

NEWS

THE COST OF THE HOUSING CRISIS FOR WOMEN

The [Mercy Foundation](#) draws our attention to the Brief of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI), released on International Women's Day 2023, exploring what the housing crisis is costing Australian women. Read the [AHURI Brief](#).

BUILDING A CULTURALLY SAFE COMMUNITY AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

St Patrick's College Townsville has seen the number of First Nations boarders and day students significantly increase in recent years and takes pride in fostering a culturally safe community, reports the [News webpage](#) of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG).

WORK RIGHT HUB

[ACRATH](#) (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) has congratulated Australian Red Cross on the launch of [Work Right Hub](#), a website to help you find support if someone you know is exploited at work in Australia.

BISHOPS OUTLINE DANGERS IN PROPOSED DISCRIMINATION REFORMS

Senior bishops have warned law changes proposed by the Australian Law Reform Commission would prevent Church schools from being authentically Catholic, arguing they would discount the rights of people with a religious faith, according to the latest ACBC [media release](#).

NEW WEBSITE TO SHOWCASE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has launched a redesigned website www.ncec.catholic.edu.au to showcase Catholic education across Australia. Read the [NCEC media release](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA-VIC NETWORK GENERAL MEETING

The first general meeting of the CRA-VIC Network is coming up this month:

Title: CRA-VIC Network General Meeting
Date & Time: Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 9.30 – 12.30 pm
Venue: Manning Hotel, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen VIC
Registration: Please RSVP to Jill Harding FCS: jillburma@gmail.com by Tuesday 14 March

2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — SAVE THE DATE

The next Assembly will be held from Monday 31 July to Thursday 3 August 2023. The Novotel Parramatta has advised that hotel accommodation will be in high demand due to international shows coming to Sydney at that time. Registrations will be open in the next couple of weeks.

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), 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater NSW
Registration: [Register](#) by 24 March. Enquiries 02 9557 2695; ea@catholicreligious.org.au
Note: Looking ahead, the next Dinner will be held 24 October 2023.

CRA HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee has organised an in-person seminar exploring Loss of Sight and Loss of Hearing, with presentations by Rolf Geerlings of Vision Australia, Elvis Dsouza of Hearing Australia, and Religious who have personal experience with loss of sight and/or hearing. The intended audience is leaders, health and wellbeing leaders, coordinators and related staff, and carers for Religious.

Title: "Choose life then" ... Living with loss of sight, loss of hearing
Dates: Wednesday 17 May 2023, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, Level 18, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Fee: \$150 p/p (*Registrations will be open soon!*)
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho 02 9557 2695 ea@catholicreligious.org.au

ECOLOGICAL WAY OF THE CROSS – ASIA OCEANIA ONLINE GATHERING

The *Laudato Si' Movement: Catholics For Our Common Home* invites us to a community gathering to experience the [Ecological Way of the Cross](#), reflecting on environmental and social justice challenges.

Title: Asia Oceania Ecological Way of the Cross
Date & Time: Wednesday, 17 March 2023 | 8.00 pm Sydney | 5.00 pm Perth | 7.30 pm Adelaide
Registration: [Register free](#) at this link. See, too, the *Laudato Si' Movement's* March [E-Bulletin](#)

2023 CONFERENCE: MISSION - ONE HEART MANY VOICES

Catholic Mission and CRA invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

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
Registration: Register now – **early bird closes 14 March**; Visit www.mohmv.com.au for details

NATIONAL LITURGY & MUSIC CONFERENCE - BRISBANE

A [National Liturgy & Music Conference](#) celebrating 60 years since Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, presented by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & the National Liturgical Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, will be held in Brisbane later this year.

Title: Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration
Dates: 28 – 30 September 2023
Venue: Brisbane Hilton
Registration: [Register](#) at the Conference website: mysteryandmission.com.au

EMPLOYMENT

THREE PASTORAL MINISTRY ROLES IN NT

The Catholic Diocese of Darwin is advertising for people to fill three pastoral ministry positions in the Northern Territory: Director – Pastoral Ministries; a Minister to Youth (Alice Springs); and Youth Minister (Daly River). [Further information](#) can be found here. *Please share this information with your networks.*

RESOURCES

NEW BOOK BY FRANK BRENNAN SJ LAUNCHED THIS WEEK

On 15 March, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is launching Frank Brennan SJ's new publication, *An Indigenous Voice to Parliament*, which explores the 2023 Australian referendum and presents both the 'Yes' and 'No' cases. [Purchase the book](#) from Garratt Publishing.

SIMPLE DAILY GESTURES BOOKLET

The [Simple Daily Gestures](#) booklet that was developed back in 2017 by the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea has been updated with more voluntary behaviours to showcase how individual commitment to the goals of *Laudato Si'* can be lived through simple actions in everyday life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A number of resources relating to the popular devotion the [Stations of the Cross](#) can be found at the website of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.



HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

[Enjoy this video reflection of The Deer's Cry – "I Arise Today".](#)



THE LIGHTER SIDE



Notice in a farmer's field:

**THE FARMER ALLOWS
WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD
FOR FREE,
BUT THE BULL CHARGES.**

Notice in an office:

**AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF
SHOULD EMPTY TEAPOT
AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN
ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**

*Notice in health food shop
window:*

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.