NEWS

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS JOIN CALLS FOR PRAYER, DIALOGUE AND PEACE FOR THE UKRAINE

CRA echoes the call of Pope Francis for the Catholic community, all Christians and people of faith, to unite in prayer and fasting this Wednesday 2 March, Ash Wednesday, for peace in the Ukraine – see media statement.

CICLSAL LETTER

CICLSAL has issued a Letter to consecrated women and men expressing closeness to all peoples experiencing war. Download it here.

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE

Read Pope Francis' Lenten message for 2022. The Pope has also called on all believers and people of good will to make Ash Wednesday, March 2, a special day of prayer and fasting for peace for Ukraine.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE UNFOLDING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE

Read the ACBC statement on the unfolding violence in Ukraine and a prayer for Ukraine is also available. View a video message from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, the leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.

ICAN STATEMENT AND VIDEO

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Australia has condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Putin's threat to use nuclear weapons. Read their statement and sign the petition.

Also, ICAN shares this short documentary film about Japanese men who were affected by nuclear testing in the Pacific, and the high school students who work toward elimination of nuclear weapons.

CRA URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PRIORITISE ELDERLY IN COVID RESPONSE

CRA has urged the Government to prioritise the elderly, particularly vulnerable Aged Care residents, in its management of COVID-19 in Australia, in a recent letter pointing out their neglect of the Aged Care Sector during the current Omicron outbreak. Download the media release at this CRA webpage.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The Brothers listed in the attached Bulletin have been elected to the new Congregation Leadership Team of the Christian Brothers, including Peter Clinch CFC (Oceania) as Congregation Leader.

FREE PASTORAL SUPERVISION

As part of an assessment process, a student currently undertaking a Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision is seeking two Religious active in ministry who would be prepared to undertake pastoral supervision, free of cost, for a minimum of five sessions. If interested, please contact Kaylie Beuchat at CRA ea@catholicreligious.org.au for further details and requirements regarding this offer.

REPORT CAPTURES HISTORY OF PASTORAL COUNCILS IN AUSTRALIA

The first ever historical analysis of diocesan pastoral councils in Australia has been completed. The research was commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops and the Report by historian Dr Damian Gleeson can be found at the website of the National Centre for Pastoral Research.

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!

CRA LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS: A CATALYST FOR CONVERSATION

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
Speakers:	Susan Pascoe and Claire Victory
Further information:	Download the flyer or see webpage for times, programme and speaker bios
Registration:	Click here to register for free

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 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 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.

CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE – SPIRITUALITY SESSIONS

A small group is gathering for a monthly session to reflect on John's Gospel – details below. Refer to the March Newsletter of Carmelite Centre Melbourne for a full programme of spirituality topics, dates, times.

Title:	John's Gospel Reading Group 2022 - Online
Dates & Times:	Third Tuesday of the month commencing Tuesday 15 March, 1.30 to 3.00 pm VIC | 12.30 pm QLD | 1.00 pm SA | 10.30 pm WA
Registration:	If interested, please send in your name, phone number and e-mail to Clare McArdle claremca@bigpond.com. Further details at this link.

RESOURCES

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

For an update on Catholic Healthcare news, resources and wellness programmes, visit their webpage.

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