

## NEWS

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### **ACBC-CRA STATEMENT RE CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE LTD RUN-OFF**

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Fr Peter Jones OSA, President, Catholic Religious Australia, have today released a [statement](#) following today's announcement that Catholic Church Insurance is being placed into voluntary run-off.

### **CRA CALLS FOR SYSTEM OVERHAUL TO ADDRESS COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

CRA has lodged a submission to the Federal Government addressing structural issues in our economy that contribute to the cost of living crisis. Download the [submission](#) and [media release](#) at the CRA [website](#).

### **SEVENTH BISHOP OF TOOWOOMBA APPOINTED**

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Ken Howell the seventh Bishop of Toowoomba. He will succeed Bishop Robert McGuckin, who has led the Diocese of Toowoomba since 2012. Read the ACBC [media release](#).

### **PLENARY COUNCIL**

A [media release](#) from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference reports that a new guide has been published to support local reflection on the outcomes of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. [Download](#) the document *Carrying Forward the Plenary Council* and find further information [here](#).

### **CATHOLIC MISSION HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN TIMOR-LESTE**

With 97 percent of their population being Catholic, and a median age of 21 years old, Timor-Leste has a passionate and youthful voice, observes Catholic Mission in a [media release](#) on the role of vocational education in the future of Timor-Leste.

### **NEW DICLSAL WEBSITE**

The new website of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life is now online: [www.vitaconsacrata.va](http://www.vitaconsacrata.va) Read the DICLSAL [press release](#).

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

PALMS Australia shares its latest [news](#) about the global communities PALMS seeks to serve, as well as their end of financial year giving [appeal](#).

### **“TOGETHER”: ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL IN ROME**

In different parts of the world [prayer vigils](#), small or large, in towns or villages, will be held on or around 30 September 2023 as a sign of communion with those gathered in Rome to pray for the synodal process.

## 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 about the Assembly.

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 FOR FORMATORS AND THOSE SUPPORTING VOCATIONS**

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, Leaders of Religious Institutes, Members of CRA Safeguarding Community of Practice – safeguarding input together with a focus on self-care.

Title: CRA Safeguarding Community of Practice – Networking  
Date & Time: Wednesday 28 June 2023, 9.00 am – 3.30 pm (optional dinner the night before)  
Venue: St Francis' Pastoral Centre, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne  
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**

At this critical time, the 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 Institutes, justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations, students and their teachers.

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023 – *please note change of date*  
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  
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### JESUIT MISSION WEBINAR – FAMILIES FLEEING UKRAINE

At a 45-minute [webinar](#) hosted by Jesuit Mission Australia, Fr Marius Talos SJ, project partner of Jesuit Mission and Director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania, will provide an update on the Jesuits' emergency response, uplifting vulnerable families who fled to Romania.

Title: Hope for families fleeing Ukraine

Date & Time: Thursday 1 June 2023, 6.00 pm AEST

Registration: [Register free](#) and find further information at the [Jesuit Mission website](#)

### ACI WEBINAR – THE LABOR PARTY

The next webinar of the Australian Cardijn Institute will feature Emeritus Professor James Franklin addressing the subject Catholic Social Action and the Labor Party.

Title: Catholic Social Justice and the Labor Party 1900-1940

Date & Time: Tuesday 13 June 2023, 7.30 pm AEST

Registration: [Register free](#) and find further information at the [ACI website](#)

## RESOURCES

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### STIPENDS UPDATE

The following CRA Recommended Stipends for Religious have been updated at the [CRA website](#) for the 2023-2024 Financial Year: Ministerial Stipends; NSW/ACT Stipends; WA Stipends.

### COLUMBAN CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

The latest issue of [Bridges](#) with news from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations is now available.

### AUSTRALIAN CARDIJN INSTITUTE

The latest [newsletter](#) of the Australian Cardijn Institute includes the video from last month's webinar with Tony Annett on Cathonomics.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

