

NEWS

PAPAL HONOUR FOR MARY MARGARET SHANAHAN RSCJ

Mary Margaret Shanahan RSCJ OAM, the former principal of Sancta Sophia College at the University of Sydney, has been awarded the papal honour of *Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pro Pontifice* for her seven decades of service to education and social research, reports [The Catholic Weekly](#).

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR PRAYERS FOR YOUNG VICTIMS MASSACRED IN UGANDA

[Pope Francis](#) has offered prayers for young students and others killed in a deadly attack on a school in Uganda and called for “prayer for peace”.

ACRATH 2023 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) has launched its [2023 fundraising campaign](#) and hopes to raise \$350,000 by 30 July 2023, the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

CHURCH LEADERS IN AUSTRALIA WELCOME SYNOD WORKING DOCUMENT

The Secretariat of the Synod has published the *Instrumentum Laboris*, or working document, for the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – commonly referred to as the Synod on Synodality. [Read](#) the ACBC media release and [download](#) the *Instrumentum Laboris*.

DICLSAL WEBSITE

The new website of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life: www.vitaconsacrata.va is now live.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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 TEMPORARY PROFESSED ONLINE GATHERING – SAVE THE DATE

The CRA Initial Formation Committee invites Religious who are temporary professed to this online gathering with input from Rev Dr Hoa Dinh SJ, followed by small group discussions. Please share this information with those responsible for formation in your community.

Topic: Human Sexuality and the Vows of Chastity or Celibacy
Date & Time: 22 July 2023, 2.00 – 4.00 pm Via Zoom
Mode: Zoom
Registration: Details available soon at the [CRA Events](#) website and in this bulletin
Enquiries: Stephen Middleton | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: cpc@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 target 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](#) online - \$160 CRA members, \$180 non-members
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho, phone 02 9557 2695 or email ea@catholicreligious.org.au

MISSION AND DIALOGUE TODAY – ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

In response to the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the Divine Word Missionaries are offering a series of lectures on Formation for Mission “to promote the mission of evangelisation, and strengthen the witness of all the baptised through personal and communal conversion”. Download the [flyer](#).

5 July: Prophetic Dialogue and Interculturality
7 August: Prophetic Dialogue as an Approach to Church Engagement with Stakeholders of the Digital Future
19 August: Faithful and Creative Discipleship in a Wounded World
2 October: Proposal of Ways for Proclaiming the Good News in the Digital Age
13 November: Interreligious Engagement as Mission

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL – Q&A IN THE CRYPT (SYDNEY)

Catalyst for Renewal will hold a Sydney event in August, Q & A in the Crypt, with Bishop Danny Meagher and Emeritus Professor John Warhurst. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: The Future of the Catholic Church: Creating Unity through Diversity
Date & Time: Sunday 27 August 2023, 1.30 – 3.00 pm
Venue: The Crypt, St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Grosvenor St, The Rocks (Sydney)
Registration: No need to book. Suggested donation: \$10
Further information: T: 02 4971 4090 E: catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com

TIME OF THE SAGE: A SABBATICAL FOR RELIGIOUS LIVING IN THEIR 80 YEARS

"It is a wonderful day in a life when one is finally able to stand before the long, deep mirror of one's own reflection and view oneself with appreciation, acceptance, and forgiveness." (John O'Donohue)

This sabbatical is offered at St Joseph's Centre which sits within beautiful, spacious grounds at Baulkham Hills, 40 minutes north-west of Sydney's CBD and Sydney Harbour. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Time of the Sage
Dates: 1 November to 30 November 2023
Cost: \$5,700.00. Closing date for applications is 31 October 2023
Venue: St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills NSW
Further information: Refer to [flyer](#) for further information and contact details.

RESOURCES

RELUCTANT PROPHET: TRIBUTES TO ALBERT NOLAN OP

This book, edited by Mike Deeb OP, Philippe Denis OP and Mark James OP, published by ATF Press is a collection of essays in honour of South African theologian and best-selling author Albert Nolan OP, who died in October 2022. Release date 1 July 2023. \$59.95 – \$79.95. Purchase details at [ATF Press](#).

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 2 JULY 2023

A 24-page, full-colour booklet for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2023 has been designed to help schools, parishes and organisations celebrate the gifts of First Australian Catholics. [Learn more](#) and download the resource, "A New Life in Christ", at the [NATSICC website](#).

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