

NEWS

"LOVE IS OUR MISSION" – OLSH 150th JUBILEE YEAR

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Australia and around the world have marked the opening of their Jubilee year this August. This [video](#) captures the spirit of their opening celebrations in the Australian Province and offers a glimpse of their province's presence in Australia and abroad.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have asked us to let the CRA community know that they have [elected Catherine McCahill SGS](#) as their new congregational leader. Her Councillors will be Meg Kahler, Ann-Maree Nicholls, Michelle Reid and Kathleen Spokes. They will assume their roles on 25 September 2023.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: RESOURCE HUB

In preparation for the 'Synod on Synodality', the Australian Catholic Bishops have created a [resource hub](#) to share synodality resources including prayers, bulletin notices, articles, videos and Synod documents.

SEASON OF CREATION 2023

The [Season of Creation](#) (1 September to 4 October) is an ecumenical celebration, affirming our communion with creation and among the Churches. It was started in 1989 by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I. In 2015 the Catholic Church joined this event at the initiative of Pope Francis. The [theme](#) for 2023 is "Let justice and peace flow". The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has issued an invitation to Religious Institutes to a webinar for the Season of Creation (see *Events* below).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

JAMES ALISON IN CONVERSATION ABOUT INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

CRA is bringing James Alison to Australia in September-October 2023. During this month there will be a number of events hosted by those with whom CRA has collaborated – click here to [see the list](#).

Here are the CRA-hosted events:

Title: **How did we get here, and where are we going? Opening up the discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**

Audience: Religious Institute Leaders and all Religious who want to meet, discuss and consider issues relating to their members and staff, and how to facilitate transparency and psychological well-being as part of coping with change in self-understanding in this area.

Date & Time: Tuesday 19 September, 2.00 – 5.30 pm
Venue: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville VIC
Fee: \$40 p/p (includes afternoon tea)
Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **How did we get here, and where are we going? Opening up the discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**

Audience: As above
Date & Time: Tuesday, 26 September 2023, 2.00 – 5.30 pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Place 11 Mount Street, North Sydney
Fee: \$40 p/p (includes afternoon tea)
Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **A mission-focused discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**
Audience: Religious & co-workers in ministry (e.g., schools, hospitals, aged care workers)
Date & Time: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 3.30 - 6.30 pm
Venue: Mary MacKillop Place 11 Mount Street, North Sydney
Format: Hybrid (in-person and Zoom)
Fee: \$40 p/p (in-person or Zoom)
Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **Developing a pastoral response to LGBTQIA+ members and their families**
Audience: Religious, their associates, staff and friends who wish to explore and discuss a pastoral approach to inclusivity and diversity in our Church and in our community
Date & Time: Monday, October 16, 2023, 12.00 – 4.00 pm
Venue: Redemptorist Monastery, 190 Vincent Street, North Perth WA
Fee: FOC (includes light lunch)
Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

ENQUIRIES: Please contact Gillian Lee: Ph: 02 9557 2695
Email: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA-SUPPORTED WEBINAR - International Survey of Catholic Women

This webinar will feature Dr Tracy McEwan and Dr Kathleen McPhillips discussing the findings and recommendations from the global and Australian reports arising from the International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW) which was undertaken in 2022 in response to the call for submissions to the 2021-2024 Synod of Bishops themed 'For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission'.

Title: The International Survey of Catholic women: Findings from Australia and Abroad
Date & Time: Thursday, 14 September 2023, 2.00 – 4.00 pm
Registration: [Register free](#) using Humanitix
Further information: [Download the flyer](#) at the [CRA website](#) or contact:
Taylor Coutinho, CRA Ph: 02 9557 2695, E: ea@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA HEALTH & WELLBEING SEMINAR

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: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR ONLINE – REGISTER NOW

CRA Stewardship Committee have asked Ernie Zibert, Senior ICT Consultant at Pitcher Partners, to speak on Cyber Security at an online Seminar for Leaders, leadership teams and finance personnel.

Title: Cyber Safety: Myths vs Reality
Date & Time: Wednesday 4 October 2023; 2.00 to 4.30 pm AEST
Registration: \$40 pp. See the [webpage](#), download the [flyer](#) and click here to [register](#)
Enquiries: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS – ONLINE

The Catholic Mission Formation Team invites us to a Kitchen Table Conversation – an online opportunity to join with others to listen, learn and reflect in preparation for the Voice to Parliament referendum.

Title: Kitchen Table Conversation
Dates: 17, 29 August, 11, 28 September, 3.30 – 4.45 pm AEST, via Zoom
Registration: Register free at [Humanitix](#)
Enquiries: Contact: adultformation@catholicmission.org.au

CAPSA WEBINAR

Each year Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) holds a National Week of Prayer and Action (NWPA) to engage the Australian Catholic community across schools, organisations and parishes, to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum. This year the NWPA will be running 4 - 8 September 2023 and will feature this webinar.

Title: Freedom to Live for Refugees and People Seeking Asylum
Date & Time: 5 September 2023, 4.30 – 6.00 pm AEST
Mode: Online live stream via Zoom. A link will be sent 48 hours before webinar
Registration: [Register free](#) at Humanitix

SEASON OF CREATION – WEBINAR

The Religious Sector of the Laudato Si' Action Platform, with others, invites us to a webinar in the [Season of Creation](#), facilitated by Vincent Anesthasiar, Cmf. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Integral Ecology in Religious Life and Mission
Date & Time: 12 September 2023, 2.00 – 4.00 pm (Rome time)

Registration: Complete and return this [registration form](#) by 5 September

SIX-DAY RETREAT – HARTZER PARK, BOWRAL NSW

Hartzer Park Conference & Retreat Centre is holding a six-day Guided Retreat in September, with themes "In God we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), "The devout Christian of the future will either be a 'mystic' one who has 'experienced' something, or he/she will cease to be anything at all" (Karl Rahner); and guided by Gerardine Doherty FDNSC. Visit the retreat [webpage](#) for further information.

Title: Six-day guided retreat

Dates: 22 – 29 September 2023

Venue: Hartzer Park Conference & Retreat Centre in Bowral, Southern Highlands NSW

Registration: Cost: \$850. To register: hartzprk@bigpond.net.au or phone 02 4861 3223

RESOURCES

NATSICC-CRA RESOURCE: CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

The [Cross Cultural Competency Course](#) is a particularly timely online training, considering the current national conversation regarding a First Nations Voice to Parliament. It offers foundational training for members and staff of Religious Institutes to enhance respectful and effective ministry, while walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Please consider [enrolling](#) in this course (\$20 p/p).

THE LIGHTER SIDE

