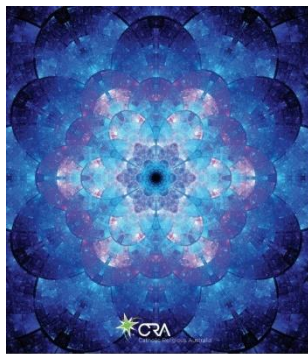


NEWS

NEW CRA PUBLICATION NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS



Our Stories. Our Lives.
Our Mission.

Catholic Religious in Australia

[*Our Stories. Our Lives. Our Mission*](#) provides an insight into the faithfulness, mission, hardship and joys of religious communities in Australia, revealing both the unique charism of each Congregation and the collective influence of religious life upon Australian culture and society. It includes the history of CRA and a foreword by Professor Richard Lennan of Boston College, USA.

The book launch of ***Our Stories. Our Lives. Our Mission***, published by CRA and St Pauls Publications, will be held during the National Assembly, on Wednesday evening, 2 August 2023. A special pre-launch price is available for CRA Members until 2 August (click on the link above to view the prices). When you purchase a printed copy, you will also receive a link to a CRA webpage of additional resources. To order copies at the pre-launch price, email:

sales@stpauls.com.au.

OCEANIA'S DIVERSE CHURCH TO BE REPRESENTED AT SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops has published the list of participants for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Read the [ACBC media release](#).

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The **Sisters of the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program** promotes women's leadership within the Catholic Church. It offers support to mature-aged (age 30+) Catholic women undertaking undergraduate or postgraduate theological or spiritual study at a recognised theological institution. Applications are now invited for 2024. [Download the flyer](#).

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' LAMPEDUSA VISIT

Pope Francis has expressed his sorrow for the "recurring grave tragedies in the Mediterranean," where countless innocent lives, particularly children, are lost as they search for a safer existence away from the horrors of war and violence. Continue reading at the [Vatican News](#) site.

THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – 23 JULY

"His mercy is from age to age" (*Lk 1:50*). This, says Pope Francis, "is the theme of the [Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#), and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth." Continue reading Pope Francis' [message](#) for this global celebration.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2023 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Registration is closed and fully subscribed with 140 participants. [View the programme](#) at the CRA website.

Title: *Daring to Dream*
Dates: Monday, 31 July to Thursday, 3 August 2023
Venue: Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church Street, Parramatta NSW

CRA TEMPORARY PROFESSED ONLINE GATHERING – REGISTER NOW

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: [Register here](#) at the CRA Events webpage
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

CRA WELLBEING SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATE

This in-person Seminar will be held in Brisbane and will feature speakers from St Vincent's Brisbane Palliative Care team and from Southern Cross Pastoral Care team, to help you with the difficult conversations and to understand the best of care towards the end of life.

Title: Quality Care at the End of Life
Date & Time: Wednesday 27 September 2023, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
Venue: Brisbane International Virginia, Sandgate & Zillmere Rds, Boondall QLD
Registration: Registration will open soon – watch this bulletin or the [CRA Events](#) webpage
Further information: Stephen Middleton | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

MINI-RETREAT MORNINGS – BRISBANE

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia lists a range of [retreat opportunities](#), including Mini Retreat Mornings – Two Hours of quiet contemplation on the last Saturday of each month at JISA Faber (Brisbane), a time of gentle meditation and time to re-energise amid the stresses of daily life.

Title: Two Hours of Quiet – Mini Retreat Morning
Date & Time: Saturday 29 July 2023, 7.15 am to 9.30 am
Venue: JISA Faber, 111 Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Bardon Qld
Registration: Cost: \$10 including \$10 including a cuppa, Spiritual Exercise material, contemplative time, and spiritual conversation; [Register at this link](#)

ONLINE FILM SCREENING – THE FOREST MAKER

The Forest Maker is a documentary film following the work of Tony Rinaudo, an Australian Agronomist working to reforest land in Africa in support of local farmers. The online screening, hosted by Caritas, Catholic Earthcare and Being With God in Nature, will be followed by Q&A with The Forest Underground project team who work with Tony. [View the trailer](#) here.

Title: The Forest Maker
Date & Time: 20 July 2023, 6.00 pm (NSW, VIC, TAS, ACT, QLD); 5.30 pm (SA, NT); 4.00 pm (WA)
Registration: This is a free event, but [registrations are essential](#) at this link

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING – SYDNEY

The Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022-23 Social Justice Statement is titled [Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse](#). In what has become an annual tradition, the three dioceses of Sydney will be hosting an event to discuss the implications of the statement.

Title: Respect: Confronting Violence & Abuse
Date & Time: 26 July 2023, 6.00 – 8.30 pm AEST (includes a light meal at 6.00 pm)
Venue: Catholic Institute Sydney, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield NSW
Registration: Register free at [this link](#)
Enquiries: Sydney Archdiocese [Justice and Peace Office](#)

CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENT - YARCK TO YEA WALK, RIDE OR RUN

Highways and Byways is hosting its annual *Yarck to Yea Ride-Walk-Run* along 5-27 km of the beautiful Great Victorian Rail Trail in Victoria. Highways and Byways is the charitable entity of the Missionary Sisters of Service. Its charter is to assist people and communities, particularly those experiencing disadvantage and exclusion in rural Australia. Read the [media release](#) here.

Title: Yarck to Yea, Ride or Run
Date: Saturday 19 August 2023, from 7.15 am
Venue: Two locations in Yarck, Victoria – [see flyer for details](#)
Registration: Cost: Adults \$30, Concession \$15, Family \$50. Register at [Trybooking](#)

IGNITE CONFERENCE – BRISBANE, SYDNEY

Ignite Conference is a four-day gathering of Catholics for renewal of faith and worship, appealing to high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious. Visit the [ignite 2023 conference website](#).

Dates & Venues: 21 – 24 September 2023 at St Laurence’s College, South Brisbane QLD
28 September – 1 October 2023 at Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara NSW
Registration: Cost \$299 pp (Early bird). Find all [registration details](#) at the conference website

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PASTORAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISOR?

[Transforming Practices](#) offers formation in Pastoral Supervision with a particular emphasis on developing reflective practice along with supervision skills. To learn more, [download this flyer](#).

Title: Portfolio of Learning Day (online by Zoom)
Date: Friday 6 October 2023
Enquiries: Contact the registrar, John Collins, via email john.collins@parracatholic.org

RESOURCES

REFERENDUM - ‘THE VOICE’

A widely viewed [9-minute video](#) supporting the ‘yes’ case for the referendum on ‘The Voice’ comes from Shelly Reys AO, KPMG partner and CEO of Arrilla Indigenous Consulting.

Also, a new [revised edition](#) of Frank Brennan SJ’s widely read book, *An Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Considering a constitutional bridge* addressing new discussions, plus additional Appendices.

JOURNEYING ON THE EDGES – 40 YEARS OF EREMOS MAGAZINE

EREMOS Magazine has just celebrated 40 years of engaging spirituality in Australia. Read more and view a video panel discussion celebrating this milestone: [Journeying on the edges](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE

