

NEWS

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Australian report *International Survey of Catholic Women: Analysis of responses from Australia* (University of Newcastle) has been released and is available [here](#). See [media release](#) and *Events* below.

JESUIT MISSION AUSTRALIA

Children living with disabilities are amongst the most vulnerable in Cambodia. [Jesuit Mission Australia](#) invites support for Light of Mercy Home in Phnom Penh City which offers them lifechanging education.

CARITAS RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Caritas Australia requests [donations](#) as Caritas agencies respond to the devastating effects of a 6.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Morocco, causing thousands of deaths and widespread destruction.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY (MELBOURNE) – 17 SEPTEMBER

Sunday 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, a time to remember those who work to stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. Read the [media release](#) of Catholic Social Services Victoria (courtesy *CathNews*).

REFERENDUM: YES AND NO CAMPAIGNS

The [Walk for Yes](#) initiative invites Australians to show their active support for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament by joining in a walk in various locations on Saturday and Sunday 16-17 September 2023.

The [Recognise a Better Way](#) website invites Australians to consider an alternative solution to Aboriginal recognition ambitions, and Aboriginal need.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 2023

Due to the Referendum on a First Nations Voice to Parliament being held on Saturday 14 October, [Anti-Poverty Week](#) will run over two weeks this year, from 15-27 October 2023.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA VIC LEADERS' NETWORK DINNER

Date & Time: Wednesday 20 September 2023, at 6.30 pm
Venue: Vicky's Restaurant, 5-7 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew VIC
RSVP: 14 September 2023 jdrobik@opeast.org.au

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 ISCW.

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 – 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: 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

WEBINAR – SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union, and Garratt Publishing invite you to an [online convocation](#) to discuss issues relating to the forthcoming Bishops’ Synod on Synodality. Leading the discussion is an ACBC representative at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst.

Title: Room for Everyone in Our Church Convocation
Dates: Thursday 14 September 2023, 7.00 pm ACT, NSW, VIC, QLD, TAS |
6.30 pm NT, SA | 5.00 pm WA | 9.00 pm NZ
Registration: [Register free](#) at the Garratt Publishing website; [Flyer available](#)

SCD 2023 RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Sydney College of Divinity (SCD) is holding its 2023 Research Conference focusing on Paul in a Jewish & Graeco-Roman context. For details of speakers, programme and registration, visit the [SCD website](#).

Title: Paul in his Jewish and Graeco-Roman Context
Dates: 26 - 27 October 2023, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Venue: Sydney College of Divinity, 2 Columbia Court, Norwest NSW 2153
 Enquiries: Email: Constantine Campbell ConstantineC@scd.edu.au or ph: 02 9889 1969

WISDOM, MISSION, CONVERSION, TRANSFORMATION: A SABBATICAL FOR RELIGIOUS

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.

Title: Wisdom, Mission, Conversion, Transformation – Sabbatical
 Dates: 5 April - 17 May 2024
 Cost: \$ 8,806.50. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024
 Venue: St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills NSW
 Further information: [Refer to flyer](#) and [application form](#) for further details.

RESOURCES

RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION (1 SEPT - 4 OCT)

The Columban Peace, [Ecology & Justice eBulletin](#) (September 2023) offers a [Liturgical Guide](#) and other items relevant to the 2023 Season of Creation, with its theme 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'.

Caritas Australia is offering resources for a prayer service designed to mark the Season of Creation. The [zip file](#) contains both the prayer service PDF and an accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

NEW BOOK ON CATHOLIC-JEWISH RELATIONS

[Catholic-Jewish Relations: Twelve Key Themes for Teaching & Preaching](#) by Teresa Pirola (Paulist Press, 2023) offers a road map for readers to become acquainted with the main themes and documents emerging through the Catholic Church's encounter and dialogue with the Jewish people since Vatican II.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



Never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that's all I need to know about that.