

NEWS

ONLINE PROCESSES - A REMINDER TO BE VIGILANT

CRA has learned that a major Catholic agency recently had their computer systems hacked, creating havoc at an online conference. The incident is being investigated by police and we will pass on any helpful information that might become available. In the meantime, a reminder to be vigilant and to review your systems for online events. Try to identify registrants where possible. It is recommended that conference links NOT be placed on public websites and social media, but sent to each registrant who makes a booking. This is not a fail-safe step but may provide some protection.

JESUIT NETWORKS RALLY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

In response to the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Ukraine, Jesuit Mission Australia has launched a Ukraine Crisis Appeal to support those facing extreme injustice and conflict. Read the [media release](#) here.

2022 FLOODS

Our thoughts and prayers are with all impacted by the floods. In this [video statement](#), Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, shares in the sorrow of the people of Lismore and pledges diocesan support. The devastation is evident in these photos shared in this Marists Brothers' [newsletter](#). Contributions are welcome at the [Marist Schools Australia](#) Flood Appeal and the [Presentation Sisters Lismore](#) Flood Appeal. We know that some among our Brothers and Sisters Religious have been effected by flooding and hold you also in our prayers.

ELECTION OF NEW CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

In a follow up to last week's announcement, the Christian Brothers share this [media release](#) regarding their new Congregation Leadership Team.

STELLA MARIS MELBOURNE VACCINATION RESPONSE

As Australian citizens are being urged to take their boosters, thousands of seafarers are still waiting for a chance to be vaccinated. On 26 February Stella Maris Melbourne successfully arranged for vaccinations for 11 crew on the TSL Rosemary ship that docked at the Melbourne Port. Read the [media release](#).

SYDNEY ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN TO ASSIST CHILDREN SEEKING ASYLUM

If you know of anyone who can offer a free or reduced cost space in an early childhood education and care (ECEC) centre for a child seeking asylum, please make contact with Ruth Moraes, ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org. Learn more about this Sydney Alliance initiative [here](#).

NATIONS SIGN UP TO END GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION

The United Nations has approved a landmark agreement to create the world's first global plastic pollution treaty. Read this new item at the [UN website](#).

CSSA MEDIA RELEASE - DISABILITY WORKERS SURVEY

A major survey of nearly 2,500 disability support workers has found almost one third of respondents want to leave the sector within the next 12 months. Read the [media release](#) from Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA).

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 DISCERNMENT PROCESS | TOWARDS THE PLENARY COUNCIL

This event is for Religious Leaders who are Members of the Plenary Council. Participants will enter a discernment process with other leaders: What is the voice of religious at the Plenary Council? What would assist the Church to hear from Religious? [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Towards the Plenary Council Second Assembly: CRA Discernment Process
Date: Monday 21 March and Wednesday 30 March 2022 (You are welcome to attend one or both sessions) 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm QLD | 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT | 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm SA | 12.00 pm – 2.30 pm WA | 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm NT
Registration: Free online registration at [Trybooking](#). Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho 02 9557 2695 or E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE: CRA SEMINAR - ECOLOGY AND ECONOMICS: EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

CRA, through three of its Committees - Ecology Alliance, Stewardship and Justice - identified that ecological and financial decisions must be made together. Save the date for this seminar.

Title: Ecology and Economics. Everything is Connected
Dates: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 9.30 am – 3.15 pm
Venue: Sydney
Registration: \$150.00 per person (Morning tea and lunch included) Further information and registration details will be available soon at the CRA website.

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

PALMS INFORMATION SESSION - ZOOM

In the lead up to its next [Orientation Course](#) PALMS Australia is offering a Zoom Information Session for people interested in taking on one of its [assignments abroad](#). Download the [flyer](#).

Title: PALMS Australia information session
Date & Time: Thursday 17 March 2022, 5.30 to 6.30 pm NSW, VIC, TAS | 5.00 pm SA | 4.00 pm NT | 2.30 pm WA
Registration: Register free [here](#). To discuss this opportunity, call 0422 472 567 or email robert@palms.org.au

RESOURCES

COLUMBAN INTERFAITH RESOURCE

The [March issue](#) of the Columban Interfaith eBulletin includes a Catholic woman's perspective in the *Building Bridges* podcast; a video resource with women leaders in the Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh traditions; and more.

PARISH MINISTRY CONNECT

The [March Newsletter](#) of [Pastoral Ministry Network](#) features a story on Elizabeth Young RSM's initiative *Liturgy on the Margins*, which is a site that takes up a conversation about diaconal ministry in Australia.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION | MARCH

Read a [reflection](#) from the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network webpage on his prayer intention for March: for a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

LENT WITH A SOCIAL JUSTICE LENS

The latest [newsletter](#) of the Sydney Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Office explores a key element of the Lenten journey in examining our relationship to poverty, via the lens of Pope Francis' [Lenten message](#).

On THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊😊😊

