

## NEWS

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### STATEMENT REGARDING CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE LTD

In light of the [recent announcement from Catholic Church Insurance](#) (CCI), the Catholic Church in Australia wishes to assure both the Catholic and wider community that it remains fully committed to continuing to engage with survivors of abuse to meet legal obligations. Continue reading the [ACBC/CRA statement](#).

### MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES

The *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* Conference organisers thank all who participated in last week's conference. Resources will be uploaded on the [conference website](#) as they become available. The Conference team is compiling communal wisdom from the Engaging Together session by collecting 'Action for Mission' items. If you were at the Conference and would like to share yours, please email the conference team at: [mohmvconferenceteam@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:mohmvconferenceteam@catholicmission.org.au)

### A NEW MINISTRY FOCUS FOR ADELAIDE MARIST BROTHER

[The Southern Cross](#) (Adelaide Archdiocese) features a story about Des Howard FMS. In his 60<sup>th</sup> year as a Marist Brother, Des has undertaken a new ministry of visitation and leading ecumenical services in Yatala Prison.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an appeal in response to this crisis. Learn more and donate at the St Vincent de Paul Society [website](#).

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

During 2021, thanks to its donors, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) brought aid to 999,518 people in 57 countries, with 80 million euros spent on programmes and services out of 83.3 million raised. *La Civiltà Cattolica* (3.5.23) features an [interview](#) with the Jesuit who leads JRS: "Toward an Ever-Wider 'We': An interview with Fr Thomas H. Smolich, SJ".

### MARONITE EPARCHY WELCOMES BISHOPS DURING JUBILEE YEAR

More than 30 bishops concelebrated Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral on Sunday 7 May 2023, taking part in ongoing celebrations for the [50th jubilee](#) of the Maronite Eparchy in Australia. Continue reading the [ACBC media release](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **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](#)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ea@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR 2023 - NEW EVENT**

This CRA Justice Seminar will focus on the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* and advocacy in relation to constitutional change, and the Voice to Parliament, featuring speakers, Rachel Perkins, Shireen Morris, and Frank Brennan SJ. The format will include table discussions and Q&A, morning tea and lunch included. The audience is leaders and members of Religious Congregations, justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations, students and their teachers.

Date: Wednesday 19 July 2023

Time: Registration from 8:45 am for a 9.30 am start. Finish at 3.40pm

Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, Level 18, Tenison Wood House 8 Napier Street, North Sydney

Registration: Details will be available soon

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### **BEREAVED FATHERS' PEACE-BUILDING TOUR**

A speaking tour during May, in Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney, will give a shared platform to an Israeli father and a Palestinian father, both of whose daughters were killed in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict but who have chosen dialogue and peace rather than anger and retaliation. The tour is organised by [PLUS61J](#).

Title: We need to talk – Rami and Bassam's peace building tour

Dates: 17 – 30 May 2023, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne

Times & venues: Refer to our [webpage](#)

Registration: \$25 (\$20 concession) – register via [this link](#)

### **WEBINAR - SYNODAL CONVERSION**

This webinar will explore the synodal way of being Church that calls for a reconfiguration in the relations, communications and structures of the current institutional model. It is presented by Rafael Luciani, a lay Venezuelan theologian and an expert of the Theological Commission of the General Secretariat for the Synod and expert of CELAM (Latin American Bishops' Council). Sponsored by Garratt Publishing, together with SA Catholics for an Evolving Church and Australasian Catholic Coalition For Church Reform.

Title: Walking together towards a synodal conversion

Date & Time: Saturday 20 May 2023, 10.00 am AEST | 9.30 am ACST | 12.00 pm AWST

Registration: Registration essential. [Register free here](#). Further information at [Garratt website](#)

### **LAUDATO SI' WEEK – ONLINE IGNATIAN RETREAT**

Celebrate International or Australian Laudato Si' Week with an experience of Ignatian spirituality. This is an online convocation with spiritual exercises and conversations, using the life of a tree as a metaphor.

Title: IM23: I am a Tree of Life

Dates: Sunday 21 May to Wednesday 24 May 2023

Time: Two options daily: 10.00 am to 12 noon OR 6.30 to 8.30 pm AEST

Registration: \$125 Full Four Day Convocation. \$45.00 one day. A reduced price for those with limited means. [Register at this link](#)

## PROPERTY

### THE CENTRE, RANDWICK NSW

The Centre complex at 14 Frances Street, Randwick NSW was once the site of the Centre for Christian Spirituality and used for retreats, conferences and accommodation. The Centre Board are seeking expressions of interest for reuse of the complex on a leasehold basis which might be within the range of a normal commercial lease arrangement to a medium to long-term leasehold sale. Download the [Information Memorandum](#) for general details about the property and contact details.

## 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](#).

### PEACE, ECOLOGY & JUSTICE

The [May issue](#) of the Columban Peace, Ecology & Justice eBulletin is now available.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

