

NEWS

CRA –DYNAMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CRA is seeking a [Team Administrative Assistant](#) for a varied role in a supportive and dynamic team serving the mission and vision of CRA. Two-year contract - 4 days per week. Download the advertisement and [position description](#). Please direct enquiries about the role to Taylor Coutinho by ph: 02-9557-2695 or ea@catholicreligious.org.au. Applications are to be forwarded to Taylor by Wednesday 21 June 2023.

VOICE DISCERNMENT MUST BE ‘ENGAGED, PRAYERFUL AND POSITIVE’

At the CRA website, [read the reflection](#) of CRA President Peter Jones OSA regarding the referendum to take place later this year which considers the proposal *to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice*.

NATSICC LAUNCHES WEBSITE ON INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a [new website](#) collating resources relating to the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, produced by Catholic organisations, including Religious Institutes.

NOTIFICATION OF LEADERSHIP CHANGES

If your congregation has had a leadership change in the past year, please inform the CRA Secretariat (if you haven't already) as the Annual Report is being prepared. Email Taylor, ea@catholicreligious.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Recent communications from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference include the [report](#) from the May 2023 Bishops Plenary Meeting and a [story](#) on the Ordination of Bishop John Panamthottathil CMI as the second bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle in Melbourne.

CALVARY HOSPITAL

“Efficiency had won, but humanity had lost,” Archbishop Prowse said as he met with Calvary Hospital staff less than 24 hours after legislation had been passed for the ACT government’s forced takeover of the hospital. [Continue reading](#) at *Catholic Voice* and [Calvary Care](#) media releases (Little Company of Mary).

ICAN DELEGATION TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

This June, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Australia (ICAN) is coordinating a delegation to Parliament House in Canberra of nuclear veterans and First Nations people impacted by nuclear testing in Australia. [Learn more](#) at the ICAN website.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

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

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 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
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, Tenison Wood House, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Registration: Details available soon.
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho, ph: 02 9557 2695 or ea@catholicreligious.org.au

FIND YOUR PATH – CTC MELBOURNE

A range of professional learning opportunities are offered at Catholic Theological College (CTC), including: Life in Christ: Foundations for Theological Ethics; Exploring the New Testament with Mark's Gospel; The Liturgy and The Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Visit the [CTC website](#) for details.

Title: *Find Your Path* at CTC Online Information Session
Date & Time: Monday 19 June at 7.30 pm (AEST)
Registration: Registration essential. [Click here](#) to register

PILGRIMAGES

DIALOGUE WITH THE BOOK, THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE: AN EASTER PILGRIMAGE

The Mission Team of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion announces an opportunity for leaders in Christian schools and ministries to experience the Scriptures in the land that gave birth to them amongst the Jews, Muslims and Christians who live there. 16 March to 1 April 2024. [Details here](#).

HARVEST JOURNEYS – PILGRIMAGE IN THE GREAT SOUTH LAND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Domestic sacred journeys offer a time of faith renewal and encounter with Australia's natural beauty.

Footsteps of Mary MacKillop – celebrate Mary's Feast Day in Penola on a journey dedicated to Australia's first saint. 10 nights from Melbourne to Adelaide. 3 - 13 August 2023. [Details here](#).

Red Centre Pilgrimage – be among the first to visit The Forgiveness Cross on Memory Mountain, with the local Ikuntji people, in the very centre of Australia. 8 nights, Alice Springs to Uluru. [Details here](#).

RESOURCES

LEARNING TO CULTIVATE THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

"Solitude doesn't just happen. Like a garden, it needs cultivating," writes Patty Fawkner SGS in the latest issue of [The Good Oil](#).

CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The June activities of the Carmelite Centre Melbourne can be accessed at [this link](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE

