

NEWS

CANOSSIAN DAUGHTER OF CHARITY RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

Australian Catholic University has conferred an Honorary Doctorate to Melissa Dwyer FdCC, Leader of the Canossian Daughters of Charity and a member of the CRA National Council, in recognition of her service in educating girls in Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries. Read the [ACU media release](#).

ELECTION OF AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCIAL

The Order of St Augustine Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel-Australasia [announces](#) the re-election of Peter Jones OSA to the office of Prior Provincial for a second four-year term.

CRA WELCOMES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INQUIRY INTO FAMILY VISA SYSTEM

Australia's family migration system is in urgent need of an overhaul to ensure that families and partners are reunited with efficiency and transparency, a Senate committee has found. The [report](#) of this landmark inquiry resonates with much of what was argued in [CRA's submission](#) to the Senate inquiry last year.

ACRATH INVITES SUPPORT FOR APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), as a member of the Talitha Kum network, invites you to support the [Appeal for Ukraine](#). Talitha Kum networks in the region are working to respond to the dire need for aid and to identify and interrupt the horrendous work of traffickers.

2022 FLOODS

Working amidst flood-affected communities, Carmel Warnock, previously of the CRA Secretariat and now working at Trinity College in Lismore NSW, says that, despite the magnitude of human suffering, "the motivation to 'carry on' with the Marist and Presentation spirits is alive and well." Read her [reflection](#) here, which includes links to Lismore flood appeals.

Donations to flood victims in Australia can also be made through the [St Vincent de Paul](#) Flood Appeal.

CAPSA WELCOMES ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) welcomes the Federal Government's provision of 16,500 additional humanitarian places for Afghan refugees and urges further action. Read the CAPSA [media release](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS: A CATALYST FOR CONVERSATION – CHANGE OF DATE

As the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council approaches, CRA will deliver the third and final ‘conversation,’ as part of its exploration of *Light from the Southern Cross Report*. The online event will feature Susan Pascoe AM and Claire Victory as keynote speakers. Read the [CRA media release](#).

Title: Accountability & Transparency
Date & Time: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 11.00 am to 2.45 pm NSW, VIC, TAS, QLD | 10.30 am to 2.15 pm SA | 9.00 am to 12.45 pm WA
Registration: Free registration at [Trybooking](#). Further details and [flyer](#) are at the [CRA website](#).

CRA SEMINAR: ECOLOGY AND ECONOMICS

CRA, through three of its Committees - Ecology Alliance, Stewardship and Justice - identified that ecological and financial decisions must be made together. [Download the flyer](#) and view the [webpage](#) for further information, including the programme and speakers.

Title: Ecology and Economics - Everything is Connected
Date & venue: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 9.30 am – 3.15 pm | Sydney
Format: Inaugural CRA hybrid event: in-person and online presenters and participants
Seminar Fee: \$150.00 per person for in-person and online (same fee to cover technology costs)
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=879422&>

JOAN CHITTISTER OSB – IN-PERSON SEMINAR

CRA and the Diocese of Parramatta have prepared an inspirational afternoon with Sr Joan Chittister OSB, which Joan will tailor to religious men and women and to the clergy of Parramatta. Joan will focus her presentation on the responsibility of Religious and Clergy to be the voice that the world needs. [Please see the flyer](#) and [webpage](#).

Title: Roots and Wings: the Emergence of a Synodal Church with Joan Chittister OSB
Date & Time: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (Registration at 1.15 pm)
Venue: Novotel, Parramatta NSW
Registration: \$55 p/p [Register here](#). *Registrations close 11 May, unless tickets are sold out prior*
See this [flyer](#) for other events with Joan Chittister in Melbourne, North Sydney and Adelaide.

CRA HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATE

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee is developing a new seminar to follow-up the Dementia Care Seminar held last year in Brisbane. Save the date, with further details to come.

Title: Creating a Culture of Supportive Care
Date & Time: Wednesday 15 June 2022, 9.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Place Auditorium, North Sydney
Registration: Registration details 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, cancelled last year due to COVID, has been rescheduled for 19 October 2022 at the Treacy Centre, Parkville, Melbourne. Registration details will be available soon.

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!

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – ONLINE SHORT SESSIONS

The CTC *Engaging Your Faith* online sessions will run in May 2022. These short sessions are an opportunity to explore faith through topics such as Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies.

Title: Engaging your faith
Dates & Times: Various dates and times, from 3 to 28 May 2022 - refer to [brochure](#)
Registration: \$25 to \$40 per session – refer to [brochure](#) for details. [Register at Trybooking](#)

SPONSORSHIP APPEAL: NOEL PEARSON – FROM THE HEART AND SOUL

Date: 27 May 2022
Theme: Calling on Australian political leaders to take action on a First Nations voice referendum, as advocated by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
Religious Institutes are invited to consider sponsoring the event. Download this [event brief](#). To discuss, contact Shireen Morris 0421 859 116.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - ELECTION AS A TRUSTEE

Catholic Healthcare is seeking expressions of interest for two suitably qualified persons for election as Trustee who collectively are the Canonical Stewards of this Church ministry. Further information is available [here](#) or at the [Catholic Healthcare](#) website.

RESOURCES

COMMON GOOD VOTING KIT

The Sydney Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office and Josephite Justice Network have published a '[Common Good Voting Kit](#)' drawing on Catholic Social Teaching, providing information about key issues.

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN – SHORT VIDEO

The Good Samaritan Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network has produced a [video](#) calling for justice for refugees. The Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees (April 10) is endorsed by Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

JAMES MARTIN SJ - ARTICLE

James Martin SJ writes on the importance of confronting anti-Jewish stereotypes as Christians approach the Passion narratives, in [America: The Jesuit Review](#) (1 April 2022, subscription required for access).

TWO LSAP RESOURCES

See the Laudato Si' Action Plan (LSAP) page at the [CRA website](#) for [Sowing Hope for the Planet](#), a website providing LSAP resources, and a *Laudato Si'* [video](#) interview with Jacqui Remond & Sheila Kinsey.

APRIL DATES - ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVES

▪ 2 April: Ramadan begins (Islam)	▪ 15 April: Passover begins (Judaism)	▪ 17 April: Easter Sunday – (Christian)
▪ 24 April: Pascha/Easter (Coptic/Orthodox Christian)	▪ 29 Apr (tbc): Laylat al-Qadr: Night of Destiny (Islam)	▪ 5 April - International Golden Rule Day

THE LIGHTER SIDE of EXERCISE 😊😊😊

In case you feel bad about missing your exercise today, ponder this:

- The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54. • The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57.
- The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41. • The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at the age of 60. • James Fuller Fixx, credited with helping start America's fitness revolution by popularizing the sport of running, died of a heart attack while jogging at age 52.

BUT . . .

- The KFC inventor died at 94. • Cigarette maker Charles Winston died at the age of 102. • The inventor of opium died at the age of 116, in an earthquake. • And, the Hennessy Liquor inventor died at 98.
- And consider this: The rabbit is always jumping up and down, but it lives for only two years, and the turtle, that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So . . . Get some rest, chill, stay cool, eat, drink and enjoy your life!