

## NEWS

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### **CRA PATHWAYS**

The latest edition of [CRA Pathways](#) is now available, the final issue for 2023.

### **NEW CRA MEMBER**

We welcome the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, from Victoria, as a new member of CRA.

### **SISTERS OF CHARITY HERITAGE CENTRE**

The Sisters of Charity invite people to visit their Heritage Centre located at Potts Points (Sydney) as they celebrate over 180 years of the Sisters of Charity in Australia. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm or by appointment. Download the [brochure](#) or visit [www.socheritagecentre.org.au](http://www.socheritagecentre.org.au)

### **EVANGELISATION TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS**

What can parishes do to ensure that every person who comes to our Christmas liturgies experiences a rich encounter with the person of Jesus? Continue reading at the latest issue of “[The Bridge](#)” newsletter of the National Centre for Evangelisation.

### **LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

This Christmas season, Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) invites support for Kulugia Primary School in rural Timor-Leste. Read the [AMS media release](#).

Also, [Be Slavery Free](#) has ideas for responsible Christmas shopping.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD FOR SOSJ SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph [announce the appointment](#) of a new Board for its Spirituality Ministry, supporting a ‘whole of ministry’ approach to the delivery of its programs and activities across Australia.

### **BEACONS OF HOPE AND HUMANITY AMIDST CONFLICT**

This prayer “[Blessed are you who bear the light](#)” by Jan Richardson speaks to our times.

At Christmas, we are sensitised to the land of Jesus’ birth and life, and all the more so this year with the ravages of terrorism and war. Yet beacons of hope continue to be found amid suffering and trauma. For example: [Rozana](#) is one organisation, with Australian links, that may be of interest to Religious with healthcare ministries. Rozana creates peacebuilding solutions through healthcare projects that are joint initiatives of Palestinians and Israelis. Read their [strategic plan](#) and learn more about their work [here](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

### 2024 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – DATE CLAIMER

Registrations and accommodation bookings will open next year:

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

Venue: Royal on the Park, 152 Alice St, Brisbane

### 2024 CRA HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR – DATE CLAIMER

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee have engaged diabetes educators and a dietician to present a one-day seminar next year. Please mark your diary and share this information with interested people.

Title: Understanding Diabetes

Date & Time: Wednesday 17 April 2024, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney

Registration: Open from 31 January 2024

Enquiries: Stephen Middleton: phone 0401 050 595 or email [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

## RESOURCES

### COMMON HOME TV - CHRISTMAS VIDEO

*Common Home TV*, a work of the Redemptorists, has released a [Christmas message](#), "An Invitation to Christmas".



### BOOK BY TED DUNN: THE INNER WORK OF TRANSFORMATION

Dr Ted Dunn, who has presented at CRA events, is the author of *The Inner Work of Transformation: A Guide for Personal Reflection and Communal Sharing* (Clearwater, FL: CCS Publications, 2021). It can be ordered [here](#) and at [Amazon](#) and has been translated into [Spanish](#). Read a description of the book [here](#).

### THE LIGHTER SIDE



We wish you a blessed Christmas and happy new year!

The CRA Secretariat will be closed from 3.30pm on Friday 22 December 2023 to 9.00am Monday 16 January 2024.



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? *Claustrophobia!*  
 Why does Santa have three gardens? *So he can 'ho ho ho'!*  
 What do you call Father Christmas in the beach? *Sandy Clause!*

This is the final CRA Bulletin for 2023, returning Tuesday 6 February 2024.