

NEWS

RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY 2022

Religious Brothers Day, celebrated on 1 May 2022, is an opportunity to celebrate and offer gratitude for the gift of religious brotherhood. For news of how the Lasallian family is celebrating this day, [click here](#).

JESUIT MISSION MAYTIME FAIR RESUMES

After a two-year absence due to COVID restrictions, Jesuit Mission's major fundraising event, the [Maytime Fair](#), held annually at Xavier College Melbourne, will be held on Saturday 7 May 2022.

ACRATH APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) has solid links with counter human trafficking work being done by Catholic religious sisters as people flee Ukraine. Donate at [this link](#).

Also, as of 1 March 2022, ACRATH has welcomed Sr Clare Condon SGS as its incoming new leader, following in the footsteps of Louise Cleary CSB. Thank you for all the important work ACRATH undertakes.

GLOBAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR MYANMAR

Pax Christi Asia Pacific has organised a Global Online Prayer Service for the people of Myanmar on Sunday 8 May 2022. [Download the flyer](#) for times and other details.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL FOR ETHIOPIA

Catholic Mission has launched its major appeal for the year, a community farm project in central Ethiopia, assisting families and children suffering from malnutrition. Download the [media statement](#).

ACBC STATEMENT AS FEDERAL ELECTION LOOMS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has released its statement, "Towards a Better Kind of Politics", for the upcoming federal election. [Download](#) the statement at the ACBC website.

ASSISTED DYING BILL (NSW)

The NSW *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* is in the Upper House awaiting a final vote. [Catholic Health Australia](#) says it will continue to advocate to protect the rights of residents and staff in its aged care homes and hospitals. [Right to Life NSW](#) outlines final steps that can be taken to oppose the legislation.

107th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The Australian National Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, held on 26 April 2022 at 8pm (AEST), features statements from over 20 Federal and State parliamentarians from across the country, reports the Armenian National Committee of Australia ([ANC-AU](#)).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

DINNER FOR CRA-VIC LEADERS AND TEAMS

Date: Thursday 5 May 2022, 6.30 pm
Venue: The Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen VIC
RSVP: Please book your place by 27 April 2022 by email to: jillburma@gmail.com

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,’ exploring the *Light from the Southern Cross Report*. 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&>
A 20% discount is available to those who purchase 5 or more tickets (Zoom only).

JOAN CHITTISTER OSB – IN-PERSON SEMINAR

CRA and the Diocese of Parramatta have prepared an afternoon with Joan Chittister OSB, tailored to religious men and women and to the clergy of Parramatta. Joan will focus on the responsibility of Religious and Clergy to be the voice that the world needs. See the [CRA webpage](#) and [flyer](#) for details.

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, or when tickets are sold out.*

See this [flyer](#) for other events with Joan Chittister in Melbourne, Brisbane, North Sydney and Adelaide.

CRA HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SEMINAR

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee is developing a new seminar to follow-up the Dementia Care Seminar held last year in Brisbane.

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: The [seminar flyer](#) and registration link is available at the CRA website [here](#).

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.

ZOOM SERIES ON CHURCH RENEWAL

Yarra Theological Union, along with Garratt Publishing, invites us to a [series of seminars](#) as we journey to the second (final) assembly of the Australian Plenary Council, and prepare for the Synod on Synodality.

Title: Building the Church we need
Dates & Times: Monday evenings 2, 9, 16, 23 May 2022, 7.30 – 9.00 pm VIC, NSW, TAS, QLD | 5.30 pm WA | 7.00 pm SA, NT
Registration: \$22.00 for all four sessions. Register at [Trybooking](#)

NEIGHBOURS WITHOUT BORDERS | PALMS TRAINING PROGRAMME

PALMS Australia offers a four-day residential training for local communities such as Catholic parishes and schools to help them to embrace diversity, build on strengths and grow community.

Title: Neighbours without borders
Dates: 8-11 May 2022
Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW
Registration: Cost: \$450 pp. For details, visit [PALMS](#) or contact Robert 0422 472 567
Information about a free introductory seminar is available [here](#)

ONLINE MARIAN LECTURE

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat invites Members and Marist friends to a Conversation with Frank Brennan SJ, Jesuit priest and human rights lawyer, on the theme of upholding dignity.

Title: Human dignity - an Aussie value?

Dates & Times: Tuesday 10 May 2022, 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm VIC, NSW, QLD | 5.30 pm SA, NT

Registration: Register at [this link](#). For more information: mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The Pastoral Ministry Network is hosting a national virtual conference that aspires to offer new vision and energy to the Catholic Church. Programme and speaker details can be found at the conference [website](#).

Title: Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference

Dates: 26 - 28 May 2022

Registration: Click here for [registration](#) details and costs for Members and Non-Members

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE - ONLINE

An online Ignatian spirituality conference, in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises, celebrating Ignatius 500 year anniversary is being sponsored by Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JSA).

Title: Ignatian Murmuration 2022

Dates: 12-14 May 2022. Join for one day, two days or all three

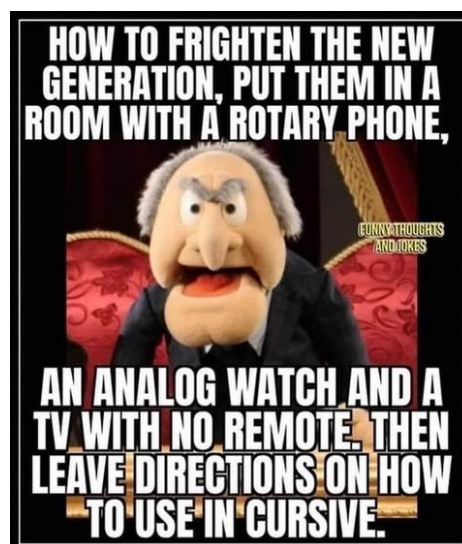
Registration: Cost: Three days: \$180, One day: \$75, On demand recordings and resources: \$100. Visit the JSA [website](#) for registration and programme details

RESOURCES

ANZAC DAY: A TIME FOR POETRY, A TIME TO SPEAK, A TIME FOR SILENCE

The Good Oil (Good Samaritan Sisters), features an [article](#) about ANZAC Day by Patty Fawkner SGS.

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One of the shortest wills ever written read:
“Being of sound mind, I spent all of my money.”