

NEWS

GOOD SAMARITAN SISTER RECEIVES NATSICC AWARD

Liz Wiemers SGS has been recognised with a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service to Community Award. [Continue reading](#) at *CRA Pathways*.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SISTER SHARES HER STORY

As the last Blessed Sacrament Sister in Australia, Marian McClelland SSS shares her call to “be present to God and others” and the blessings of being able to do “what she loves” in [Melbourne Catholic](#).

LATEST NEWS FROM AMPJP

The Association of Ministerial Public Juridical Persons (AMPJP) announces that it will appoint Martin Teulan as its [next Executive Director](#). AMPJP also advises that nominations are open for at least two people to join the AMPJP Canonical Stewards Formation Committee. [Details](#) can be found here.

RELIGIOUS IN OCEANIA APPOINTED FOR SYNOD OF BISHOPS

A Sister of Mercy is among Oceania’s non-bishop members appointed by Pope Francis for the upcoming Synod of Bishops, while two Religious in Australia are among the five experts and facilitators appointed from the region. [Continue reading](#) at *CRA Pathways*.

BRINGING LAITY INTO CHURCH DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan, national head of philosophy and theology from the University of Notre Dame Australia, says that as a lay theologian and mother of five, she was struck by the significance of her inclusion in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. [Continue reading](#) in *The Catholic Weekly*.

NEW DOCUMENT ON EVANGELISATION

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has published a document offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. Read the ACBC [media release](#) and the [document](#) itself here.

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 & Venue: Monday, 31 July to Thursday, 3 August 2023 at Novotel Parramatta

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

*** REVISED EVENT! * CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR - NOW ONLINE**

CRA has reorganised its National Justice Seminar Online via Zoom to make this event available to more people across the country. The event is shorter in length and free of charge. A new flyer is attached.

Hear from those focused on this critical time in Australia's modern history:

- Rachel Perkins; Yes 2023;
- Dr Shireen Morris; Indigenous Constitutional Recognition;
- Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO; Catholic Social Teaching things to consider.

Be inspired, challenged, and uplifted as we approach the referendum.

Event: ***CRA National Justice Seminar Online – Lift Your Voice!***
Format: Speakers, discussion, and Q&A on Zoom
Date & Time: Wednesday 26 July 2023, 10.00 am to 2.30 pm
Address: Zoom link will be sent in confirmation e-mails before the Seminar
Audience: Leaders, Justice Leaders, and Justice Animators
Registration: Free: [Register online](#) by 25 July 2023
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: ea@catholicreligious.org.au

Please share this information with the relevant people in your organisation.

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

MODERN SLAVERY - ONLINE WORKSHOP

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW invites us to a one-hour Workshop with Alison Rahill, Executive Officer of the Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network, to learn more about what slavery looks like in Australia and how we can address it. The Society’s latest Modern Slavery Statement will also be launched at this event.

Title: Modern Slavery Workshop
Date & Time: Tuesday, 25 July 2023, 12.00 – 1.00 pm AEST
Registration: Register free at [this link](#)

FOLLOW-UP EVENT TO MISSION ONE-HEART MANY VOICES (MOHMOV)

Catholic Mission reminds us that registrations are open for the mini-MOHMOV online formation event with Dr Stephen Bevans SVD presenting on how we are moving from *Mission Ad Gentes* to *Mission Inter-Gentes*. This is a complimentary formation event, open to all. Please share the link with your organisation and community. See the flyer below for event details and [register today](#).

Title: Mini-MOHMOV
Presenter: Dr Stephen Bevans SVD
Date & Time: Thursday 3 August 2023, 2.00 – 3.30 pm AEST
Registration: [Register free](#) at this link

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023

Mary MacKillop Place and the Sisters of Saint Joseph extend a warm invitation to all to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 8 August. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, attend Mass, pray at St Mary’s tomb, and visit the Mary MacKillop Museum. Mary MacKillop memorabilia, ethica Peruvian products, and light refreshments will be on sale.

Title: Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations 2023
Date: Tuesday, 8 August 2023
Opening Time: 7.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney
Further information: Download the [media release](#) for details

OUR SISTER PHOEBE – RETREAT AND WEBINAR

Australian Catholic Exploring the Diaconate (ACED) invites women and men interested in the permanent diaconate to a [weekend retreat](#), followed by a [webinar](#) with Dr Debra Snoddy.

Title: Our Sister Phoebe
Dates: 1 – 3 September 2023
Venue: Anderledy Lodge, Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William St, North Sydney
Registration: For further information and to register for the Retreat (1-3 Sept) or the Webinar (3 Sept), visit [Liturgy on the Margins](#) 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

NEW CRA PUBLICATION



Our Stories. Our Lives. Our Mission: Catholic Religious in Australia is published by Catholic Religious Australia and St Pauls Publications, 2023.

Visit the [CRA Resources](#) webpage to order at special pre-launch prices for Religious.

QUIROS NEWSLETTER AND GROUP BLOG

[QUIROS](#) is a newsletter and group blog about religion, politics and the arts. It grew out of the desire to turn our reading practice into sustained pieces of writing for a wider audience, and from conversations about the place of theology and religion in Australia. We are writers, theologians, philosophers and journalists from a variety of Christian traditions. [Learn more](#) and [subscribe here](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE



My teacher said "Don't worry about spelling. In the future there will always be autocorrect." For that I'm eternally grapefruit!