

NEWS

REQUIEM MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS CARROLL

By now you would have heard the sad news of the passing of [Archbishop Francis Carroll](#). Pontifical [Requiem Mass](#) for will be celebrated at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, 11.00 am, Thursday 21 March.

CRA PATHWAYS – MARCH ISSUE

The latest edition of CRA [Pathways](#) leads with a reflection by CRA President Peter Jones OSA on a recent gathering of Oceania Religious Conference leaders in Madang, PNG.

OLSH VIDEO RESOURCE

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart share a [5min video](#) commemorating 200 years since the birth of their founder Jules Chevalier.

GLOBAL SISTERS REPORT SEEKS AUSTRALIAN CONTENT

The [Global Sisters Report](#), a project of the National Catholic Reporter, is inviting more freelance stories and content from Australia/Oceania. To pitch [stories](#) or find out more, contact the editor at this [website](#).

ACI SOLIDARITY WITH THE KAREN PEOPLE

This Lent, the Australian Cardijn Institute (ACI) is assisting the Young People for Development (YPD) network of the Karen people, an ethnic group, whose communities live on both sides of the Thai-Myanmar border. To [donate](#) or contribute to their goals, visit the [ACI website](#).

CANA COMMUNITIES SEEKING RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

[Cana Communities](#) must relocate its farming initiative in western Sydney and is seeking a new farm to which it can relocate existing operations. This is an unfolding, challenging process for the organisation. More details [here](#). If anyone can assist, contact David Ballhausen, david.ballhausen@cana.org.au

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL, BRISBANE

As a point of interest, at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane, where CRA will hold its 2024 National Assembly Mass, there will be an exhibition of the [photography](#) of Allan Edgecomb who has been photographing the cathedral since 2009, to celebrate the cathedral's 150th anniversary.

CSSV REPORT LAUNCH: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

On World Social Work Day (19 March), Catholic Social Services Victoria has released a [report](#) mapping the work of its 40 member organisations in communities across Victoria and beyond. Read the [media release](#).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WELCOMES ALL SCHOOLS IN THE NT REACHING FULL AND FAIR FUNDING

The National Catholic Education Commission has [responded](#) to the announcement by the Federal Government of a public school funding agreement with the Northern Territory government.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WELCOMES REFORMS THAT ALIGN WITH ITS PRIORITIES

[St Vincent de Paul Society](#) in Australia has commended ministers in the Albanese Government for driving policy change and financial commitments aimed at improving the wellbeing of struggling Australians.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2024 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – DATE CLAIMER

Registrations and accommodation bookings will open shortly:

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

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

Please note that we are separately looking at an additional extra session on Thursday as an optional opportunity to have other speakers present. We will let you know when this becomes clearer.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF LEADERS AND BISHOPS – DATE CLAIMER

Please mark your diaries for the annual gathering of Leaders and Bishops to discuss matters of importance. It is a key opportunity to pray, talk and spend time together. The agenda will be forwarded when we receive it.

Date: Saturday, 4 May 2024, 9.00 am – 12.30 pm (TBC)

Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney

CRA–VIC GENERAL MEETING

Please refer to [this flyer](#) and below for details of the next CRA-Vic Meeting for Leaders and members of Leadership Teams.

Event: Vic General Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday 26 March 2024; 9.30 am for 9.45 am start

Venue: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew

Registration: \$20 (includes lunch), see [booking form](#)
RSVP Jill Harding jillburma@gmail.com by 20 March

CRA STEWARDSHIP ONLINE SEMINAR

With a focus on charitable trusts, Josephine Heesh, partner at Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers, will explain the role of trustees, their duties, and responsibilities. Jaimie Rayn, Partner and director of VJ Ryan and Co Chartered Accountants and Business Consultants, will discuss best practice accounting for trusts.

Event: The role of trustees, their duties and responsibilities

Presenters: Josephine Heesh & Jaimie Rayn, followed by Case Studies and Q&A

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Mode: Zoom
Audience: Leaders, Leadership Team members and Finance Personnel
Registration: \$40 per person. [Register at the CRA Events webpage](#) by Sunday 7 April 2024.
Enquiries: Gillian Lee, CRA | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

NSW LEADERSHIP DINNER

Leaders and Leadership Team Members of Religious Institutes to come together for a meal and a chat in Sydney. Download the [flyer](#) at the CRA website.

Title: NSW Leadership Dinner
Date & Time: Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 6.00 to 8.00 pm
Venue: Dooleys, Lidcombe Catholic Club, 17 Church St, Lidcombe
Enquiries: Register at [Humanitix](#). RSVP: Tuesday 23 April; Enquiries: Phone 02 9557 2695; secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA HEALTH AND WELLBEING SEMINAR

The CRA Health and Wellbeing Committee have engaged diabetes educators and a dietician to present a one-day seminar in April. Topics include Unravelling the Intricacies of Diabetes Pathology; Navigating the Plate for Diabetes Wellness; Understanding the Impact of Language in Diabetes care; Lived Experience of Diabetes; and Options in Managing Diabetes. Further details are at the [CRA Resources](#) webpage.

Title: Understanding diabetes
Presenters: Wendy Bryant and Penny Morris, Clinical Nurse Educators, Lara Mathers Dietician and Gabrielle Riches; interspersed with table talk and Q&A
Date & Time: Wednesday 17 April 2024, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue: Peter Cosgrove Centre, ACU, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Registration: \$160 Member, \$180 non-Member. [Register online](#) Registrations close 5 April
Enquiries: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES - MARY PAT GARVIN RSM

The CRA Initial Formation Committee have invited Mary Pat Garvin RSM to prepare an online seminar series for 2024 for formators and formation team members.

Title: Words of Wisdom, Words of Grace
Dates: Tuesday 18 June 2024 - Optional introductory session; then 4 monthly sessions:
Tuesday 25 June - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics I
Wednesday 17 July - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics II
Tuesday 13 August – Intergenerational Living: From Generation to Generation
Tuesday 17 September – Strengthening Skills for Accompaniment
Time: 9.30 am QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS | 9.00 am SA | 7.30 am WA
Mode: Online via Zoom | 2.5 hours for each Seminar
Audience: Formators and those involved in formation of Religious (not those being formed)
Registration: Fee \$300 per person for the series. [Register at Humanitix](#) by midnight 16 June
Enquiries: Stephen Middleton | P: 0401 050 595 | E: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

FAITH ECOLOGY NETWORK – WORKSHOP

The Faith Ecology Network invites us to its first workshop in a series titled [Ten Ways to Care for Biodiversity](#). To celebrate World Water Day, March 22, Environmental Educator Sue Martin will share her experience with her local Landcare group which is accompanying platypus living in our urban waterways.

Title: Become an Eco Citizen & Be An Active Voice
Date & Time: Friday 22 March 2024, 1.00 – 2.00 pm ADST
Mode: Online workshop
Information: Register at [Trybooking](#) to receive the Zoom link

TRANSFORMING PRACTICES

This supervision workshop presented by Dr Michael Paterson may be of interest to pastoral supervisors who are part of CRA. Download the [flyer](#) for details.

Title: The self who supervises
Date & Time: Thursday 9 May 2024, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
Venue: Uniting Theological College, Parramatta
Bookings: \$200 (\$125 for TP members), Book at [Eventbrite](#)
Enquiries: Jo Sullivan, Jo.spiritlevel@gmail.com

GRACED COMPANIONSHIP E-COURSE

This Continuing Education eCourse for Vocation & Formation Ministers is being presented by Mary Pat Garvin RSM, PhD. For details please refer to [this flyer](#).

Title: Graced Companionship
Dates: 12 September, 16 September, 14 October, 18 November, 9 December 2024
Time: 10.00 am – 12.30 pm (Eastern Time)
Registration: \$150 USD per person. Email: vocation.formation2020@gmail.com by 20 August

MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE 2025 – Save the Date

‘Save the date’ for the seventh biennial Mission Conference in 2025:

Title: *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* Conference
Date: Monday 19 May to Wednesday 21 May 2025
Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney
Enquiries: For further information, email: mohmvconferenceteam@catholicmission.org.au

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

DIRECTOR, UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL

The current Director of [UNANIMA International](#) will complete her second term at the end of 2024 so a new Director is being sought. Expressions of Interest and requests for the information package close on 31 March 2024. Applications close 30 April 2024. View this [flyer](#) for further details.

RESOURCES

PRAYING HOLY WEEK

St Beuno's Outreach (Jesuit Spirituality) invites us to pray the events of Holy Week through use of our five bodily senses: listening, smelling, seeing, touching and tasting. Continue reading at [Australian Catholics](#).

EMMAUS PRODUCTIONS: RESOURCES

Free resources for Holy Week and Easter have been prepared by Monica Brown and her Team at Emmaus Productions and are shared with you at the [Emmaus website](#). Also, follow [this link](#) for more information and access to Emmaus' *Thresholds for Transformation Enrichment Resources*.

VATICAN MESSAGE TO MUSLIMS FOR RAMADAN

The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue has sent a [message](#) of good wishes to Muslims during the month of Ramadan, entitled "Christians and Muslims: Extinguish the Fire of War and Light the Candle of Peace".

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

