

NEWS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNDERWAY

As this Bulletin goes to press, 140 leaders of religious institutes and members of their Council are gathered at Parramatta for the 2023 [CRA National Assembly](#), along with generous supporters, speakers, sponsors and contributors. Blessings on each of you attending and also on those who are not able to be with us.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2023

National Vocations Awareness Week is coming up (6-13 August) and a new resource from CRA is relevant:



[Our Stories. Our Lives. Our Mission: Catholic Religious in Australia](#) is published by Catholic Religious Australia and St Pauls Publications, 2023. It is being [launched](#) tomorrow (2 August) at the CRA National Assembly. Until then, there is a special pre-launch price for Religious. Email sales@stpauls.com.au to purchase at pre-launch prices.

COLUMBAN MID-YEAR APPEAL

St Columbans Mission Society is holding its 2023 Mid-Year Appeal. View a [short video](#). Donate online [here](#).

STEPPING IT UP WITH THE STOMPERS

A team from the Sisters of Saint Joseph in North Sydney is participating in [Stadium Stomps](#) to raise money for [First Nations students](#) undertaking their tertiary studies. To sponsor or make a donation, click [here](#).

ONE SILENT MINUTE CHALLENGE

The Redemptorists of Oceania [Common Home TV](#) announces the launch of the "[1 Silent Minute](#)" video and invite individuals around the world to participate in the transformative 1 Silent Minute Challenge.

UNDERSTANDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH WITH A NEW AI-INSPIRED APP

Majellan Media has developed a new Artificial Intelligence-inspired (AI) app that delivers quick and reliable answers to people's questions about the Catholic Church and its teachings. [Learn more](#).

UNANIMA NEWSLETTER

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) draws our attention to the latest UNANIMA International Newsletter which can be accessed [at this link](#).

WORLD YOUTH DAY (1-6 AUGUST)

We keep the youth of the world in our prayers as World Youth Day celebrations commence today. [View a short video](#) highlighting Pope Francis' August intention for World Youth Day in Lisbon.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA EVENTS WITH JAMES ALISON – SAVE THE DATE/S

CRA is bringing James Alison to Australia in September-October 2023. James Alison is a Catholic theologian, priest and author known for his firm and patient persistence in promoting truthful conversation and dialogue in the Church with regard to matters LGBTQIA+ and for his pastoral outreach in the same sphere. The full programme is being finalized. **Please save the dates** for CRA-hosted events:

- Tuesday, 19 September 2023 (Melbourne, in-person) One-day CRA event in the afternoon, details TBC
- Tuesday, 26 September 2023 (Sydney, in-person) One-day CRA event in the afternoon, details TBC
- Thursday, 28 September 2023 (Sydney, in-person & Zoom) Afternoon CRA workshop for Religious & co-workers in ministry (schools, hospitals, aged care workers or others).
- Monday, 16 October 2023, 12.00 – 4.00 pm (North Perth, in-person) – CRA Workshop

Further details to come, to be advertised in the CRA Bulletin and at the [CRA Events](#) webpage.

CRA WELLBEING SEMINAR – REGISTER NOW

This in-person Seminar, held in Brisbane, features speakers from St Vincent’s Brisbane Palliative Care team and from Southern Cross Pastoral Care team, to help with the difficult conversations and with understanding 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: Register [online using Humanitix](#) or at the [CRA Events](#) webpage
Further information: Stephen Middleton | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

WATAC ZOOM EVENT – VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

WATAC IS hosting a 90-minute Zoom event facilitated by Fiona Dyball on the Voice to Parliament. Download the [flyer](#) and the [media release](#).

Title: The Voice to Parliament
Date: 9 August 2023, 7.00 – 8.30 pm AEST
Registration: Register free at the [WATAC website](#)

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](#)

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023

Mary MacKillop Place and the Sisters of Saint Joseph extend an invitation to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 8 August.

Title: Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations 2023
Date & Opening Time: Tuesday, 8 August 2023; 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: Register for the Retreat (1-3 Sept) or Webinar (3 Sept) at [Liturgy on the Margins](#)

RESOURCES

JESUIT AND IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Visit the [website](#) of Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia for its upcoming retreats and programmes.

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