

## NEWS

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### **RELIGIOUS CALL FOR A VOTE FOR JUSTICE THIS FEDERAL ELECTION**

Ahead of this year's Federal Election, CRA has released a new extended edition of their Justice publication *Just Now*, with a focus on voting for justice. Rising above people-politics, its intention is to shine a spotlight on current hot button issues, to guide readers to consider how their vote might help to advocate for the most vulnerable. Read [Just Now, Vol 9](#) here and the [media statement](#) here.

### **CRA URGES GOVERNMENT TO REFORM CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES**

CRA has written to the Government highlighting the inconsistency of its climate change policies with the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report. Read the [media release](#) and the [letter to the Prime Minister](#) on the CRA website.

### **ELECTION OF BRIGIDINE CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The Brigidine Sisters have a new Congregational Leader, Louise Cleary CSB and the Sisters of New Zealand and Australia are in the process of forming one Brigidine Southern Cross Community to come into effect in July 2022, which will be led by Anne Boyd CSB. Read further at [this link](#).

### **DE LA SALLE LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENT**

In news from the De La Salle Brothers, Robert Schieler FSC, Superior General, has appointed Timothy Peter FSC Visitor for a four-year term effective 8 September 2022. Further details at the [La Salle website](#).

### **CATHOLICS INVITED TO SURROUND PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER**

Catholics across the country are invited to participate in a new prayer pilgrimage towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Read the [media release](#) of the Australian Catholic Bishops and access related [resources](#) here.

### **ARCHBISHOP BALVO TAKES UP APPOINTMENT AS NUNCIO IN AUSTRALIA**

The new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, spoke with Gavin Abraham from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference soon after his arrival – read more in this [ACBC media blog](#).

### **JESUIT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO REFUGEES FLEEING UKRAINE**

Support of Jesuit Mission's Ukraine Emergency Appeal provides emergency shelter, food and essential items, medical escorts, translation and accompaniment to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Read the [media release](#). Make a [donation](#) here or phone 02 8918 4109.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **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](mailto: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!

### **CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE – SPIRITUALITY PROGRAMME 2022**

This Zoom session, with Jenny Raper, will explore the few details we have of the early life of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881 – 1995) and how those experiences influenced his religious and scientific career.

Title: Early Influences on the Life of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin  
Date & Time: Wednesday 20 April 2022, 10.30 am - 12.00 pm VIC, TAS | 8.30 am WA  
Registration: Suggested donation \$10. Visit the Carmelite Centre (Melbourne) website for [registration](#) details and for the full list of offerings in their [2022 programme](#)

### **ECOJESUIT ONLINE EVENT**

This [two-day event](#) organised by Ecojesuit and River Above Asia Oceania Ecclesial Network (RAOEN) will share local and indigenous experiences in caring for biodiversity, looking towards COP27.

Title: Culture-based solutions: Indigenous responses to biodiversity challenges  
Dates & Times: Day 1: 20 April 2022, commencing 5.00 pm NSW | 3.00 pm WA | 4.30 pm SA  
Day 2: 21 April 2022, commencing 10.00 pm VIC | 8.00 pm WA | 9.30 pm SA  
Registration: To be livestreamed at the Ecojesuit Facebook page. Free registration at this [link](#)

### **ANZAC DAY - SERVICE OF LAMENT REPENTANCE AND HOPE 2022**

St Paul's Cathedral and Pax Christi Australia invite us to an ecumenical service to lament the harm done to First Nations People since European settlement, to pray for lasting peace among nations, and to repent of the violence in our world and in our hearts. Download the [flyer](#) for more details.

Title: A service of lament, repentance and hope  
Date, Time, Venue: 25 April 2022, 11.00 am, at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

## RESOURCES

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### SIMPLE DAILY GESTURES - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainable Living policy of Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is supported by a list of [simple daily gestures](#) or hints to assist individuals in living the objectives of the policy.

### LCWR JOURNAL

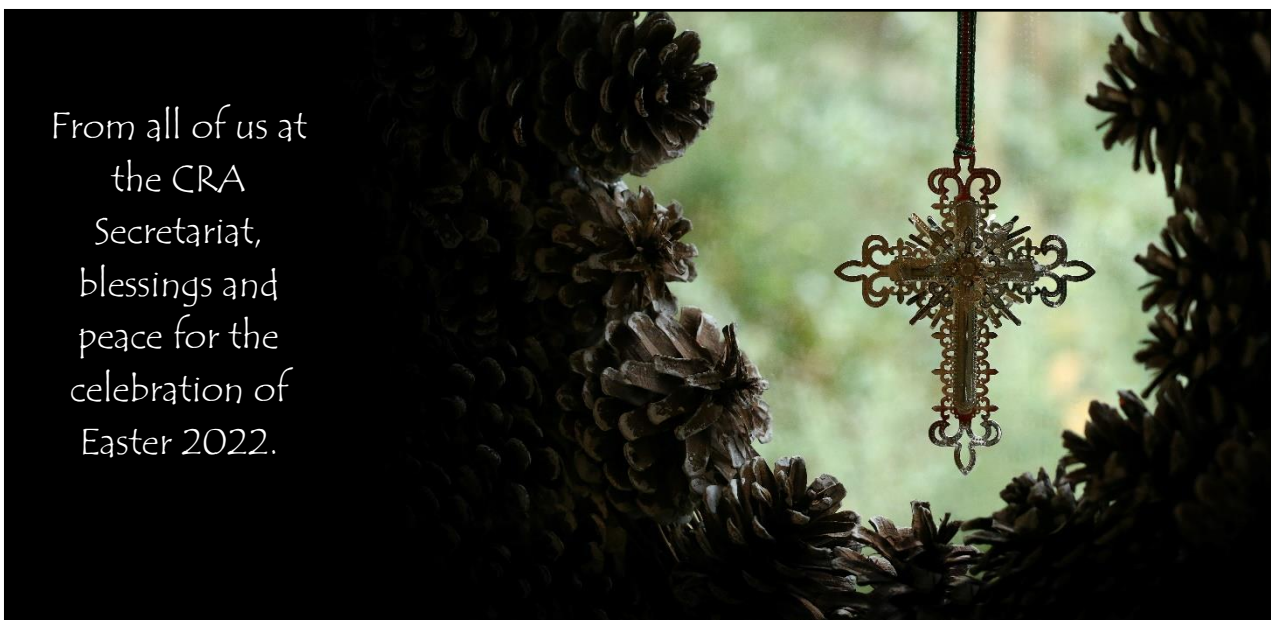
CRA is now taking orders for the Summer 2022 edition *Recapturing Our Original Love*, the journal of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). Details for [how to order](#) can be found here.

### COOEE FOR COFFEE

Established by CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes, “Cooee for Coffee” began as a coffee van and now provides training and employment for people living in some of the most remote parts of Australia. Read about this initiative in the latest issue of [The Bridge](#), newsletter of the National Centre for Evangelisation.

### PUTTING WORDS TO OUR ACTIONS

“Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” Still, words have a place in missionary discipleship, and ‘silent witness’ has its limits too. This [two-page resource](#) aims to unpack the *kerygma* and assist in the proclamation of the Gospel message.



From all of us at  
the CRA  
Secretariat,  
blessings and  
peace for the  
celebration of  
Easter 2022.

### “Passover Remembered”

This moving [poem](#) by Alla Renée Bozarth speaks of sacred memory, paschal mystery, synodality and the ongoing journey out of captivity and into freedom. It resonates deeply with shared biblical touchstones of Christianity and Judaism and with sacred themes in other religious traditions and the human story.