

SAFETY, SAFEGUARDING & HARM AMONG CATHOLIC WOMEN RELIGIOUS: A WEBINAR DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

CRA and the University of Newcastle present a two-hour webinar designed to report on the most recent international research into safety and safeguarding, and spiritual and sexual harm among communities of Catholic Women Religious (CWR) across the world. The webinar is an opportunity to hear from a group of researchers working in Germany Australia and Africa with CWR who have been impacted by sexual and spiritual harm and on recent developments in safeguarding for this community.

The seminar will include:

- A report by Prof Ute Leimgruber on an important study recently published in Germany reporting on interviews with women impacted by sexual and spiritual harm and its findings and recommendations;
- A report from Dr Rocio Figueroa on her current study with CWR from African countries;
- A report from Dr Magdalena Huerten and Dr Tracy McEwan on the historical evidence of sexual abuse in historical records of CWR;
- A report from Dr Kath McPhillips and Dr Tracy McEwan on their current study of interviews with impacted CWR in Australia;
- An introduction to the proposed Global Survey of Catholic Women Religious 2026-2028.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Friday 31 October 2025
Time: 7.00am - 9.00am (WA)
8.30am - 10.30am (NT)
9.00am - 11.00am (QLD)
9.30am - 11.30am (SA)
10.00am - 12.00pm (TAS/ACT/VIC/NSW)
Venue: Online, via Zoom
Facilitator: Jacqui Remond

REGISTRATION:

Cost: Free of charge
RSVP: Wednesday 29 October 2025
Register: To register, please [click here](#)

Registration is free and open to those interested. We especially encourage current and ex CWR, congregational leaders and safeguarding officers to participate.

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