

Blessings for Holy Week and may the joy of the risen Christ be yours at Easter.

NEWS

POPE FRANCIS' LITURGICAL CALENDAR & 2024 VOCATIONS MESSAGE

A short [video](#) summarises Pope Francis' liturgical schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday in Rome. And, looking ahead, his message for [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#) (21 April 2024).

COMMUNICATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation (Catholic Sisters Initiative) has partnered with the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See and CAMECO to launch a [communication scholarship programme](#), to empower religious Sisters for impactful roles in media ministries within congregations in the Global South.

SCALABRINIAN LEADERSHIP

Martin Ignacio Gutierrez CS has been re-elected for a second three-year term as leader of the Scalabrinian Fathers at Saint Frances Cabrini Province.

ACRATH MEMBERS REUNITE TO ADDRESS MODERN SLAVERY AT THREE-DAY GATHERING

Members of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) have recently gathered at a three-day conference at Baulkham Hills NSW. Read the ACRATH [media release](#) here.

EUCHARIST OUR SACRAMENT OF HOPE – TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP

As part of his visit to Australia, Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe OP delivered a lecture at St Mary's Cathedral's Chapter Hall on "Eucharist as our Sacrament of Hope". [Continue reading](#).

DEVELOPING A MODEL OF SPIRITUAL CARE: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

St Vincent's Health Australia is conducting a research study to learn more about participants' perspectives of what a model of spiritual care should look like for survivors of sexual abuse in a church context. Please contact Joanne Durkin for information about participating in this study: joanne.durkin@svha.org.au

SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

"Every year during Lent, there is an imperative collection for the Holy Land. Please, make the counters explode", writes Marie-Armelle Beaulieu, editor-in-chief of *Terre Sainte Magazine* in Jerusalem. "Get information from [The Commissariats for the Holy Land](#); they have prepared organisational tools. Get in touch with reliable associations that lead projects on-site." ([La Croix International](#), 19.3.24)

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.

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

Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney

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

SONG OF THE SENSES – ONLINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites us to an online Ignatian Murmuration Series conference, [fully online via zoom](#). Join people from Australia, Asia and the world, for a deep dive into the unique ‘Prayer of the Five Senses’ of St Ignatius.

Title: Song of the senses
Dates & Times: 5 May to 9 May 2024; Daily 10.00 am - 12.00 pm or 6.30 - 8.30 pm AEST
Bookings: \$150 Full Five Days; \$40.00 One day; reduced price for those with limited means
[Register](#) at this link

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM 2024

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW's flagship social justice event is a chance to connect with members, volunteers, employees and supporters who share a passion for more just and inclusive communities.

Title: Social Justice Forum 2024
Date: 1 June 2024, 9.00 am – 4.30 pm AEST
Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney
Registration: This is a free event, but registrations are essential. Please register [here](#)

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

CORRECTIVE SERVICES CHAPLAIN

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst is seeking a Corrective Services Chaplain for the Wellington Correctional Centre. Full Time (70 hours per FN) Permanent Position; for immediate start by negotiation. Expressions of interest at [this link](#). Enquiries: Deacon Josh Clayton, 0458261513 or mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au

RESOURCES

NEW BOOK BY GERALD ARBUCKLE SM

Conspiracy Theorizing: Analysis and Scriptural Critique by Gerald Arbuckle SM (London/New York: [Routledge](#), 2024) is available through Amazon Books and Booktopia. Biblical and anthropological, Arbuckle confronts head on conspiracy thinking and its concurrent Christian fundamentalism.

REDEMPTORIST VIDEO AND PRAYER FOR HAITI

In a [media release](#), Redemptorists Oceania draws our attention to a [new video](#) by Common Home TV looking at the current crisis in Haiti through a Catholic lens. Also, Bread 4 Today's [Easter prayer](#) for Haiti.

INTERFAITH RELATIONS: A REFLECTION

[Catholic Outlook](#) has published “A Letter to my Muslim and Jewish Brothers and Sisters” by Columban priest Patrick McInerney SSC.

PRAYING HOLY WEEK

Pray the events of Holy Week through use of our 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.

THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

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