

## NEWS

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### **CRA PATHWAYS**

The May issue of CRA [Pathways](#) with stories of religious in Australia is available at the [CRA website](#).

### **NATSICC REQUEST**

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council requests the support of religious congregations by forwarding to NATSICC their statements and resources supporting a Voice to Parliament. These will be housed on a dedicated website which will serve as a mechanism to inform Catholics when casting their vote in the referendum. Watch this Bulletin for news of the website's launch. Send your resources to: Craig Arthur, National Administrator, NATSICC: [craig@natsicc.org.au](mailto:craig@natsicc.org.au)

### **PUSHBACK TO PLANS FOR FORCED ACQUISITION OF CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL**

Nobody should be dispossessed of their land and property without consultation, says a spokesperson for the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn in response to the ACT Government's plan to pass legislation in order to compulsorily acquire both the buildings and land of Calvary Hospital in Bruce ACT. View a statement and 3-min video at the Archdiocesan [website](#).

### **HONORARY DOCTORATE AWARDED TO MARIST PRIEST**

Australian Catholic University (ACU) has conferred a Doctor of the University (Honoris Causa) to two recipients: Fr Gerald Arbuckle SM who has dedicated his life to anthropology, and to Wilson-Miller, a respected Koori historian and researcher. [Continue reading](#) at ACU's website.

### **A THEOLOGY OF MIGRATION**

Daniel G. Groody CSC discusses a [theology of migration](#) and [the face of Christ in the migrant](#) at [Common Home TV](#), a work of the Redemptorists.

### **COLUMBAN MID-YEAR APPEAL**

Columban missionaries working in Pakistan have shared the desperation of the people during the recent widespread floods which left so many homeless. As part of a [mid-year appeal](#), the Columbans in Australia are supporting a project in Pakistan that includes building 100 homes and supplying 1,000 mosquito nets. Continue reading the latest [Columban eBulletin](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Accommodation booking deadline is 29 June. Please [download the brochure to learn more](#).

Title: Daring to Dream  
Dates: 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](#)

### **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 SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE - PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT**

This in-person workshop is an important opportunity for Safeguarding practitioners and leaders in Religious institutes, Members of CRA Safeguarding Community of Practice.

Title: CRA Safeguarding Community of Practice - Networking  
Date & Time: Wednesday 28 June 2023, 9.00 am – 3.30 pm  
Venue: St Francis' Pastoral Centre, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne  
(Cnr Lonsdale St & Elizabeth St)  
Registration: \$150pp (lunch and morning tea included) [Register at Humanitix](#)  
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho 02 9557 2695, [ea@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:ea@catholicreligious.org.au)  
Further information to be posted at the [CRA Events](#) webpage.

### **CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR 2023**

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 available soon. Enquiries: Lucy O'Connell 02 9557 2695  
[secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au)

## CSSV-CSSA WEBINAR SERIES - INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The *Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country* [webinar series](#) begins this week, hosted by Catholic Social Services Victoria and Catholic Social Services Australia. Professor Melissa Castan, Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law - Monash University will begin the series with Part 1:

Title: What is the Voice to Parliament all about?  
Date & Time: 25 May 2023, 4.00-5.00 pm (AEST). Further dates: 29 June and 27 July  
Registration: [Book here](#) for all or selected sessions, \$12 each session or \$30 for all three

## FIRST NATIONS FILM FESTIVAL

Experience the best of First Nations cinema with award-winning features, documentaries, and short films, all accessible over five days in May/June on the streaming platform FanForceTV.

Title: First Nations Film Festival  
Dates: 30 May to 3 June 2023  
Registration: Access to all screenings \$19.99 USD. View trailer and details at [FanForceTV](#)

## ACCULTURATION PROGRAMME

Faith communities in Australia are increasingly multicultural, providing mission challenges for people in the pews and for faith leaders. The Archdiocese of Brisbane invites us to an [acculturation programme](#) that offers insights and skills, and times for sharing, for religious women and men and diocesan clergy.

Title: Acculturation programme  
Dates: 9 July 2023 (dinner) to 15 July 2023 (morning)  
Where: St Leo's College, University of Queensland. Accommodation and meals provided.  
Registration: RSVP to Sharyn van Berkel ([vanberkels@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vanberkels@bne.catholic.net.au)) by Tuesday 30 May 2023. Please call 07 3324 3633 with your questions

## RESOURCES

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### PENTECOST AND MOTHER MARY

In the General Roman Calendar, Mary as [Mother of the Church](#) is honoured on the day after Pentecost Sunday. We remember that [Mary](#) was present among the disciples on [Pentecost](#), praying with the nascent church, awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit to be poured out.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

*Get ready to groan....*

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it, but nobody saw it.