

NEWS

CRA “JUST NOW”

The latest issue of CRA’s justice publication [Just Now](#) is available at the CRA website. It focuses on the impact of climate change in the Pacific.

REDEMPTORISTS IN UKRAINE — COMMON HOME TV

Common Home TV, an apostolate of the Redemptorists of Oceania, presents “The Siege of Chernihiv”, a look back with those who remain working for peace in Ukraine. Available now on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM — SISTERS OF MERCY PARRAMATTA

The Sisters of Mercy Parramatta have asked us to share the results of [elections](#) held within their recent Chapter. We pray for the new Congregation Leader, Margaret Jones RSM; Congregation Vicar, Patricia Bolster RSM; Second Councillor, Margaret Hinchey RSM; and Third Councillor, Margaret Sheppard, RSM

MSC MISSION OFFICE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) Mission Office is celebrating 25 years. Also, the latest [MSC magazine](#) shares Easter ponderings about darkness, hope, courage and risk-taking in living the joy of the risen Christ through the many expressions of MSC life and ministry.

WALKING TOGETHER: CATHOLICS WITH JEWS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT

The Australian Catholic Bishops last week launched a new document on Catholic-Jewish relations. Jillian Segal AO, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, responded to the document on behalf of the Jewish community, and Teresa Pirola (faith educator and CRA staffer) delivered a Catholic response. Click on the link to download the document, [Walking Together: Catholics with Jews in the Australian Context](#).

UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

The latest International Newsletter of [UNANIMA](#) is available. This NGO represents 22 Congregations of women religious in 82 countries, advocating on behalf of women, children, migrants, refugees, the homeless and displaced, and the environment.

VINNIES URGES SENATE TO PASS HOUSING PACKAGE

The St Vincent de Paul Society is urging the Albanese Government, the Greens and crossbench Senators to work together to secure the passage of legislation essential to address Australia’s longstanding housing and homelessness crisis. Continue reading the SVDP [media release](#).

ABS HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics *Estimating homelessness: Census* publication gives a unique snapshot of homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as showing other changes since 2016. The media release and the publication can be found [here](#).

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 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 Vision Australia, 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

CRA ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES FOR VOCATION & FORMATION MINISTERS

The CRA Initial Formation Committee and Mary Pat Garvin RSM have prepared an online seminar series for 2023: Continuing Education eCourse for Vocation & Formation Ministers. Download the [brochure](#).

Title: *Windows on the Divine*
Dates: Thursday, 8 June; then four monthly Tuesday sessions
Time: 9.30 am QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS | 9.00 am SA | 7.30 am WA
Fee: \$300.00 AUD. Participation includes course access to [SLIConnect](#)
Registration: [Register online](#) by 15 May
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho 02 9557 2695, or 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, offering a rich programme with outstanding speakers.

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 extended to 12 April!** Visit www.mohmv.com.au

RESOURCES

INSPIRATION FOR HOLY WEEK

This [homily](#) on the Passion of our Lord, by Timothy Radcliffe OP, speaks of the 'silence' of the cross.

AVOIDING SUBTLE ANTI-JUDAISM DURING HOLY WEEK

Approaching Holy Week, here are [five ways](#) to avoid subtle anti-Judaism (LightofTorah.net). See too "[Guidelines](#) for Rightly Interpreting the NT" at the website of Australian Council of Christians and Jews.

BUSH RETREAT (NSW)

[Guntawang](#) is an environmental bush retreat 1.5 hours from Sydney. The centre is open to the public, but please phone first to arrange a time to visit. See this [information sheet](#) for a contact number.

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