact Jill Harding FCS, Family Care Sisters, details below and advise whether you will attend dinner.

Title: Victorian Networking Group
Date & Time: Tuesday 15 March 2022, 9.45 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Manningham Hotel & Club, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen, VIC
Registration: Email: jillburma@gmail.com by Thursday 10 March

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

Please save the date for part three of the series *Light from the Southern Cross - a Catalyst for Conversation*.

Title: Accountability & Transparency
Date: Wednesday 4 May 2022, 11.00 am to 2.45 pm
Registration: Free 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.

ARRCC FAITH & FINANCES – ZOOM MEETING

This event is an informal follow-up session for people who attended several sessions in the 2021 series on *Aligning your finances with your faith to protect the planet* offered by Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). The session will run for 75 minutes.

Title: Protect our planet with your finances
Date & Time: Tuesday 8 March, 7.30 pm NSW, VIC | 6.00 pm NT | 7.00 pm SA | 4.30 pm WA
Registration: Join in, free, at this [Zoom link](#)

TRANSFORMING PRACTICES – ZOOM CONVERSATIONS

[Transforming Practices Inc.](#) is presenting a series of Zoom conversations throughout 2022, to offer professional development and support to those who practice in pastoral domains. The Autumn (March) session is on pastoral practice among the LGBTQ+ community.

Title: Seasonal conversations for pastoral practice
Dates & Times: Held monthly, via Zoom, from Wednesday 30 March 2022, 7.00 – 8.30 pm NSW, VIC | 6.00 pm QLD | 6.30 pm SA | 4.00 pm WA. [Download the flyer](#) for all dates
Registration: Cost: \$25-\$35 AUD. [Register at this link](#). Enquiries: Jo Sullivan
jo.spiritlevel@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Society of the Sacred Heart is seeking an experienced Executive Assistant, in the Provincial Office at Mascot. This is a two year contract, 0.4 FTE position which can be worked flexibly Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. For details and a position description please contact gstock@anzrscj.com.au.

RESOURCES

COLUMBAN LENTEN RESOURCES

Download Columban Lenten resources for 2022, [Lenten Odyssey](#) - Our Human Calling in Christ Jesus, and [Lenten Prayers](#) for Five Sundays of Lent.

NEW ACRATH VIDEO

A new 12-minute video clip has been launched by Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). [Watch it here](#).

GREEN ENERGY GUIDE

Greenpeace have produced a Green Electricity Guide, for the first time since 2018. [Access it at this link.](#)

FORMATION RESOURCES FROM NCEC

The National Catholic Education Commission has two new resources on faith formation, [Leading Formation for Mission: A Practical Guide](#) and [A Framework for Student Faith Formation in Catholic Schools.](#)

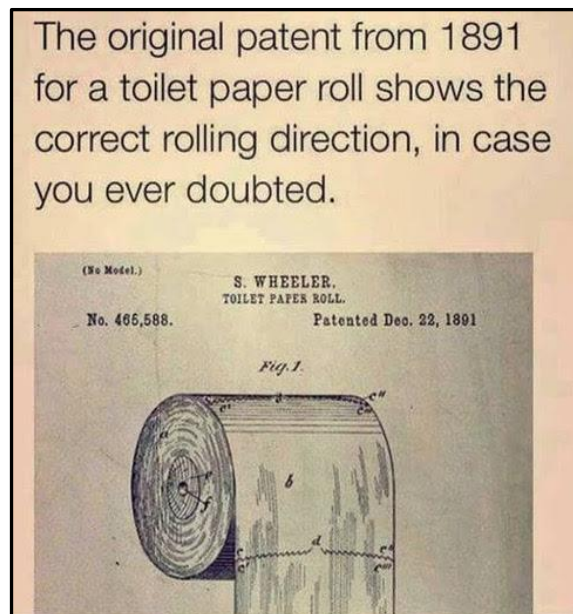
LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS REPORT

The Light from the Southern Cross Report is now available to be purchased in hard copy via [CRA website.](#)

TEACHING/PARISH RESOURCE

A primer on biblical faith by Andrew Hamilton SJ appears in the 7 February edition of [Australian Catholics.](#)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CHANGING TIMES 😊😊😊



A certain café chain is now selling beer and wine.

Apparently, it's getting difficult to sell sober people a \$12 cup of coffee!