

Bulletin Board

No.173, 5 December 2023

NEWS

CRA SUPPORTS FAIR WORK LEGISLATION BILL

CRA has supported the government's proposed Fair Work Legislation (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023 in a submission supporting better protections for workers in precarious employment arrangements. Read CRA's <u>media release</u> and access <u>CRA's submission</u> here.

CRA JOB OPPORTUNITY - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

CRA is seeking a <u>Director of Communications and Engagement</u>; the position is both strategic and operational, with a focus on communication management and membership engagement. Applications close Thursday, 14 December 2023.

CHA ENDORSES MOVE TO ESTABLISH ANTI-SLAVERY COMMISSIONER

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) strongly endorses the federal government's move to establish an antislavery commissioner under a bill introduced to parliament. Continue reading the CHA media release.

SYNODALITY - NCR ARTICLE

The National Catholic Reporter (28.11.23) features an article by Christopher White about Bishop Vincent Long: "Franciscan bishop implements Jesuit pope's synodal vision in Australia". Read it here.

REMEMBERING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Three months after churches were attacked in the Punjab province of Pakistan, the Christian minority keeps a low profile as it faces discrimination. Continue reading in <u>La Croix</u>.

In Nigeria, after a woman was killed over accusations of blaspheming and another set to stand trial, a Catholic prelate has denounced the country's blasphemy laws as a violation of basic freedoms. (See <u>Crux</u>)

And in the Philippines, the humanitarian arm of the Philippines Church has called for security at Christian gatherings in the wake of a deadly bombing at a Mass. Continue reading at <u>UCA News</u>.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO IMMIGRATION DETENTION: CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Sydney Archdiocese <u>Justice and Peace Office</u> has joined with refugee advocates and the Member for North Sydney for a public launch of a campaign for a Royal Commission into Immigration Detention.

CHRISTMAS PURCHASES THAT HELP OTHERS

Help support First Nations students by purchasing Christmas ornaments, made locally from sustainable Australian timber, from Opening The Doors Foundation.



The "Gifts for Change" Program of Jesuit Mission Australia empowers vulnerable people to break out of the cycle of poverty; e.g., \$50 can help buy a bicycle for a child and give access to a quality education.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

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*.

Title: Laudate Deum webinar

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023, 7.00 – 8.00 pm (AEDT)

Registration: Join the webinar here (pw 223780)

CARDIJN LECTURE 2023 - ONLINE

The Cardijn Lecture will be presented by Dr Alana Harris from King's College London. The organisers note that many religious sisters were in the YCS in their youth – this online lecture may be of interest.

Title: Reform or Revolution? The English Young Christian Students and their Pursuit of

a Spiritual '68" Download flyer

Date: Thursday 14 December 2023, 7.00 pm AEDT (8.00 am UK)

Registration: Please register (free) at this link

RESOURCES

FREE ADVENT MUSIC AND VIDEOS

Emmaus Productions draws our attention to free <u>Advent music and videos</u> for adults and children. Listen to a sample, "Raise Up the Good", also posted at our CRA website.



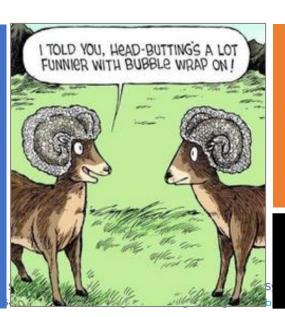
CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE - NEWSLETTER

The December activities of the Carmelite Centre Melbourne can be accessed here.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



The biggest joke on humanity is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.



I have many hidden talents.

I just wish I could remember where I hid them.

Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect!