

NEWS

CRA JOB OPPORTUNITY - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Our Director of Communications and Engagement will be embarking in full-time studies in Theology and Philosophy in 2024 and as a result, the position has become available. The Director of Communications and Engagement position is both strategic and operational, with a focus on communication management and membership engagement. Please visit the website for a [full position description](#).

CRA's LATEST PUBLICATION LAUNCHED

CRA last week launched *Restoring and Nurturing Right Relationships: A resource to Guide the Formation of Religious for Ministry*. Continue reading and [access the publication](#) here in digital and print versions.

BENEDICT'S RULE PROVIDES INSIGHTS FOR LIVING THROUGH TIMES OF IMPASSE

The Church, and in particular religious life, is living in a reformation time, characterised by both great upheaval and a great opportunity, said American Benedictine Sister Laura Swan OSB during her recent visit to Australia. Continue reading at [The Good Oil](#).

ACRATH - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The Australian Embassy to the Holy See has joined ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) for the launch of its "16 Days of Activism", which focuses on women migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation, and which commenced on November 25 – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Read the ACRATH [media release](#) (courtesy *CathNews*).

ACBC DOCUMENT HELPS THOSE ACCOMPANYING CATHOLICS CONSIDERING EUTHANASIA

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a document to assist priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics considering euthanasia. Read the ACBC [media release](#) and download the [document](#) here.

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN AUSTRALIA REFLECTING ON THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL

In anticipation of the Solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, a letter to the People of God in Australia has been prepared to provide an update on the Church's progress beyond the conclusion of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Continue reading the [ACBC media release](#) and download the [letter](#) here.

TRANSFORMING PRACTICES – TRAINING IN PASTORAL SUPERVISION

Transforming Practices offers training in Pastoral Supervision to those with at least five years' experience in pastoral ministry, lay or ordained. Its next Portfolio of Learning Day will be held online on Friday 2

February 2024. For further details about the programme and the schedule of dates, see [this advertisement](#).

CATHOLIC MISSION

Read the [latest stories](#) of the missionaries and local communities supported by the donors and work of Catholic Mission; and give hope this Christmas to families in Myanmar by [donating](#) here.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

REMINDER – TONIGHT’S KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2023

A reminder that the [2023 Knox Public Lecture](#), by Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice, commences tonight.

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](#)

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE – ABRAHAM CONFERENCE

The Abraham Conference Organising Committee invites us to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine. Join representatives from the three Abrahamic faiths - Jewish, Christian and Muslim - to share in scripture, prayer and silence in a call for peace.

Title: Abraham Conference – Prayer service for peace
Date: Thursday 30 November 2023, 12.30 to 1.00 pm
Venue: Ferguson Hall (St Stephen’s Uniting Church), 197 Macquarie St, Sydney (opposite NSW Parliament)
Registration: Places are limited. Please register at [this link](#)

LAUDATE DEUM WEBINAR

The Justice and Peace Office (Sydney), Catholic Earthcare Australia and North Sydney Catholics invite us to a webinar on Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* and its call for urgent action on climate change.

Title: Laudate Deum webinar
Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023, 7.00 – 8.00 pm (AEDT)
Mode: Live videostream via Zoom
Registration: Join the webinar [here](#) (pw 223780)

CARDIJN LECTURE 2023

The Australian Cardijn Institute (ACI) announces that the Cardijn Lecture for 2023 will be presented by Dr Alana Harris from King’s College London. The organisers note that many religious Sisters in particular were in the YCS in their youth – this lecture may be of interest. [Download flyer](#).

Title: Reform or Revolution? The English Young Christian Students and their Pursuit of a Spiritual '68"
Date: Thursday 14 December 2023, 7.00 pm AEDT (8.00 am UK)
Mode: Online lecture
Registration: Please register (free) [at this link](#)

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

A REMINDER - IGNATIAN ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Prepare for Christmas and deepen your experience of Advent with [Arts & Faith: Advent](#) (Loyola Press). Each week receive a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

