

NEWS

CRA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Please see below under *Employment*.

RELIGIOUS IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LISTING

Among Catholics in receipt of [Australia Day honours](#) in 2023, CRA congratulates Mary Comer RSJ, OAM, for service to the community including in her role as the founding director of Centacare Bathurst and a former leader of her congregation, and Anthony Boyd FMS for service to secondary education as deputy principal, teacher and rugby union coach at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill for more than 20 years.

Also, in the Wagga Wagga Australia Day [awards](#), Environmental Citizen of the Year was awarded to community organisation [ErinEarth](#), whose co-founders are Carmel Wallis PBVM and Kaye Bryan PBVM.

CRA WELCOMES GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT TO END TPVs

In a recent [media release](#), CRA welcomes the long-awaited announcement by the Albanese government of the end to Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEV).

JESUIT MISSION – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

In response to two catastrophic earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria on 6 February, Jesuit Mission Australia has launched a Syria Earthquake Response Appeal to provide immediate assistance to those people most affected living in Aleppo. Download the Jesuit Mission [media release](#).

See, too, the emergency response efforts of *Caritas* in this [media release](#).

SISTERS OF MARY QUEEN OF PEACE - RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace in Canberra [renewed their vows](#) during Mass celebrated on their Feast Day, The Presentation of the Lord, 2 February 2023.

REMEMBERING DR JOHN HARGRAVE AND OLSH SISTERS IN NT

On 6 February 2023, at the Menzies School of Health building in Darwin there was an event to recognise and remember the work of Dr John Hargrave and the OLSH nurses of Chanel Island, East Arm and Katherine, Northern Territory. The speech given by Mary Stevens OLSH can be [read here](#).

CENTENARY OF SALESIANS IN AUSTRALIA

One hundred years of Salesian presence in Australia is being celebrated in 2023. In March 1923, a group of Salesian missionaries arrived on Australian shores, in the city of Fremantle. ([Read](#) about how the Salesian story unfolded.) See also *Resources* below.

CHA: USERS MUST CONTRIBUTE MORE FOR AGED CARE

Wealthier Australians should contribute more for their aged care to make sure providers can remain open and the sector can survive to provide for those who can least afford it, says Catholic Health Australia (CHA) in its recent [media release](#).

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA

The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania has issued a final [media release](#) from its recent assembly, as well as the bishops' [concluding statement](#), sharing the fruits of their discernment during the week on key themes: Care for the oceans; Becoming a more synodal Church; and Formation for mission.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — SAVE THE DATE

The next Assembly will be held from Monday 31 July to Thursday 3 August 2023 at the Novotel Parramatta.

CRA STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR - ONLINE

This seminar is an important opportunity for those who are company directors to be reminded of their responsibilities, obligations and the consequences and penalties for lack of compliance. The speaker is Josephine Heesh, Partner, Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers. Download the [brochure](#) at the CRA Events webpage.

Title: Stewardship Seminar (Director responsibilities)
Date & Time: Wednesday 1 March 2023, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT | 8.30 am QLD | 9.00 am SA | 6.30 am WA
Registration: \$40 per person. [Register at Humanitix](#). Zoom details provided closer to the event RSVP by 24 February. Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho, ea@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA ONLINE GATHERING OF TEMPORARY PROFESSED

This inter-congregational gathering of Temporary Professed women and men is an opportunity to share your experience of living Religious Life in today's world and to learn from others who share in this journey.

Title: Online gathering of temporary professed
Date & Time: Saturday 4 March 2023, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm NSW, VIC, ACT, TAS | 11.00 am WA | 1.30 pm SA
Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#). Zoom details will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

CRA - THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

To learn more about how your Congregation can be a part of a global movement of Women Religious making a world of difference, CRA will host a Zoom session to present this opportunity for personal, communal and systemic transformation in more detail. You are also invited to visit the [Thresholds of Transformation](#) website.

Title: Thresholds of Transformation - Presentation
Date & Time: Monday 6 March 2023, 11.00 am NSW, VIC, TAS. [Click here](#) for other time Zones.
Registration: [Register free at Humanitix](#)

CRA NSW LEADERSHIP DINNER

In its first social gathering for the year, CRA invites Leaders and Leadership Team Members of Religious Institutes to come together for a meal and a chat in Sydney. [Download the flyer](#) at the CRA website.

Title: CRA NSW Leadership Dinner
Date & Time: Tuesday, 28 March 2023, from 6.00 pm
Venue: Silverwater Hotel (previously Dooleys Waterview Club), 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater NSW
Registration: Please [register online](#), by Friday 24 March 2023. Enquiries 02 9557 2695 or email ea@catholicreligious.org.au
Note: Looking ahead, the next Dinner will be held 24 October 2023.

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER SERVICE – DIVESTMENT WEEK OF ACTION

All are invited to share in a service of prayer, music and meditation with others from diverse traditions, as part of a global Divestment Week of Action during Lent organised by the Laudato Si' Movement.

Title: A prayerful call to divest from fossil fuels
Date & Time: Thursday 9 March, 9.30 – 10.30 am
Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta NSW
Enquiries: Contact: Thea Ormerod info@arrcc.org.au or 0405 293 466
[Download the flyer](#) and connect via [Facebook](#)

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

For upcoming retreats at the [Santa Casa Retreat Centre](#), Victoria, see [this link](#). Contact Lizzie by email santacasa@ismapng.org.au or phone 0418194261.

Also, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia offers its latest retreat schedule at [this link](#).

2023 CONFERENCE: MISSION - ONE HEART MANY VOICES

Catholic Mission and CRA invite you to [save the date](#) for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference.

Title: *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* (MOHMOV)
Dates: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023
Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney AND online
Registration: Details to follow. In the meantime, visit the [2023 MOHMOV Conference website](#)

LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE

[Legal Education for Leadership of Religious Institutes and Their Lay Collaborators](#) is a canonical formation program offered both on campus and online, on a three-year cycle by the faculty of Canon Law of Saint Paul University, Ottawa. In 2023, Year II of the program is offered as follows:

Title: Governance within Religious Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life
Dates: 12 to 15 June 2023
Registration: Cost: \$CAD 600.00. Registration can be completed via [this link](#). Participants are welcome to begin the program at any time in the three-year cycle.

EMPLOYMENT

CRA TEAM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CRA is seeking a Team Administrative Assistant to join the Secretariat team, 3 days per week. Please share [the job advertisement and position description](#) with your networks. Applications are to be forwarded to Taylor at ea@catholicreligious.org.au by Monday 20 February 2023.

RESOURCES

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: DON BOSCO IN AUSTRALIA & THE PACIFIC [1923-2023]

A new book compiled by Prof Frank Moloney SDB traces what God has brought to Australia and the Pacific through the many Salesians of Don Bosco who have worked tirelessly in the education of the young with many sacrifices. Contact Karen Child at the Salesian Province Centre (03 9377 6000 or sdbaul@salesians.org.au) to enjoy a gift of this book, courtesy of the Salesians.

STIPEND RATES

2023 Calendar year stipend rates for the Northern Territory are available at the [CRA website](#) following approval of the *Enterprise Agreement* by the Fair Work Commission. The Stipend increase is 6.1%.

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