

NEWS

GENERAL SECRETARY ELECTED PROVINCIAL, TO LEAVE BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Stephen Hackett MSC, the general secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has been elected provincial superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Read the ACBC [media release](#).

CHANGING HABITS: JOSEPHITES FOCUS ON SOFT PLASTIC

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and Sisters of St Joseph Lochinvar have presented the next stage of their [Explore-Embrace-Embody Laudato Si' Action Plan](#). The 2023 campaign focuses on the impact of Soft Plastics, advocating for better recycling at an individual, local, state and national level. Download the SOSJ [media release](#).

A NIGHTMARE IN UKRAINE OPENS ROMANIAN HEARTS

3.5 million Ukrainians have passed through Romania. Jesuit Mission CEO Helen Forde reflects on her [recent experience](#) of meeting Tamara, a Ukrainian refugee living in Bucharest, Romania.

SERRA FOUNDATION

The Serra Foundation, that has supported priestly and religious vocations for more than forty years, is inviting Catholics to offer prayers and financial support to men and women making life-long commitments to the church. Continue reading this [article](#) from Serra.

PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS AUSTRALIA

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo as Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Australia. Download the ACBC [media release](#).

ARRCC MESSAGE FOR BOARDS IN FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS AND CHARITIES

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) draws to our attention that [Market Forces](#) is working with HESTA members, the superannuation fund for the health and community sector, to call on the fund to stop investing money in companies expanding fossil fuels. Read [ARRCC's message](#) here.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S CEO TOURS QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS AND PARISHES BY BICYCLE

On Sunday 16 April Kirsty Robertson, Caritas Australia's CEO, started an epic 700 km bicycle ride from Cairns to Townsville to tour and greet schools and parishes. Continue reading the Caritas [media release](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registrations are now open for the 2023 National Assembly. Please [download the brochure](#).

Title: Daring to Dream
Date: Monday, 31 July to Thursday, 3 August 2023
Venue: Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church Street, Parramatta NSW
Registration: Please go to the [CRA website](#) and [register online](#)

2023 CONFERENCE: MISSION – ONE HEART MANY VOICES

The sixth biennial national Mission Conference, *One Heart Many Voices* will take place this week: three days of professional and personal development focused on mission, with outstanding speakers.

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: The registration link and further details are at www.mohmv.com.au

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ISCW) WEBINAR

This [webinar](#) will feature researchers Dr Tracy McEwan, Dr Kathleen McPhillips and Professor Tina Beattie in dialogue with Jacqui Rémond. They will discuss recommendations arising from the *ISCW: Analysis and Report of Key Findings* based on the survey that drew 17,200 responses from women in 104 countries, the largest international survey of Catholic women ever undertaken. The webinar is sponsored by Garratt Publishing, with WATAC, Catholic Religious Australia, and Catholic Women Speak.

Title: International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW)
Dates: Wednesday 10 May 2023, 7.00 pm AEST
Registration: Online registration is essential. [Register free](#) at this link.

CRA HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR

Choose life then is an in-person seminar exploring loss of sight and loss of 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*
Date: Wednesday 17 May 2023, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, Level 18, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Registration: \$150 pp. [View webpage](#); [Download the flyer](#); [Click here to register online](#)

CRA-VIC NETWORKING GENERAL MEETING

The CRA-VIC Networking General Meeting will be held later this month as follows:

Title: CRA-VIC Networking General Meeting
Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2023, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
Venue: Tarrawarra Abbey, Tarrawarra, Victoria
Registration: RSVPs to Jill Harding FCS, jillburma@gmail.com by Wednesday 17 May 2023

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

AUSTRALIAN CARDIJN INSTITUTE WEBINAR

Irish-born American economist, Tony Annett, will present the next [webinar](#) of the Australian Cardijn Institute, addressing the theme “Cathonomics: How Catholic tradition can create a more just economy”, which is also the title of his recent book.

Title: Cathonomics: Creating a more just economy
Date: Saturday 13 May 2023, 10.30 am AEST
Registration: [Register](#) free to attend this online event

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023 - ONLINE EVENT

This is an 'ecological action' online event hosted by Catholic Earthcare. In 2 hours, we will do 10 actions in our very own homes that care for creation. Centered around the themes of energy, nature, waste, food, First Nation's peoples, water, transportation, prayer and education. Learn more at this [link](#).

Title: Catholic Earthcare Laudato Si' Week
Date: Wednesday 17 May 2023, 4.00 – 6.00 pm AEST | 2.00 pm AWST
Registration: Bookings essential. Register free at [Trybooking](#)

EMPLOYMENT

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW is seeking a Communications Manager to join their team. View the [job description](#) here. Enquiries: email Ian Bernard ian.bernard@vinnies.org.au, quoting VIN number 3060.

RESOURCES

CROSS CULTURAL COMPETENCY COURSE

The [Cross Cultural Competency Course](#) is a programme developed by NATSICC as a tool in helping increase understanding of Australia's First Peoples. It provides an opportunity for religious leaders and staff to build on skills already gained in this space. The course fee is only \$20 per person and can be completed in one to two hours, with a rich array of supplementary material for further learning. [Register here](#).

LAZARETTO RESOURCES

Within the aged care and hospital sectors, [Lazaretto](#) provides ritual and prayer resources to support chaplains, pastoral care workers and hospital staff.

CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The [May edition](#) of Carmelite Centre Melbourne Newsletter offers spiritual formation activities, including Centring Prayer, a Conversation with Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, and an Eco-Spirituality Reading Circle.

EREMOS – EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY IN AUSTRALIA

A special 40th Anniversary Edition of EREMOS contains an extended selection of the most significant articles and interviews published over the past 40 years, providing insight and an overview of the development and changes to Australian spirituality. Learn more and order a copy at the [EREMOS website](#).

FIRST NATIONS FILM FESTIVAL

In 2023, [First Nations Film Festival](#) will be hosting its 6th edition, curated around the themes of Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week. The festival features award-winning features, documentaries, and short films, accessible over five days on the streaming platform, FanForceTV.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK (15-21 OCT)

The current Anti-Poverty Week bulletin is available [here](#).

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