

NEWS

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR REFUGEE WEEK 2023

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office of Justice Ecology and Peace invite us to an online prayer service to commemorate Refugee Week from 18 to 24 June 2023. The theme of Refugee Week 2023 is *Finding Freedom*. The prayer service will be broadcast live at 7.00 pm AEST on 20 June. Please [register now](#) at this link.

THE COURAGE TO FLEE WAR-TORN UKRAINE

Jesuit Mission Australia recently held a webinar 'Hope For Families Fleeing Ukraine', which heard from Anastasiia, a Ukrainian refugee who fled with her son to Romania. Read the Jesuit Mission [media release](#) and view the webinar [recording](#) here.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME (SYDNEY)

The Community Visitor Scheme (CVS) in South East Sydney and Inner West of Sydney is seeking volunteers to be 'matched' with an isolated older person for a weekly visit in their home. Catholic Healthcare has been an auspice of the Community Visitor Scheme for 25 years. If you can assist, or for further information, go to the [CVS website](#).

CANA COMMUNITIES APPEAL

Cana Communities is a not-for-profit charity working with men and women who have experienced homelessness, addiction, mental health issues and other barriers that have prevented them from creating a positive life for themselves. Through a relational model, it creates inclusive communities that nurture dignity, hope and belonging. To learn more and to [donate](#) to this work, visit [Cana Communities](#) website.

UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL – LATEST NEWS

[UNANIMA International](#) is part of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and represents 23 Congregations of Women Religious, in 85 countries. Read the latest Newsletter [here](#) to learn of UNANIMA's activities at the United Nations.

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.

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 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. Learn more on the [CRA Events](#) webpage.

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

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. [Download the flyer](#).

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023
Time: Registration from 8:45 am for a 9.30 am start. Finish at 3.40 pm
Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, Tenison Wood House, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Registration: [Register by 20 July](#) at Humanitix - \$160 CRA members, \$180 non-members
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho, phone 02 9557 2695 or email ea@catholicreligious.org.au

WATAC IN DIALOGUE - ONLINE

This WATAC in Dialogue online session is an opportunity to reflect on and confirm the vision and aims of WATAC (Women and the Australian Church). WATAC’s way of reflecting is through story, audio divina (deep listening to music), and contemplation on the words of the women who dreamed the organisation into being.

Title: WATAC in Dialogue
Date & Time: Wednesday 14 June 2023, 7.00 pm NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT, QLD | 6.30 pm SA, NT | 5.00 pm WA
Registration: [Click here](#) to register

EMPLOYMENT

CRA TEAM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – 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.

AMPJP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons Ltd (AMPJP) is advertising for a new Executive Director. This is a key role within the maturing area of lay canonical governance of Catholic ministries. The position description and information about the job is on the [AMPJP website](#). Applications close 23 June 2023. Enquiries: Lawrie Hallinan 0419 447 217 or Moira Najdecki chair@goodsameducation.org.au

RESOURCES

CHURCH DOCUMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Dicastery for Communication has issued a new document, *Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media*. [Download](#) it here.

JUNE – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesuit and palaeontologist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ, was deeply influenced by the Sacred Heart of Jesus, after experiencing a vision of the heart of Jesus radiating Divine Light and Love throughout the universe. "May this Sacred Light continue to transform us, that we may become the compassionate and loving Heart of Christ in our world." This reflection is from the Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia [website](#), includes [Retreats](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE

CORNY, BUT HAVE A LAUGH ANYWAY!

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" He replied, "That's not a lizard. That's a stand-up chameleon."

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

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right... Jack and the beans talk.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me!