

## NEWS

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### JESUIT MISSION AUSTRALIA

In a [media release](#), Jesuit Mission Australia reports that in 2023, over half a million people were empowered through Jesuit Mission Australia-supported programs in 14 countries around the world.

### JUST MERCY – NEWS FROM ISMAPNG

The Autumn edition of [Just Mercy](#) (ISMAPNG) highlights a ministry partnership; commencement of a Leaders' program in Integral Ecology, the launch of a book honouring Elaine Wainwright RSM; and more.

### BISHOPS ACKNOWLEDGE RELEASE OF *DIGNITAS INFINITA*

Australian Catholic bishops have [acknowledged](#) the release in Rome of the document, [Dignitas Infinita](#).

### CARITAS CAMPAIGN

In view of dangerous weather, increased wars and soaring inequality, Caritas Australia invites signatures to support a [campaign](#) that calls on Australia's leaders to "act now to build a safer world for all".

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### ANNUAL GATHERING OF LEADERS AND BISHOPS - *please register*

Leaders of religious institutes are encouraged to attend the annual gathering of Leaders and Bishops. Ian Cribb SJ will lead a process looking at the Synod on Synodality with some thoughts on Australia's Plenary Council. It is an important opportunity to pray, talk and spend time together. There is no charge.

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

Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney

Registration: Register at [Humanitix](#). RSVP Wednesday 17 April

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### 2024 & 2025 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES – *DATE CLAIMER*

The dates for the [2025](#) CRA National Assembly are Monday 18 August to Wednesday 20 August 2025.

The dates for the [2024](#) CRA National Assembly are Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Registrations and accommodation bookings will open shortly for the 2024 Assembly:

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024 (no Thursday programme)

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

### **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  
Registration: Register at [Humanitix](#). RSVP: Tuesday 23 April  
Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho | P: 02 9557 2695 | [ea@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:ea@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)

### **ACCCR WEBINAR - SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing invite us to this [webinar](#) on the Synod's 'state of play'. Presenters include Bishop Vincent Long and Dr Sandie Cornish.

Title: Synod on Synodality. What we can hope for and expect from the Synod  
Date & Time: Thursday 18 April 2024, 7.00 pm AEST  
Information: [Free registration](#) at this link

### **WOMEN IN THE GOSPELS**

This retreat, with Elizabeth Dowling RSM, will explore a selection of stories from across the gospels, focussing on the characterisation of women in these stories. Women's discipleship, faith and initiative will be highlighted. Download the [flyer](#) for details.

Title: Women in the Gospels  
Date: 3 - 10 May 2024  
Venue: Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff, Victoria  
Registration: Cost \$750. Only a few places left. Register at [spirituality@goodsams.org.au](mailto:spirituality@goodsams.org.au)

### **WELLBEING ECONOMY SYMPOSIUM**

The Sydney Archdiocese [Justice & Peace Office](#) invites us to a day to exchange perspectives on an economy that is focused on wellbeing rather than GDP.

Title: Wellbeing Economy Symposium  
Date: 24 May 2024, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm  
Venue: 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt, Sydney  
Registration: Please register at [Humanitix](#)

### **HEART OF CREATION WEEKEND RETREAT**

Nourish and revitalise amidst the beauty of creation in the beautiful surrounds of Gerroa. This weekend retreat will explore the Ignatian understanding of Creation which sees the Divine at the centre of all things, always giving and receiving, creating, and sustaining in every moment of all life.

Title: Heart of creation  
Date: Friday 31 May 7.00 pm – Sunday 2 June 3.00 pm 2024  
Venue: Stella Maris Jesuit Villa House, 58 Burke Pde, Gerroa NSW  
Registration: Costs and details at [Jesuit & Ignatian Spirituality Australia](#). Book by 26 April 2024

### **ST THOMAS MORE FORUM**

We will soon be a generation surrounded by Artificial Intelligence. How can the Catholic Church utilise this intelligence to reach out and draw young people to Christ? Presenter: Fr Rob Galea. [Download flyer](#).

Title: St Thomas More Lecture: Engaging an AI generation  
Date: Friday 14 June 2024, 6.45 pm for 7.30 pm  
Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon ACT  
Registration: \$99 (Dinner). Register by 11am, 7 June 2024, at [this link](#)  
Enquiries: [forum@stthomasmore.org.au](mailto:forum@stthomasmore.org.au)

### HERMITAGE RETREAT (NSW) – CARE FOR THE SOUL

This silent retreat at the Marist's Hermitage Retreat Centre in NSW Southern Highlands offers participants a quiet and reflective space away from the busy nature of daily life. Visit the Hermitage [website](#) for details.

Title: Care for the soul  
Date: 23-25 August 2024. Commences 5.00 pm and finishes 11.00 am (AEST)  
Venue: The Hermitage Retreat Centre, Mittagong NSW  
Registration: 545.00 Please register by emailing: [register@marists.org.au](mailto:register@marists.org.au)

### 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](mailto:mohmvconferenceteam@catholicmission.org.au)

## RESOURCES

### YARNING – NEWS FROM DARWIN DIOCESE

For news from the Catholic community in the Diocese of Darwin, see April diocesan newsletter [Yarning](#).

### THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊



What's the best thing about living in Switzerland?  
I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

