

NEWS

CRA PRESIDENT'S LENTEN REFLECTION

In a Lenten reflection, CRA President Peter Jones OSA shares that the external face of ministry only has meaning because of what happens at the depth of who we are. [Continue reading](#) here.

CRA GIVES SUPPORT TO A VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

CRA has issued a media statement regarding the Voice to Parliament, available on the [CRA website](#).

SISTERS OF MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CANBERRA – NINTH ANNIVERSARY

The Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace have celebrated nine years since the establishment of their Canberra community, at an Anniversary Mass. Continue reading in the March issue of CRA's [Pathways](#).

CLERGY REFLECT ON PASTORAL REALITY OF VAD

The moral dilemma 'forced upon' clergy and pastoral carers by the commencement of the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act in South Australia has been highlighted by bioethicist Dr Joseph Parkinson, reports [The Southern Cross](#) (17.3.23).

SLAVERY-FREE CHOCOLATE

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) encourages us to join their "Be a Good Egg Campaign". Download the [Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard](#) to inform purchasing choices.

IRISH BISHOPS HAIL PATRICK AS A SAINT FOR OUR TIME

St Patrick has been celebrated as a patron for human trafficking victims and migrants in a statement by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Eamon Martin, writes Phoebe Hobbs in [The Tablet](#).

NINTH BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE DIOCESE

Bishop Michael Kennedy has officially taken up his role as the Ninth Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle in a Liturgical Reception at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton, on 17 March 2023. [Continue reading](#).

TWO ANNIVERSARIES

It is 50 years since the first public and national Aboriginal Liturgy was celebrated at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne on 24 February 1973, recalls Brian McCoy SJ in a reflection in [Eureka Street](#).

Another milestone is the 25th anniversary of the document ['We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah'](#) issued by the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, on 16 March 1998.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

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.

Any person needing financial assistance to attend, please contact Anne Walker on 0409 936 771 or by email: nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au.

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

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* (MOHMY)
Dates: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023
Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney
Registration: Register now. **Early bird closes Wednesday 12 April.** Visit www.mohmv.com.au

SACRED MUSIC EVENT – NORTH SYDNEY

We are invited to [an evening of music](#) weaving through the languages of history & lineage, including Aramaic prayers, ancient Sanskrit prayers, mantras of holy Latin vespers, sounds of the Celtic Isles, the Hebrew Psalms, with Carmella Baynie joined by Maharshi Raval, Konrad Ball and Rabbi George Medacai.

Title: *Through the Heart of Prayer*
Date & Time: Sunday, 26 March 2023 from 6.30 to 8.00 pm
Venue: Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel, 7 Mount St, North Sydney
Registration: Tickets \$75, discounts available; [Register](#) at this link

EMPLOYMENT

POSITION AVAILABLE IN IRELAND

The [Religious Formation Ministry Programme](#) under the auspices of the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland is [advertising](#) an opportunity, full or part-time, for a religious to join its team in Blackrock, Co. Dublin, in delivering a renowned one-year personal renewal and formation training programme. For an informal phone discussion about the role, email Josephine Enenmo OLA, rfmploretohouse@gmail.com to arrange a time.

RESOURCES

CRA PATHWAYS - MARCH ISSUE

The latest edition of CRA [Pathways](#) is now available at the CRA website.

INTERFAITH RELATIONS

In the Islamic calendar, the month of Ramadan is expected to commence this week, 22 March 2023.

VIDEOS LECTURES ON ULURU STATEMENT AND REFERENDUM

The School of Indigenous Studies (University of Divinity) and *Churches Together South Australia* have produced two videos: The first is a [call](#) from Prof. Anne Pattel-Gray to embrace the Voice to Parliament. The second is a [lecture](#) by Dr Garry Deverell on the Uluru Statement and the design of the Voice.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Most of the generation of 60+ years were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways. In our parents own words...

***My mother taught me
TO APPRECIATE A JOB
WELL DONE.***

*"If you're going to kill
each other, do it outside.
I just finished cleaning."*

***My mother taught me
RELIGION.***

*"You better pray that
will come out of the
carpet."*

***My father taught me
LOGIC.***

*"Because I said so,
that's why."*

***My father taught me
HUMOUR.***

*"When that lawn
mower cuts off your
toes, don't come
running to me."*