

NEWS

CRA's PATHWAYS

Read CRA's latest issue of [Pathways](#) which includes a story about the event with Nathalie Becquart XMCJ.

SALLY FULFILLING CHILDHOOD DREAM

Sally Duigan OLSH, Director of Holy Family Care Centre in Limpopo Province, South Africa talks about her work with orphans and vulnerable children in the February edition of the [Southern Cross](#).

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR LENT 2023

In his [Lenten message](#) for 2023, Pope Francis has addressed both the journey of Lent and the Synod on Synodality, saying "We need to listen to Jesus."

DIOCESE OF SALE FAREWELLS SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

After 120 years of service, the Sisters of Saint Joseph made their way to St Joseph's in Warragul, Victoria for a farewell from the Diocese of Sale, marking the end of the Josephite presence in Gippsland. Continue reading at the [SOSJ website](#).

COLUMBAN eBULLETIN

"What is God asking of me during Lent this year?" is the lead article in the February [Columban eBulletin](#). The eBulletin also features recovery and vocational programs transforming lives in Myanmar; and more.

CATHOLIC MISSION – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

[Catholic Mission](#) is working to provide immediate relief to families who have suffered devastating loss in the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, and Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) has mobilised its network of missionary priests, religious sisters, laymen and women to aid survivors.

NEW STATEMENT FROM FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA

The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania assembly in Fiji has produced a further [statement](#), which speaks of the need for "deeper ecological conversion."

RELIGIOUS LEADERS VOICE CONCERNS FOLLOWING ALRC PAPER

[Catholic](#) and other [faith community leaders](#) have expressed their concern over the future of faith-based education following the Australian Law Reform Commission's [consultation paper](#) on anti-discrimination law and religious educational institutions. Read the latest NCEC [media statement](#) which shows a record number of students in Catholic schools support faith-based education.

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 online](#). 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 online for free](#). Zoom details will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

CRA - THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

CRA will host a Zoom session to present [Thresholds of Transformation](#) – an opportunity for personal, communal and systemic transformation. To learn more about how your Congregation can be a part of this global movement of Women Religious, register below.

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 online for free](#).

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 0418 194 261. Also, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia offers its latest retreat schedule at [this link](#). Further links can be found at this [CRA webpage](#).

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](#)

RESOURCES

REMEMBERING GEORGE PELL

"There are some who will continue to demonise Pell while others, like Tony Abbott, have canonised him already", writes Patty Fawkner SGS, as she presents a different view in the February issue of [The Good Oil](#).

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of [The Bridge](#) from the National Centre for Evangelisation features news of various evangelisation initiatives including a national consultation on sports and faith, and resources for Lent.

THE LIGHTER SIDE 🤔

