

## NEWS

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### **SAVE THE DATE - 2025 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The dates for next year's CRA National Assembly are Monday 18 August to Wednesday 20 August 2025.

### **YOUTH EVENT IN ROME MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF *CHRISTUS VIVAT***

To mark five years since the release of *Christus Vivat*, youth ministry representatives from around the world will head to Rome for the International Congress on Youth Ministry in May, hosted by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Continue reading the ACBC [media release](#).

### **ACBC: MINIMUM WAGE RISE ESSENTIAL TO KEEP AUSTRALIANS OUT OF POVERTY**

The Australian Catholic Bishops have lodged a submission to the Fair Work Commission's annual wage review through the Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations. Read the ACBC [media release](#).

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### **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 there will NOT be an extra optional session on Thursday 29 August.*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### **ACI WEBINAR – THE LAY MISSION AND VOCATION**

The Australian Cardijn Institute invites us to the next webinar in a series commemorating Vatican II's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bishop Peter Cullinane, emeritus bishop of Palmerston North, Aotearoa-New Zealand, will address the theme: "Mission and vocation of lay people", drawing on his experience across the Tasman.

Title: Mission and vocation of lay people  
Date & Time: 6 May 2024, 10.00 am (Sydney time), 12 noon (Wellington time)  
Mode: Online  
Information: [Register](#) at this link

### **2024 MARIAN LECTURE AND OTHER EVENTS WITH AMY-JILL LEVINE**

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat invites us to its [2024 Marian Lecture](#) which will explore the Jewish context of Jesus and why it matters for the Church today, presented by New Testament biblical scholar Professor Amy-Jill Levine.

Title: The Jewish Jesus: Why it matters  
Date & Time: 7 May 2024; 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm AEST  
Mode: Online and in-person (Open to the public; limited tickets available)  
Registration: [Register](#) at this link

More speaking events and topics below – See [Marist Association website](#) for details:

Sydney 6 May: "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi"

Brisbane 13 May: "Signs and Wonders: A New Light on the Miracle Stories of Jesus"

Melbourne 14 May: "Women who Walked with Jesus – A Message for all in the Church Today"

### **NEWMAN LECTURE**

We are invited to a talk and Q & A with visiting theologian Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator SJ who will speak on the implications of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Ad theologiam promovendam* in which he called for a 'paradigm shift' in theology for the world of today.

Title: Interpreting the signs of the times: doing theology in a synodal way  
Date: 23 May 2024, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm  
Venue: Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville VIC  
Registration: Please register at [Trybooking](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE – YARCK TO YEA WALK, RIDE, RUN**

Together with the Missionary Sisters of Service, Highways and Byways will be hosting the [2024 Yarck to Yea Walk, Ride, Run](#) on Saturday 27 July 2024. This is an annual event that aims to raise funds for the small grants and partnership programs of Highways and Byways.

## HARVEST JOURNEYS: PILGRIMAGE... A TIME TO RENEW YOUR SPIRIT



Be among the first pilgrims to see the great Australian cross rising high on Memory Mountain in the very centre of Australia, an initiative of the Aboriginal peoples of the Ikuntji community. Something deep and mystical calls Australians to journey to the heart of our nation to honour its symbols, stories and beauty in a prayerful spirit. Set out on this pilgrimage to the physical and spiritual centre of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, to open ourselves to the presence of God in a way that is ancient and new.

Title: Red Centre Pilgrimage  
Date: Departs 29 August 2024, with Fr Robin Koning SJ  
Registration: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/red-centre/>  
For more Harvest Journeys: [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## RESOURCES

### NEW BOOK: UNCONVENTIONAL WOMEN

*Unconventional Women: The Story of the Last Blessed Sacrament Sisters in Australia* by Sarah Gilbert will be released later this year by [Melbourne University Press](http://Melbourne University Press). RRP \$38. Discounts (20-35%) are offered for orders placed by 10 July 2024. To pre-order, contact Dominika, [dominika.greinert@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:dominika.greinert@unimelb.edu.au)

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES LINK NEWSLETTER

The [Autumn 2024 edition](#) of the Jesuit Refugee Services Australia Newsletter is available with a focus on stories of peace, leadership and solidarity from volunteers, staff, clients and leaders with lived expertise.

### TWO RESOURCES FROM CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

Catalyst for Renewal shares these links: to Geraldine Doogue's [interview](#) with Timothy Radcliffe OP, plus the [recording](#) of its recent forum on Women Deacons.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

