

## NEWS

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### POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

CRA is quoted in an article in [Women's Agenda](#) on Pope Francis' call for stronger action on violence against women which he issued during a radio broadcast campaign in Italy.

### MERCY SISTER HONOURED

Meredith Evans RSM has received the award of South Australia's 2024 [Senior Australian of the Year](#).

### ROGATIONIST FATHERS TO START A COMMUNITY IN SANDHURST DIOCESE

The Rogationist Fathers of the Heart of Jesus will establish a community in the Sandhurst Diocese, Bishop Shane Mackinlay has announced, *The Sandpiper* [reports](#).

### DOMINICAN FRIARS LEAVE CANBERRA AFTER 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Later this year, the Dominican order will depart Canberra after marking 60 years of service in the Archdiocese. [Continue reading](#) at CRA Pathways, republished from *Catholic Voice* (Canberra diocese).

### DONATED RELIGIOUS ITEMS SOUGHT FOR PNG SHIPMENT

The St Michael Mission Society supports the missionary work of the Michaelite Fathers in PNG and is in need of religious items for chapels and out-station churches: e.g., tabernacles, chalices, ciboria, crucifixes, vestments. If you can assist, contact Jason at [Jason.hodges001@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.hodges001@gmail.com) or 0421 059 858.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE SYNOD

"The Synod is no longer an event, it's a new way of being Church", said Vatican correspondent and American journalist Christopher White as he gave his insights and reflections on the recently concluded First Assembly on the Synod on Synodality. Continue reading at [Catholic Outlook](#) (Parramatta Diocese).

### GLOBAL AND LOCAL TENSIONS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement on the conflict in the Holy Land, titled "Praying for a Lasting Peace". [Download](#) it at the ACBC website.

One community to keep in mind and prayer is [Bethlehem University](#) (BU), where study and teaching takes place in the midst of conflict in the Holy Land. BU is a Catholic co-educational institution of higher learning founded in 1973 in the [Lasallian](#) tradition. It was the first university established in the West Bank.

Pope Francis continues to [call](#) for access to humanitarian aid in Gaza, and also in Sudan (*NCR online*).

Archbishop Peter Comensoli issues a [letter](#) to be read at all Catholic churches in Melbourne Archdiocese in response to violence and hate-speech towards Jews (*Cathnews*).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **CRA BOOK LAUNCH – IN-PERSON AND ONLINE**

Please join us at the launch of ***Restoring and Nurturing Right Relationships: A Resource to Guide the Formation of Religious for Ministry***. Please [click here](#) to download the book launch invitation.

Title: Book launch – *Restoring and Nurturing Right Relationships*  
Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2023  
Time: In person: 4.30 – 6.00 pm; Online: 5.00 – 5.30 pm (AEDT)  
Venue: ACU Peter Cosgrove Centre, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney  
Registration: [Online](#) or [in-person](#)  
RSVP: Registration deadline COB Wednesday 15 November

### **CRA VICTORIA LEADERS' NETWORK MEETING AND PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Date: Wednesday 23 November 2023  
Time: 9.30 am for 9.45 am start  
Venue: Ben Nevis Room - Manningham Conference Centre, 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen  
RSVP: 15 November 2023 [jillburma@gmail.com](mailto:jillburma@gmail.com)

### **CRA ONLINE SEMINARS - ECO-SPIRITUAL PRAXIS TODAY**

These CRA online seminars focus on ecological spirituality, with practical exercises and thoughtful exploration to foster confidence among participants, empowering them to return to their congregations, capable of cultivating, practicing, and celebrating ecological spirituality. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Eco-Spiritual Praxis Today  
Dates: Tuesday 21 and 28 November 2023, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm AEDT  
Cost: \$80 Per Person for the two seminars (No option to register for one seminar)  
Registration: To register, [click here](#) and find further information at the [event](#) webpage.  
RSVP: Registrations close COB Wednesday 15 November.

### **ONLINE SCREENING – CLIMATE CHANGERS**

Catholic Earthcare, in collaboration with JISA, Being with God in Nature, and the Brisbane Laudato Si' Circle, are hosting the last online screening of the year. "Climate Changers" is a film about what leadership looks like in this changing climate. [View the trailer](#).

Title: Climate Changers  
Date: 22 November 2023, 6.00 pm (AEDT)  
Registration: Registration essential at [this link](#)

### **PUBLIC EVENT IN MELBOURNE - WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SYNOD?**

Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay will join in discussion with Fr Frank Brennan SJ and Prof. Peter Sheehan to provide unique insight into the events of the First Assembly, and the implications for Australia. [Download flyer](#).

Title: What happened at the First Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome?

Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023, 5.00 – 8.00 pm  
Venue: The Oratory, Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston St, Parkville VIC  
Registration: Please register (free) at [Trybooking](#)

### KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2023

At the 2023 Knox Public Lecture, Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice, will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace. [View flyer](#).

Title: Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins  
Date: Tuesday 28 November 2023, 7.30 pm  
Mode: Live videostream via Zoom  
Registration: Please register (free) at [Trybooking](#)

### 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

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### IGNATIAN ADVENT BLESSINGS

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites people to register and receive [a blessing in your inbox](#) each day of Advent – from 27 November to 25 December 2023. [Register to Receive Advent Blessings](#)

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