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Dear friends,

The issue of asylum seekers and Australia's attitude to them is in the news again. We have suddenly found ourselves in the midst of a debate that we might have thought was settled some years ago.

The issues and arguments are so much the same as they were at the beginning of the decade. Once more we hear the claims that asylum seekers are entering Australia illegally, that a get-tough policy will stop them, that other countries can take them, and that they present some sort of danger to Australia.

The Catholic Church, both through the Vatican and through the Australian bishops, has had a consistent policy regarding refugees. They are the powerless, the persecuted, the outcast - the ones who deserve compassion and fair treatment. That, of course, doesn't mean that we have to have an open-door policy or make our borders weak or porous; but it does mean that our policies should be based on charity, common humanity and a willingness to lead by example. Our response must be to attend first to the needs of the victims.

Early this year the Jesuit priest David Holdcroft wrote a paper for the ACSJC titled *Refugees and Australia's Response: Politics, morality and the*

way forward (Catholic Social Justice Series No 65). Fr Holdcroft points out that in the Old Testament, the people of Israel are reminded again and again that they were once refugees - 'strangers in the land of Egypt' - and that they owe a debt of hospitality to the 'alien who resides with you'. In the New Testament, the infant Jesus and his family become refugees as they flee Herod. Jesus in his later ministry makes it clear that he has come not only for the people of Israel but for everybody. Furthermore, those who fail to help and feed 'the least of those who are members of my family' have no place in his kingdom (Matt. 25:34-40).

As Fr Holdcroft points out, Catholic teaching has developed these scriptural commands. Most especially, three basic concepts of Catholic social teaching make us aware of the obligation we owe to refugees: human dignity, the common good and solidarity. Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, he continues, asserts the right of people to seek a new home and living conditions 'worthy of their common humanity'. (Fr Holdcroft was writing only a few months before the appearance of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, which deals at length with the issue of migration and refugees.)

Fr Holdcroft comments that while the Rudd government had made welcome changes to Australia's policy regarding refugees - for example, the dismantling of much of the 'Pacific solution', the abolition of Temporary Protection Visas and the speeding up of assessment procedures so that time in detention is made as short as possible - these changes were made when the number of boat arrivals was comparatively low. The test would be when the numbers of 'irregular arrivals' rose again and political pressure on the government increased.

Boat arrivals are increasing, though they are at nothing like the levels of 2001 and 2002, and the government is certainly coming under pressure. In these circumstances, it is important to pay attention to the facts rather than to let the debate be hijacked by those who want to gain short-term political advantage or who are misled by fear of outsiders.

Bishop Joseph Grech is the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference delegate for refugee and migrant issues. In a recent statement, he pointed out that the number of refugees who come to Australia is low and does not represent a significant burden for a wealthy nation like ours. He called on all of us to stop and think about asylum seekers and why they were seeking to escape their homeland.

‘We should all be aware of the incredible trauma being experienced by many people in present and past war zones such as Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Iraq’, Bishop Grech said. ‘Not only does Australia have humanitarian obligations under UN Charters, but many Australians are descendants of people who came to Australia to escape persecution in their countries of birth. This can help us understand and open our hearts to those who are suffering.’ (refer: <http://www.cathnews.com/article.aspx?aeid=17138>)

It is important to remember that the greatest number of applicants for asylum arrive in Australia not by boat but by plane, carrying visas. The vast majority of people who do arrive by boat have been found to be genuine refugees. People who enter Australia and seek asylum are not doing so illegally: they have a right, under Australian and international law, to ask for asylum.

We should also remember another point that Fr Holdcroft makes. The restrictive government policies of recent years never achieved their aim. Refugee numbers rose and fell because of events beyond Australia’s control: conflict and trauma in countries far away from us. At the moment, violence is increasing in Afghanistan, Iraq and (until recently) Sri Lanka; furthermore, in places where refugees have been forced to flee, such as Iran and Pakistan, conditions are deteriorating and there are moves to send those refugees back to the places they fled from. In many cases, these people have been warehoused in camps for years with little prospect of having their claims assessed and being offered resettlement. During the 1970s and 80s, however, Australia could be proud of bipartisan policies that aimed to engage with nations in our region and cooperate to offer help to achieve a humane solution to the plight of refugees. (See also the Refugee Council of Australia’s media release at http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/docs/releases/2009/091017_Scaremongering%20about%20asylum%20seekers%20will%20achieve%20nothing.pdf).

For more information and discussion, see:

□ The summary of the annual report of the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR): <http://www.unrefugees.org.au/situation-reports/world-unhcr-annual-report-shows-42-million-people-uprooted-worldwide.html>. This shows that there are 42 million people worldwide uprooted by conflict and persecution, and that developing countries host 80 per cent of all refugees.

□ The ‘Myths and facts’ page on the A Just Australia website: http://www.ajustaustralia.com/informationandresources_newsandanalysis.php?act=student_kits&id=29. This gives valuable information about refugee issues in Australia and worldwide.

□ The Edmund Rice Centre. Its publication *Just Comment* summarises many of the issues discussed above: http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=downloadFile&JAS_File_id=283 and http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=downloadFile&JAS_File_id=282

□ Amnesty International. Its website discusses the implications of Australia’s recent negotiations with Indonesia on boat people: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/news/comments/21866/>.

Fr Holdcroft’s paper is available from the ACSJC: see the ‘Latest publications’ section of this briefing for details.

At a time when many thought the politics of fear around the issue asylum seekers had been put in its place, again we see many politicians pushing the panic button. It is hoped that the collective memory of the children overboard affair and other instances where asylum seekers have been unnecessarily and incorrectly characterised as a threat will ensure that reason and understanding will prevail in the minds of Australians.

But where does this leave the fractured families, the vulnerable adults and some children, aboard the *Oceanic Viking*? Their current circumstances only add to the trauma they have undoubtedly already experienced in communities decimated by war and conflict.

At a recent Catholic migrant and refugee conference, the President of the Bishops’ Conference, Archbishop Philip Wilson, has identified the following challenge:

‘Our pastoral response has to be affected by the reasons for the migrants’ arrivals in Australia... Have they come because they have been driven out of their homeland with no prospect of returning, for example, or have they been the victims of

extreme violence and hatred in their homelands before they came to Australia?' (refer: <http://www.cathnews.com/article.aspx?aeid=17321>)

That question has as much relevance to the national debate over the 78 Sri Lankans at Bintan Island as it does to each Australian's understanding of the circumstances faced by asylum seekers. Can we imagine being in such peril that we must gather our families and flee our nation by any available means? Can we imagine members of our own family crammed into the hull of a leaky boat with an

uncertain destination and forced to place their lives in the hands of strangers?

For many Australians it is a challenge to imagine being in this desperate situation. To be sure, much of the public discourse on this issue would be radically different if those leading the current debate would do so.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues / Resources

EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

3 December is the International Day of People with a Disability. This year's theme is 'Empowering people with disabilities and their families'. Bishop Peter Elliot is the Australia Catholic Bishops' delegate for disability issues. Bishop Peter says that this day is a chance to consider and promote a pastoral response which recognises each person as part of the Living Body of Christ. To coincide with this event, the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life has prepared a bookmark, which will be distributed to parishes. 'We are called and challenged to take action to ensure our communities are open and active in promoting opportunities that include people with a disability,' he said. Contact: 02 6201 9859, 0408 561 255 or disability@catholic.org.au. Web: <http://www.catholic.org.au/>.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS

With the spread of Typhoon Ketsana across the Asia Pacific severely affecting the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia; a tsunami in the Pacific devastating communities in Samoa and Tonga; massive flooding in India; landslides in Nepal; and the earthquake in Indonesia centering on Padang in Sumatra, people across our region are in desperate need. Caritas Australia is delivering assistance which will reach more than 277,000 people. Caritas Australia's CEO, Jack de Groot, says the organisation has pledged AUD\$250,000 for the initial response to all these Communities in Crisis, but more public funds are needed to assist those devastated by the disasters. Your help is urgently needed. You can help these people in our neighbourhood by giving generously to the Caritas Australia 'Communities in Crisis – Asia Pacific Appeal', donate online at <https://www.caritas.org.au> or phone 1800 024 413 (tollfree).

NEW PONTIFICAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana to be the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. The appointment was announced at the end of a three-week Vatican meeting on the role of the Catholic Church in Africa, which the Cardinal chaired. The 61 year old Archbishop of Cape Coast replaces Italian Cardinal Renato Martino, who is retiring from the position of President. Refer: http://www.cathnewsasia.com/2009/10/26/ghanaian-cardinal-turkson-to-head-justice-and-peace/?awt_l=9nVZ_&awt_m=1fPK3QOsdwYDLO

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTATION REPORT

After receiving over 35,000 submissions, conducting 66 community roundtables throughout Australia and holding three days of public hearings, the National Human Rights Consultation Committee handed its report to the Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP, on 30 September 2009. The Committee's report can be accessed at the National Human Rights Consultation website at: <http://www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au/www/nhrcc/nhrcc.nsf/Page/Report>

E-FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Australian Human Rights Commission and the Institute for Cultural Diversity have developed an E-Forum on human rights. The forum provides a new way of finding out about what is happening in culturally diverse Australia - in human rights, the arts, justice, research and among agencies working in government, business and the community. The site is designed to help generate an informed network of people able to contribute to Australia's development as a creative, democratic and

productive society. To access the E-Forum, visit:
www.culturaldiversity.net.au.

AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND

The AHRC has released a Commission's Immigration detention and offshore processing on Christmas Island report, following the Commission's visit to the detention facilities in July. The report raises concerns about: the detention of asylum seekers in a remote location; the limited access to legal assistance, health care, torture and trauma counselling and religious support; the lack of local infrastructure making it difficult for the Government to comply with key aspects of its own New Directions policy; the holding of some children in a closed detention facility on the island. The report also notes the efforts of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to manage the detention operations in a humane and positive manner, given the constraints they were working within. Access the report at: http://www.humanrights.gov.au/human_rights/immigration/idc2009_xmas_island.html

INDIGENOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Aboriginal Artist Melissa Brickell has gifted the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Melbourne with two beautiful images as Christmas Cards. Five of each design per pack comes with a reflection on the back. The cards are blank inside for you to write your own special Christmas message. \$13.00 per pack of 10 (incl.GST) plus postage. Discount for orders over 200. To enquire or receive an emailed order for with a copy of the art displayed, contact acmvicki@optusnet.com.au or call (03) 9480 3849

MISSION AUSTRALIA ON YOUTH ISSUES

Mission Australia has just released two publications - 'The experiences of young people: How do their living arrangements impact?' and 'In their own words: Insights into the concerns of young Australians'. Both reports draw from the National survey of young Australians in 2008. In 2008 Mission Australia conducted its seventh annual National survey of young Australians with over 45,000 young people aged 11-24 years. The reports can be downloaded at: http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/document-downloads/cat_view/34-social-policy-reports

Latest Publications

(Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the ACSJC website [that can be faxed to (02) 8306 3498]: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf)

ORDER NOW! - 2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY

The 2010 Social Justice Diary includes the dates of significant events, anniversaries and special days which celebrate particular aspects of social justice. It highlights the theme of peace-building as a Christian response to anger and violence in Australian society. The Diary provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. A great Christmas gift. Diaries will be available in November. Cost: \$6.60 (inc. GST), plus postage. To download an order form, go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

LAUNCH OF THE 2009 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT

Addresses delivered at the launch of the 2009 Social Justice Sunday Statement by Bishop Anthony Fisher and Rebecca Bromhead are available for

download on the ACSJC website: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/CONTENT/sjss_la.html

2009 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - ORDERS STILL BEING TAKEN

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled 'And You Will Be My Witnesses: Young people and justice'. The ACSJC is still taking orders for the Statement. An order form, summary and other resources are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Prayer Card & Leaflet: Ten steps towards being witnesses to the Gospel.

Call (02) 8306 3499

Social Justice Sunday Statement Summary, Liturgy Notes, Teachers' Notes and Powerpoint presentation - available at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

ACSJC DISCUSSION GUIDE - CARITAS IN VERITATE

The ACSJC Discussion Guide reviews key themes of Pope Benedict's new Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), as well as offering questions

for reflection, excerpts for discussion, and prayer. Available in html and pdf formats on the ACSJC website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

SERIES PAPER - 'REFUGEES AND AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE'

In Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.65, David Holdcroft SJ provides readers with a valuable guide to the historical, legal and ethical issues at the heart of Australia's immigration policy as the nation assesses the impact of the Rudd Government's approach to refugees and asylum seekers. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

SERIES PAPER - 'WORK AND DIGNITY'

The latest paper in the Catholic Social Justice Series (No. 66) is a collection of the Pastoral

Letters for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker that have been issued by the Chairman of the ACSJC each year since 1998. Themes in these letters include the nature of a just wage and the vital link between fair pay and family life; the importance of trade unions in the working life of a society; and the wider significance of work in the community. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

(Catholic Social Justice Series papers: \$6.60 a copy, plus postage. Postage rates for Catholic Social Justice Series Papers: 1 copy \$1; 2 copies \$1.45; 3-5 copies \$2.45)

Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499, fax (02) 8306 3489 or download an order form from the ACSJC website: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf

This Month's Notices

30 OCTOBER. EXHIBITION: MARIST YOUTH CARE (NSW). Marist Youth Care is holding its annual Young People's Art Show. Proudly sponsored by Yellowedge and St George Bank. The show will be opened by Linda Burney, NSW Minister for Community Services. 5.30 to 7.30 pm, Marist Youth Care Head Office, 36 - 38 First Avenue, Blacktown. Entry: Gold Coin donation. RSVP on 02 9672 9200 or christine@maristyc.com.au.

31 OCTOBER. PACIFIC AID APPEAL CONCERT: 'ONE MIND ONE HEART' (NSW). To provide aid and support to those affected by the tragedies across the Pacific. All proceeds going to Caritas Australia Asia Pacific Appeal. NRL players, previous Australian Idol finalists, DJs and cultural performances throughout the day. Cost: \$10 donation, children ten and under, any donation. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Holy Spirit Parish car park, corner Todd Row and Moore Street, St Clair. Contact: 1mind1heart@gmail.com or 0434 549 039. Web: <http://mt-druitt-standard.whereilive.com.au/news/story/concert-to-help-disaster-relief/>.

UNTIL 7 NOVEMBER. EXHIBITION BY ARTISTS WITH DISABILITY: 'AART.BOXX 09' (NSW). An exhibition of works by emerging artists and creative thinkers with disability, including works by artists of all ages from around the country. Exhibition: 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, Wednesday to Saturday; Conversations with artists: 12.00 to 1.00 pm, 5 November. Mori

Gallery, 168 Day Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9251 6499 or jcavallaro@aarts.net.au. Web: <http://www.aarts.net.au/projects/aart-boxx/>.

UNTIL 22 NOVEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'HANDING ON THE KEY: PALESTINIANS IN AUSTRALIA' (VIC). The changing identity of the Palestinian community and the link to their home is explored in this exhibition at the Immigration Museum. Cost: \$8, children and members free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 131102. Web: <http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum>.

1 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC LECTURE: 'RECONCILIATION OF SPIRIT - THE PATH TO INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE' (QLD). Dr Gerard Hall is acknowledged as a leading expert on the theology of religions and principles and practices of interfaith dialogue. He is currently involved with the International Spirit of Religion Project with world renowned theologian Raimon Panikkar. Cost: \$10 donation. 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Bicentennial Community Centre, 833 Southport/Nerang Road, Nerang. Contact: 07 5577 2142. Web: http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/news_events/events-at-ACU-National/.

2 NOVEMBER. PUB THEOLOGY: 'RENDER UNTO CAESAR: THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND POLITICS' (SA). Speakers: Hon. Jack Snelling, Speaker of the House of Assembly, ALP (State) and

Senator Cory Bernardi, SA Senator, Liberal Party (Federal). Catholics must consider many important issues when voting e.g. economics, workplace relations, welfare, immigration, life and family issues. As voters, how much weight should we put on these issues?

How do politicians reconcile their personal religious beliefs with an increasingly secular society and parliament? 6.30 to 9.00 pm, Daniel O'Connell Hotel, 165 Tynte Street, North Adelaide. Contact: 0419 816 185 or michaelmigs@gmail.com. Web: <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/sites/AdelaideYouthMinistry/events>.

3 NOVEMBER. JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE FUNDRAISER: MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON (NSW).

A fabulous day out to support JRS in their mission to accompany refugees. Cost: \$105. 11.30 am, Dockside, The Balcony Level, Cockle Bay Wharf, city side of Darling Harbour. Contact: 02 9356 3888. Book: <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=1154>.

4 - 18 NOVEMBER. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD' (VIC). Caritas Australia and AusAID are exhibiting this display around Australia. It highlights the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of world governments to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. No cost. O'Collins Community Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Contact: 02 8306 3457, evane@caritas.org.au, 02 8306 3490 or alanas@caritas.org.au. Web: <http://www.caritas.org.au/blueprint/exhibition/index.html>.

4 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL E-CONFERENCE: 'YEAR OF ST LUKE' (INTERNATIONAL). The Bishops' Commission for Mission and Faith Formation in conjunction with The Broken Bay Institute present 'St Luke, come to the table'. Presenters: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Dr Elizabeth Dowling rsm. No cost.

10.30 am to 3.30 pm, NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS

9.30 am to 2.30 pm, QLD

10.00 am to 3.00 pm, SA

9.00 am to 2.00 pm, NT

7.30 am to 12.30 pm, WA

12.30 pm to 5.30 pm, New Zealand.

For further details, contact: 02 9847 0556 or vryan@bbi.catholic.edu.au. Web: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au>.

4 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION: AWARD CEREMONY AND GALA DINNER (NSW).

Recipient: John Pilger, world renowned reporter, author and filmmaker. 7.00 pm, MacLaurin Hall, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 4468 or spf@arts.usyd.edu.au. Web: <http://www.spf.arts.usyd.edu.au/events.shtml>.

4 NOVEMBER. PRESENTATION: 'MELANESIAN INDIGENOUS LAND DEFENCE ALLIANCE (MILDA)' (NSW). Join AID/WATCH for an evening of film, photos and discussions about the importance of customary land in Melanesia.

6.30 pm, Amnesty International Australia, NSW Action Centre, 79 Myrtle Street, Chippendale. Contact: 02 9557 8994 or gary@aidwatch.org.au.

5 NOVEMBER. CITY OF SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE LECTURE: 'BREAKING THE AUSTRALIAN SILENCE' (NSW). The lecture by John Pilger will be followed by the Aboriginal baritone, Kutcha Edwards singing Sam Cooke's famous 1960's anthem. Cost: \$25, concession \$20. 8.00 to 9.30 pm, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall. Contact: 02 9250 7777 or bookings@sydneyoperahouse.com. Web: <http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com>.

5 NOVEMBER. TALK: 'INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS: ENDURING RELATIONSHIPS, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND NEW ECONOMIES' (VIC). Prof Ian Anderson, Director of the Melbourne, Institute for Indigenous Partnerships at the University of Melbourne invites you to the launch of the Institute and the first annual Parkville Indigenous oration - The Narrm Oration. Speaker: Prof Mason Durie, Professor of Maori Research and Development and Assistant Vice Chancellor (Maori and Pasifika), Massey University in New Zealand. 5.30 to 7.30 pm, 'The Spot' (Basement Theatre), 198 Berkeley Street, Carlton (corner Pelham Street). Contact: l.gilbert@unimelb.edu.au or 03 8344 9333, RSVP by 20 October, Web: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/>.

5 NOVEMBER. HOPE 103.2 BUSINESS BREAKFAST: 'FOUR QUESTIONS ON THE NATION'S SOUL' (NSW). Speaker Sheridan Voysey is a Sydney based Christian award winning author, broadcaster, speaker and host of 'Open House', a live talkback program heard around the nation every Sunday night on Hope 103.2. Cost: \$48. 7.45 am, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park. Contact: claire.lyte-mason@hope1032.com.au or 02 9854 7014. Web: <http://www.hope1032.com.au/News-Detail.asp?cid=5&navid=5&NewsID=1892>.

5 - 6 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL SQUALOR CONFERENCE (NSW). Catholic Community Services is hosting this Conference on sustainable interventions through exploring the experiences of severe domestic squalor. Speakers: Fr Bob Maguire; Prof John Snowdon, Psycho-geriatrician; Prof William Lauder, University of Stirling UK; Susan Graham, Severe Domestic Squalor Project; Dr Shannon McDermott, Social Policy Research Centre UNSW; etc. Cost: \$540. SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

Contact: info@nationalsqualorconference.com.au or 02 9855 2571. Web: <http://www.nationalsqualorconference.com.au/>.

5 - 6 NOVEMBER. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE: 'THE ROAD TO RECOVERY: RESTORING PROSPERITY AFTER THE CRISIS' (VIC). The conference brings together leading politicians, bureaucrats, academics and representatives of non-government organisations. It also provides attendees with strong networking opportunities. Cost: \$1375. Gate 12, Royal Parade, Economics and Commerce Building, University of Melbourne, Parkville. Contact: 03 8344 2149 or melb-conf@unimelb.edu.au. Web: <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/conf2009/program.html>.

6 NOVEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'AFTER THE FINANCIAL CRISIS - DO WE NEED A PEOPLE'S BANK?' (NSW). Speakers: Prof John Quiggin, economist, Queensland University; and David Richardson, the Australia Institute. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

6 NOVEMBER. BISHOP'S FORUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE: LAUNCH OF THE 2009 AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS' STATEMENT (VIC). Bishop Peter Connors will present Madeleine Marson, the guest speaker. Madeleine is a 21 year old student involved with MAGiS, the Ignatian Youth Network, and was a recipient of a Young Catholic Women's Inter-faith Fellowship offered under the auspice of the Catholic Bishops' Office for the Participation of Women. Ballarat participants, please bring a plate for supper. 7.30 pm, St. Alipius Parish Hall, Victoria Street, Ballarat. Contact: 03 5337 7121. Web: <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/uploads/eneews/oct7bishopsforum.pdf>.

6 NOVEMBER. PRESENTATION: 'HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE FIT WITHIN A HOUSING FIRST RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS?' (NSW). This presentation focuses on the regional NYHS project, auspiced by Marist Youth Care, and looks at the changes in approach developed for this Housing First brokerage service, including differing models of case support, including actual case studies and practical examples. Speakers: Michael Coffey, CEO, Youth Accommodation Association; Lee Armstrong, Project Coordinator, Nepean Youth Homelessness Service; Adrian Foon, DoCS SAAP Strategy team; and Annie Rogers, Wesley Mission. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, Penrith City Council, 601 High Street, Penrith. Contact: Stephanieb@maristyc.com.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/44672/449/>.

6 - 8 NOVEMBER. MERCY AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE: 'EMBRACE THE OTHER AND WELCOME DIFFERENCE...' (NSW). Issues addressed include the needs of the earth, Indigenous communities, refugees and asylum seekers, and the impact of poverty on women. Sisters of Mercy will host this conference. Speakers: Mick Dodson, Director National Centre for Indigenous Studies ANU, 2009 Australian of the Year; Tim Flannery, scientist, environmentalist, writer, 2007 Australian of the Year; Margot O'Neill, ABC journalist, author; Jan Gray RSM, theologian; Maryanne Loughry RSM, psychologist, refugee worker, academic; Madge McGuire, Director, Catherine House Inc, women's advocate; and Denise Coghlan RSM, social justice and refugee advocate. Cost: \$300. Queanbeyan Conference Centre, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan. Contact: 0408 426 876 or Institute.Justice@mercy.org.au. Web: <http://www.mercy.org.au>.

6 - 8 NOVEMBER. PROPHET SCHOOL (SA). The Prophet School is an ecumenical weekend retreat dedicated to the life and work of Archbishop Dom Helder Camara and open to people from any Christian denomination. The retreat is the beginning of a 12 month journey for participants to embrace their call to be Christian Prophets for the 21st century. It will look at the future of Christianity and contemplative non-violence. Speaker: Fr John Dear SJ, 2008 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. Selection process involved. Cost: \$145 - \$220. Nunyara Conference Centre, 5 Burnell Drive, Belair. Contact: 08 8556 4686 or roysretreat@gmail.com. Web: <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/sites/AdelaideYouthMinistry/events>.

7 NOVEMBER. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) INTENSIVE: 'PARTNERING THE EARTH: CREATION SPIRITUALITY' (WA). This Intensive aims to build reverence for all creation and practical ecological commitment. Speaker: Moy Hitchen, ERISJ educator and environmentalist. Cost: \$25 - \$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: http://erisj.org.au/091107_intensive.

7 NOVEMBER. REQUIEM MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN TIMOR (NSW). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Cremin for the repose of the souls of all Timorese who gave their lives in the Dili massacre, for the Australian soldiers who lost their lives in Timor in WWII and since. 10.30 am, Mary Mackillop Chapel, Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 9623 2847 or sc@mmiets.org.au.

8 - 15 NOVEMBER. LILLA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK LAUNCH AND EXHIBITION:

'WALKING TOGETHER' (NSW). Lilla is holding a public exhibition of art works by women who came together on International Women's Day to explore their passion for social justice. Over a weekend, the artists were mentored in their practice of the spoken word, digital media, Aboriginal dot painting, cartooning and performance by practising artists, whilst sharing their experiences with each other. Launch: 4.00 pm, 8 November. Exhibition: 8 - 15 November, Mori Gallery, 168 Day Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 8762 4200 or info@lilla.org.au. Web: <http://lilla.org.au>.

9 NOVEMBER. PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS CONVERSATION SERIES: 'WHO AM I IN MULTIRELIGIOUS SOCIETY? RELIGION ACROSS GENERATIONS' (VIC). Moderated by Penny Mulvey of Positive Media, the conversations explore questions relevant to the upcoming Melbourne Parliament of the World's Religions and to our multifaith society. November's conversation includes three vibrant speakers from the Muslim, Sikh and Jewish communities reflecting on religious identity across the generations. No cost. 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm, Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street (Entry 3 La Trobe St), Melbourne. Web: <http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/index.cfm?n=6&sn=9>.

9 NOVEMBER - 24 DECEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'STREETSMART' (NATIONAL). StreetSmart is a great way to support people who are homeless while eating out at Christmas functions. The success of this event is due to its simplicity and the principle that many small micro donations add up to a big impact for those experiencing homelessness. There are over 220 top restaurants to dine at, where you can help out just by dining out and leaving a donation. Web: <http://www.streetsmartaustralia.org/findrestaurant>.

10 NOVEMBER. THE EDMUND RICE BUSINESS ETHICS INITIATIVE BREAKFAST: 'ETHICAL DECISIONS IN SPORTS BUSINESS' (NSW). Speaker, Des Hasler, Manly Coach, is known for his sterling personal qualities that endear him to many in the wider community. Come and hear from a man of skill and experience and a focussed leader reflect on the ethical challenges in professional sport. Cost: \$40, members and students \$25. 7:30 to 9.00 am, Dooley's Catholic Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe. Contact: 02 8762 4219 or marissab@erc.org.au. Web: <http://www.erc.org.au/busethics/>.

10 NOVEMBER. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB KINCUMBER (NSW). Catalyst Dinner with Hugh Mackay, Australian psychologist, social researcher and writer. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Kincumber Hotel Function Room, Avoca Drive, Kincumber. Contact:

02 4367 2743 or 02 4334 3174. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

10 NOVEMBER. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB NEWTOWN: 'WHO WOULD JESUS BOMB?' (NSW). Speaker: Donna Mulhearn, Australian peace activist, Catholic Sydney woman and a former 'human shield' in Iraq during the US-led invasion. Bald Faced Stag Hotel, 345 Parramatta Road, Leichhardt (corner Parramatta and Balmain Roads). Contact: 02 9797 8128. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

10 NOVEMBER. ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: 'FOOD SECURITY - ONE OF THE GREATEST SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES IN TODAY'S WORLD' (ACT). Speaker: Hon Tony Burke, MP, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Cost: \$10, concession \$3. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, St Thomas More Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Contact: sttmforum@homemail.com.au. Web: <http://www.stthomasmores.cg.catholic.edu.au/parish/parishmain/parishforummain.htm>.

12 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE - 'FUTURE OF THE SECTOR DAY' (NSW). This is an opportunity to discuss the role of the community welfare sector in building a fair community. There will be a range of speakers and discussion of the issues. Cost: \$25, members \$20. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Level 4, Conference Room, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9310 6200 or events@acoss.org.au. Web: <http://www.acoss.org.au>.

12 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIAN FAIR TRADE AND INVESTMENT NETWORK: 'TEN YEARS SINCE THE WTO IN SEATTLE - WHEN THE PEOPLE DEMANDED FAIR TRADE' (NSW). Delicious vegetarian food, images of Seattle, raffle prizes include DVD of the feature film Battle in Seattle, starring Charlize Theron. Drinks at bar. Speakers: Anna Reynolds, advisor to Greens Leader Senator Bob Brown; and Dr Patricia Ranald, Co-Convener of the AFTINET. Cost: \$20. 6.00 pm, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9212 7242. Web: <http://aftinet.org.au/cms/>.

13 NOVEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'JUVENILE JUSTICE - WHY IS IT FAILING AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?' (NSW). Speakers: Graham West, MP, NSW Minister for Juvenile Justice and Prof Chris Cunneen, Faculty of Law, UNSW. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

13 NOVEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'LABOUR AND JUSTICE' (NSW). Mustard Seed hosts this event where Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney will launch the book and Gavan Duffy, the author will speak. 6.30 pm, Catholic Centre, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe. Contact 02 9643 3660 or maree@caec.com.au. Web: <http://www.mustardseed.org.au>.

14 NOVEMBER. SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION CONFERENCE (NSW). The SVDP Society of the Broken Bay Diocese and SJ around the Bay (a network of Parish Social Justice Groups within the Diocese of Broken Bay) are holding a conference featuring speakers (Brian Murnane, Howard Bell, Jenni Downes), parish and conference displays, a series of workshops on social justice issues and a forum focussing on how groups can respond in a practical manner. Refreshments provided. Cost: donation. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Primary, School Hall, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Contact: 02 9415 1492 or lily.basdeo@vinnies.org.au. Web: <http://sjaroundthebay.org/?p=1461>.

14 NOVEMBER. TALK: CAMPAIGN FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DISARMAMENT (CICD) ANNIVERSARY (VIC). CICD will celebrate 50 years of active campaigning on peace and nuclear disarmament. ICAN's Associate Prof Tilman Ruff will talk about the progress being made by national and international campaigns to abolish nuclear weapons. 1.30 to 4.00 pm, Unitarian Peace Memorial Church, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne. Contact: jessicaamorrison@yahoo.com.au. Web: <http://www.unaa.org.au/praxis.php/category/view/4>.

14 NOVEMBER. ERISJ INTENSIVE: 'ADVOCACY AND MEDIA SKILLS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE' (WA). This Intensive will give participants the skills to gain media coverage, influence public debate and effectively advocate with decision-makers and the media. Speaker: Phil Glendenning is one of Australia's best-known and most effective public advocates for human rights and social justice. Cost: \$25 - \$150. 10.00 am to 4.30 pm, Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: http://erisj.org.au/091114_intensive.

16 NOVEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'THE UNHEARD TRUTH: POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS' (NSW). Amnesty International's Secretary General, Irene Khan, will be launching her book 'the Unheard Truth'. Irene Khan is a distinguished leader in human rights advocacy who is responsible for developing and coordinating strategies to promote and protect human rights. No cost. 6.00 to 8.00

pm, Domain Theatre, Level 3, Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Contact: nswevents@amnesty.org.au or 02 8396 7670, RSVP essential by 6 November. Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/home/event/21818/>.

17 NOVEMBER. WATAC INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: 'WOMEN, RELIGION AND PEACE' (NSW). School students and members of WATAC are invited to hear speakers exploring, from the viewpoint of their faith traditions, the concept of peace, both personal and its challenges at a global level. Cost: \$20. 12.00 to 3.00 pm, The Theatrette, Parliament House, Sydney. Contact: 02 9520 9409 or helen@watac.net, RSVP essential by 6 November. Web: <http://www.watac.net>.

17 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE: 'RELIGIOUS CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS - CAN SECULARISM CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE-MAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST?' (NSW). Speaker, Prof Frances Raday, holds the Lieberman Chair in Labour Law at the Hebrew University and is Director of the Concord Research Institute for Integration of International Law in Israel. She was an Expert Member of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. No cost. 6.15 to 7.45 pm (followed by a reception), G04 Theatre, Law Building, UNSW. Contact: ahrc@unsw.edu.au, RSVP by 13 November. Web: <http://www.ahrcentre.org/content/Activites/AHRCEvents.html>.

17 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIA'S WELFARE CONFERENCE: 'WHOSE NEEDS? HOW WELL MET?' (NSW/ACT). This conference brings together the nation's leading thinkers and latest statistics providing a forum for debate on issues around social inclusion, as well as how well the needs of all Australians are being met by government services and programs designed to promote well being. Speakers include: Prof Mick Dodson, 2009 Australian of the Year; Reverend Tim Costello, CEO, World Vision Australia; Prof Eric Emerson, Institute for Health Research, Lancaster University UK; Dr Ed Sondik, Director, US National Center for Health Statistics; Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; etc. Cost: \$150 - \$350. 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, Crawford Street, Queanbeyan. Contact: 02 6244 1202 or conference@aihw.gov.au. Web: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=7be89b98-74da-47c9-bca4-a617198cc580>.

17 - 18 NOVEMBER. STRENGTHENING DISABILITY ADVOCACY CONFERENCE: 'WORKING TOGETHER' (VIC). The Disability Advocacy Resource Unit, Self Advocacy Resource Unit and Victorian Disability

Advocacy Network are convening this Conference. Speakers: Dr. Helen Szoke, Chief Conciliator/CEO Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission; Dr. Fiona Kumari Campbell, Senior Lecturer in Disability Studies, Griffith University; and Paul Ramcharan, Co-ordinator Research and Public Policy, Australian Centre for Human Rights Education. Cost: \$90 - \$440. Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Contact: admin@daru.org.au or 03 9639 5807. Web: <http://www.daru.org.au>.

17 - 18 NOVEMBER. FORUM: INDIGENOUS CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORING (NSW). Hosted by Liquid Learning, this forum will feature case studies and interactive sessions addressing key issues related to recruitment and retention, ongoing support and training, and Indigenous employment strategies. Speakers: Jason Misfud, CEO, AFL Foundation; Vladimir Williams, Indigenous Employment Program Manager, University of Sydney; Phil Lockyer, Indigenous Employment Manager, Commonwealth Bank of Australia; and Peter Lalor, Manager, Aboriginal Employment Programs, NSW Police Force. Cost: \$550 - \$2964.50. 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact: registration@liquidlearning.com.au or 02 9437 1311. Web: <http://liquidlearning.com.au/llg08/November/icdm1109.html>.

18 NOVEMBER. DOCUMENTARY FILM: 'THE END OF POVERTY? (THINK AGAIN)' (QLD). Jubilee Australia is screening this award winning documentary to launch its new campaign: 'Digging to the Roots of Poverty'. The film has been dubbed 'an inconvenient truth for global economics.' It is narrated by Martin Sheen, and features Nobel Laureates Joseph Stiglitz and Amartya Sen. Cost: \$30, concession \$25. 6.45 pm, Dendy Portside Cinema, Hamilton. Contact: 02 8060 4404 or info@jubileeaustralia.org. Web: <http://www.jubileeaustralia.org/theendofpoverty>.

19 - 20 NOVEMBER. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'MIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS' (VIC). This conference proposes to examine outcomes of migration and immigration as essential dimensions for contextualizing discussions about national identity, intercultural relations and citizenship, and the formation and representation of cultural identity. Cost: \$250, concession \$90. Room LT 3 (B1.2.04), Melbourne campus, Deakin University, Burwood. Contact: 03 9244 6658 or chippy.sunil@deakin.edu.au. Web: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/icg/events/conf-2009.php>.

19 - 21, 26 - 28 NOVEMBER. THEATRE: 'MY NAME IS SUD (SOO-D)' (NSW). A family who has escaped the conflicts of war in Sudan face the conflicts of freedom in Sydney. The mother Kuei, fears losing her son to the 'streets of Blacktown' and to his Australian girlfriend. "My skin is black, my eyes are black. How can my parents fear I will lose my 'Africaness'? I will always be black but in my own way". Blacktown's emerging Sudanese community speak for themselves in this exciting work. Written by a youth ensemble of first time theatre writers, mentored by Blacktown Arts Centre's African Theatre Project. Cost: \$30, concession and Friends of BAC \$20. 19 - 21, 26 - 28 Nov, 8.00 pm; 28 Nov also 2.30 pm; Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown. Contact: 02 9839 6558. Web: <http://www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/performance/my-name-is-sud.cfm>.

20 NOVEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'CHRISTMAS IN PERU' (NSW). Christmas in Peru is an annual event organised by the Sisters of Saint Joseph Peruvian Project which supports over 200 women in Peru. It will give you a chance to learn about the project and purchase some special Christmas gifts while enjoying a Pisco Sour, Peruvian music and food. By purchasing an Ethica product you are helping to ensure a more sustainable and secure future for the women, their families and ultimately the communities they live in. Tickets are on sale now from the website. Cost: \$15 includes one Pisco Sour and drinks. 5.30 to 8.30 pm, Auditorium, Mary Mackillop Place, 9 Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 8912 2716 or gina.bradley@sosj.org.au, RSVP by 13 November. Web: <http://www.ethica.org.au/epages/ethica.sf>.

20 NOVEMBER. ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ANNUAL CARNIVALE (NSW). Fairtrade stall holders on George Street frontage for pre Christmas school event. An ideal opportunity for Fairtrade members to reach a wide audience of potential customers. The event has at its heart social justice and will bring an Urban Village atmosphere for shoppers to experience what it is to be an ethical consumer. No cost. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, St Andrews Cathedral court yard, corner George and Bathurst Streets, Sydney. Contact: kkevents@ozemail.com.au or 0414 923 255. Web: http://www.sacs.nsw.edu.au/associations/parents_friends/carnevale.

20 NOVEMBER. GERALD WARD LECTURE (ACT). The St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia is pleased to present the annual Gerald Ward Lecture. The night will open with a special performance by Wiradjuri Echoes. The lecture will be introduced by Alicia Luchetti and delivered by Helen Moran, Indigenous Co-Chair,

National Sorry Day Committee. Response by Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre. Closing by Syd Tutton. No cost. 6.30 pm, National Museum of Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra. Contact: admin@svdpnatcl.org.au or 02 6202 1200, RSVP by 6 November. Web: <http://www.vinnies.org.au/gerald-ward-lecture-national?link=1841>.

21 NOVEMBER. DON BOSCO BRUNSWICK YOUTH FOUNDATION FUN AND FOOD FIESTA (VIC). The Don Bosco Youth Foundation's major event for the year will feature great food, dancing, drawing of the Major Raffle, 'Lucky Dips', prizes galore and fun for all. You are invited to a great night including food, drink and music for a very worthy cause. Cost: \$45. Ferraro Receptions, 14 Onslow Avenue, Campbellfield. Contact: 03 9386 3948. Web: <http://www.cam.org.au/whats-on/don-bosco-brunswick-youth-foundation-fun-and-food-fiesta.html>.

23 NOVEMBER - 19 DECEMBER. YOUTH LEADERS FORMATION COURSE (NSW). This Youth Leaders Formation Course is designed to help those who desire to help the Church to grow in their knowledge, service and love of Christ, and to be formed in servant leadership. Applications must be received by 1 October. Applicants will be interviewed and notified of the outcome of their application by 2 November. Cost: \$495. Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Contact: 02 9390 5290 or ylfc@sydneycatholic.org. Web: <http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au/ylfc>.

23 - 25 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE: 'STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY, CLOSING THE GAP' (TAS). The theme, 'Strength in Community: Closing the Gap,' emphasises the challenges of accelerating outcomes for Indigenous students and successfully engaging in education and training to strengthen culture and improve quality of life. Speakers: Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner; Dr Lorna Williams, member of the Lil'wat, First Nation of Mount Currie, BC, Canada Research Chair; Tiga Bayles, a pioneer of Indigenous broadcasting in Australia. Cost: \$795, concession \$395. Hotel Grand Chancellor, 1 Davey Street, Hobart. Contact: info@cdesign.com.au or 03 6231 2999. Web: <http://www.cdesign.com.au/niec2009/default.htm>.

23 - 29 NOVEMBER. SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK (NATIONAL). Social Inclusion Week is being co-ordinated by Dr Jonathon Welch, Director, Choir of Hard Knocks and Australian of the Year. He aims through the creation of this week that the focus of

social inclusion is on the issues and core values at the heart of what it means to be Australian, and to remind us that we are a Nation that first and foremost cares about every human being we come into contact with, allowing them and us, to feel connected, supported and cared for. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/43526/458/#>.

24 NOVEMBER. SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE (SPRC) SEMINAR: 'IF WOMEN ARE POORER AND MEN ARE LONELIER, WHO'S HAPPIER?' (NSW). This seminar will begin to address the impact of various aspects of gendered social connection and social exclusion on emotions and well-being cross-nationally. Speaker: Roger Patulny, Research Fellow, Australian Square Research Council Post-doctoral Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW. 12.30 to 1.30 pm, Level 2, Room 250, Robert Webster Building (G14), UNSW. Contact: 02 9385 7805 or sprcseminars@unsw.edu.au, RSVP by 20 November. Web: http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/seminars/2009%20Program/Patulny_flyer.pdf.

24 - 27 NOVEMBER. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE: 'REACHING "CLOSE THE GAP" COMMITMENTS' (NSW). Case studies will be presented that demonstrate the critical success factors that underpin 'Closing the Gap'. Speakers: Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner; Mick Adams, Chair, NACCHO; Brian Gleeson, Australian Government Coordinator General, Remote Indigenous Services; and Kenneth Wyatt AM, Director, Officer of Aboriginal Health, WA. Cost: \$1,648.90 to \$5,498.90. Harbours Edge Event Centre, Level 2 Harbourside (shopping centre), Darling Drive, Darling Harbour. Contact: 1300 316 882 or registration@criterionconferences.com. Web: <http://www.indigenoushealthcare.com/register/register.htm>.

24 - 26 NOVEMBER. FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SERVICES AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE: 'CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: REDUCING RISK, BUILDING RESILIENCE' (NSW). This conference builds on the work of the child protection, family support and family law sectors to strengthen the identification of families at risk and develop effective multi-disciplinary responses that reduce risk and build resilience. Speakers: Prof Boni Robertson, Griffith University; Prof Janet R Johnston, San Jose University (US), author of 'In the Name of the Child'; Dr Jenn McIntosh, Family Transitions; Prof Ilan Katz, Director Social Policy and Research Centre UNSW; etc. Cost: \$814. Sheraton on the Park, 161 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. Contact: admin@frsa.org.au or 02 6162 1811. Web: <http://www.frsa.org.au/site/>.

24 - 27 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE: 'HOUSING IN A NEW ERA: BUILDING THE CONNECTIONS' (VIC). Hosted by Victorian Office of Housing and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute. The event will provide a platform for exploring the essential connections between housing, people, place, community and nation. Speakers: Prof Peter Ambrose, Visiting Prof in Housing Studies, Social Science Policy and Research Centre, Brighton University, UK; Mr Ric Battellino, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, member Reserve Bank Board; Ms Kate Davies, Chief Executive of Notting Hill Housing, UK; etc. Cost: \$1150, concession \$250. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne. Contact: 03 9682 0500 or NHC09registration@icmsaust.com.au. Web: <http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009>.

25 NOVEMBER. WHITE RIBBON DAY (NATIONAL). The White Ribbon Foundation of Australia aims to eliminate violence against women by changing community attitudes and behaviour. Australian men wishing to show their support for the White Ribbon campaign by 'swearing' can do so by visiting <http://www.myoath.com.au/>. Web: <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au>.

26 NOVEMBER OR 5 DECEMBER. FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR (VIC). Join in the fun of Melbourne's first fair trade shopping tour, just in time for Christmas. Visit 3 fair trade shops, each with a diverse range of products. First stop - The Trading Circle, Abbotsford (www.thetradingcircle.com.au), second stop - Sankofa, Fitzroy (www.sankofa.com.au), last stop - Ethiopia.com, Fitzroy (www.ethiopia.com.au). Two dates to choose from: 26 November. 6.00 to 8.30 pm. 5 December. 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Cost: \$20, includes transport, champers, nibbles, Fairtrade tea and coffee, Fairtrade goodie bag. Contact: kym@sankofa.com.au or 03 9416 4584. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/255>.

26 NOVEMBER 2009 - 28 MAY 2010. EXHIBITION: 'TALKING FAITHS - MY STORY, YOUR STORY, OUR STORY' (VIC). This exhibition documents a project involving young people exploring interfaith issues through a multicultural perspective. Talking Faiths features multimedia representations and photographs of the student project and artworks developed by the students as part of their conversations. This exhibition is a part of the Parliament of the World's Religions cultural program. Cost: \$8, children free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Immigration Museum, Old Customs House,

400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 13 11 02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/talking-faiths-exhibition>.

26 NOVEMBER. MULTICULTURAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES: 'MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN' (VIC). This seminar discusses the impact of migration and resettlement on immigrant and refugee women's mental health and wellbeing. Speakers: Prof Jill Astbury, Research Professor for the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development, Victoria University; and Nadine Hantke, Transcultural Mental Health Access Coordinator, Advocacy, Disability, Ethnicity and Community. Cost: \$65. 9.00 am to 2.00 pm, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, Suite 207, Level 2, Carringbush Building, 134 Cambridge Street, Collingwood. Contact: 03 9418 0999 or Salma@mcwh.com.au. Web: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/events/index.html>.

27 NOVEMBER. INAUGURAL BERNIE BANTON FOUNDATION DINNER (NSW). The Bernie Banton Foundation provides support and education for asbestos affected people and their families and fundraises to promote research into asbestos-related diseases and lobby for justice and the rights of sufferers. The evening will include a three course meal plus fabulous entertainment and auctions. Speaker: Dr Bruce Robinson, Professor of Medicine, Director, National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases, University of WA, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Cost: \$200. 6.30 pm, Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, 48 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont. Contact: info@berniebantton.com.au, 02 8850 1223 or 0412 830 485. Web: <http://www.berniebantton.com.au/>.

27 - 28 NOVEMBER. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: 'HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA-PACIFIC: TOWARDS INSTITUTION-BUILDING' (NSW). This conference brings together experts in this area to explore how current practices might realise an effective and integrated regional community based on human rights protection. The conference is hosted by Australian Network for Japanese Law, Sydney Centre for International Law and The Centre for Asian and Pacific Law in the University of Sydney, in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Centre. Cost: \$220, concession free. Sydney Law School, Building F10, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0238 or lawevents@usyd.edu.au. Web: <http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/scil/events.html>.

27 - 28 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN RESPONSE TO MASS ATROCITY CRIMES' (VIC). Hosted by the Human Rights Law Resource Centre and the Institute of Legal Studies, Australian Catholic University. Speakers: The Hon Gareth Evans AO AC; the Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AO AC; the Hon Bob McMullan MP; Prof Ramesh Thakur, Canadian Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty; Prof Alex Bellamy, Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect; Prof Joseph Camilleri; Prof Spencer Zifcak; and Phoebe Wynne-Pope. Cost: \$250, concession \$125. Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 17 Young Street, Fitzroy. Contact: ils@acu.edu.au. Register: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_national/the_university/conferences/r2p/.

27 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) CONFERENCE: 'GLOBALIZATION AND THE CHURCH: REFLECTIONS ON CARITAS IN VERITATE' (NSW). 4.00 to 6.00 pm: Exposition by Sandie Cornish, Loyola Institute. Panel Discussion: Associate Professor Tracey Rowland, John Paul II Institute; Rev Dr Bruce Duncan, Yarra Theological Union; and Mr Duncan McLaren, previously Secretary General of Caritas International. 6.00 pm: light refreshments. 7.00 to 9.00 pm: Public lecture by Cardinal Cordes, President of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum. Response by Jack de Groot, CEO, Caritas. No cost. 4.00 to 9.00 pm, Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus, Berry Street, North Sydney. Contact: Encyclicalconference@acu.edu.au, RSVP by 24 November.

28 NOVEMBER. MANLY FAIR TRADE MARKET (NSW). Manly Council's Fairtrade market with estimated 40 Fairtrade stalls. Throughout the day there will be a variety of live music and lots of activities for children. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Manly Wharf, Belgrave Street, Manly. Contact: carol.layton@manly.nsw.gov.au or 02 9976 1658. Web: <http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/Manly-Fair-Trade-Markets.html>.

28 NOVEMBER. BUY NOTHING DAY SYDNEY (NSW). This Day hopes to show people viable changes they can make to reduce their waste and consumerism. This is a celebration of wonderful things to do without spending money. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Hyde Park, Sydney. Contact: zapparina@yahoo.co.uk. Web: <http://www.buynothingsydney.110mb.com>.

29 NOVEMBER. REDLANDS GLOBAL MARKET DAY (QLD). A great day offering the people of the Redlands the opportunity to purchase unique, hand-crafted Fairtrade/Ethically produced gifts for

Christmas. Enjoy a Fairtrade coffee or snack and explore numerous stalls selling. Attended by local members of parliament and major charities - join us as the Redlands says 'No to Human Trafficking'. 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, Redlands Christian Reformed Church, corner Sturgeon and Delancey Streets, Ormiston. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/253>.

29 NOVEMBER. DURAL FAIR TRADE AND ETHICAL CHRISTMAS (NSW). A Fairtrade and Ethical Christmas Market day with Fair Trade and Fairly Traded stallholders, children's activities and entertainment throughout the day. 12.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Dural Sport and Leisure Centre, 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural. Contact: dbc.ftm@gmail.com or 02 8989 0000. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/event/228>.

30 NOVEMBER. CREATE A BETTER STATE SACOSS HOUSING ADVOCACY DAY (SA). This day will bring together people with concerns about access and affordability of housing in South Australia and will give them an opportunity to share their concerns with Members of Parliament. Visit <http://createabetterstate.wordpress.com/events/> for more detail, and to download the SACOSS Fact Sheet and Principles Paper on housing.

30 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'MEETING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: OLD PROBLEMS, NEW CHALLENGES CONFERENCE' (VIC). Hosted by the Australian Council for International Development and La Trobe University in partnership with AusAID. Speakers: Dr. Jan Vandemoortele: former UNDP Resident representative in Pakistan and one of the architects of the MDGs; Hon. Bob McMullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance; etc. Cost: \$385, concession \$132. La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9479 2289 or g.hoffstaedter@latrobe.edu.au. Web: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/humansecurity/MDGconference.html>.

30 NOVEMBER - 20 DECEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'THE FUTURE IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY: THEY DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY THERE' (VIC). An exhibition hosted by 'field' (Furthering Inclusive Learning & Development for people with disabilities) will explore the lives of people with disability in the world of tomorrow'. The Foyer Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park. Contact: steph.tout@field.org.au or (03) 8686 5621. Web: <http://www.field.org.au/index.html>.

1 - 2 DECEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS: POLICY,

PARTNERSHIPS AND PRACTICE' (VIC). The Centre for Public Policy, in association with the National Employment Services Association, is holding this conference. Speakers: Randall Eberts, President, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, USA; Sally Sinclair, CEO, NESA; David Thompson, CEO, Jobs Australia; Mark Considine, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne; etc. Cost: \$550. 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Victory Room, Level 1, Gate 8, Etihad Stadium, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands. Contact: 03 8344 6820 or lrose@unimelb.edu.au. Web: <http://www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/unemployment09/index.html>.

1 DECEMBER. WORLD AIDS DAY. As part of the Catholic network, Caritas Australia has made tackling HIV/AIDS a priority area in its aid and development work. See how you can help, visit http://www.caritas.org.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=HIV_AIDS.

1 - 3 DECEMBER. NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY STRENGTHS CONFERENCE: 'STRONG STORIES, STRONG MOB, STRONG KIDS: GROWING UP TOGETHER' (NSW). This conference will bring together Indigenous and non Indigenous community members, community workers, researchers and policy people to share stories about cultural, family and community strengths that have contributed to improving life for Australian Indigenous people and how this may affect policy and building capacity and have an impact on the wellbeing of Indigenous families and communities. Cost: \$750, concession \$635. University of Newcastle, Callaghan. Contact: FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au or 02 4921 6403. Web: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/fac/conferences/ifcs2/index.html>.

2 DECEMBER. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY. Slavery exists today. It's right here among us and happening under our noses. That's right - Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes! For more information and to find out what you can do, visit <http://www.acrath.org.au/>.

2 - 3 DECEMBER. BREAKTHROUGH SUMMIT (VIC). Asia Pacific Women, Faith and Development Alliance's vision is that it will catalyse a new movement of collective action and investment for women and girls. Their efforts are focussed on the support of women in the Pacific, South East Asia, Indigenous women and refugee women of Australia and New Zealand. Speakers: Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary of the World YWCA; Sister Joan Chittister OSB, Founder and Executive Director of Benetvision, Chair of Global Peace Initiative for Women; and The Hon. Dame

Carol Kidu CBE, MP, Minister for Community Development and Religion and Sports, Papua New Guinea. Cost: \$400.

2 December, Asia Pacific Breakthrough Summit: 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, BMW Edge and Federation Square, corner Flinders Street and Swanston Street, Melbourne.

3 December, Women, Faith and Development Alliance Working Sessions: 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Sofitel Melbourne, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: 02 9999 5882 or kristi.mansfield@greenstone.com.au. Web: <http://www.breakthrough2009.com.au/Default.aspx>.

3 - 9 DECEMBER. PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS: 'MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - HEARING EACH OTHER, HEALING THE EARTH' (VIC). The world's largest and most diverse interfaith gathering with over 500 inspiring programs and many inspirational leaders including His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Cost: \$572. Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, South Wharf. Contact: 1300 852 156. Web: <http://www.parliamentofreligions.org>.

3 - 4 DECEMBER. PATH TO FULL EMPLOYMENT / NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (NSW). Presented by Centre of Full Employment and Equity, University of Newcastle. As this year will be the first for some time that official unemployment rates will rise, the conference will be particularly important in sharing ideas from researchers about how to avoid major labour market devastation. Speakers: Louise Tarrant, National Secretary, Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union; Prof Philip L. Harvey, Rutgers School of Law, NJ; Dr. Jesus Felipe, Principal Economist, Head of the Strategic Research Unit, Director of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute, Asian Development Bank, Philippines; etc. Cost: \$400, concession \$225. University of Newcastle. Contact: 02 4921 7283 or coffee@newcastle.edu.au. Web: <http://e1.newcastle.edu.au/coffee/conferences/2009/>.

4 DECEMBER. ERISJ INTENSIVE: 'CORE INSIGHTS THAT UNDERPIN SOCIAL JUSTICE' (WA). This Intensive provides participants with a deep understanding of the underpinning insights and knowledge that make social justice empirically and ethically convincing. The day comprises a highly interactive engagement with the 35 core insights that speaker David Freeman, Director, ERISJ, identifies. Cost: \$25 - \$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: (08) 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: http://erisj.org.au/091204_intensive.

4 DECEMBER. FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS MARKETS (QLD). Marymac Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. Web: <http://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/event-calendar/>

5 DECEMBER. ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE MARKET (NSW). 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, St John's Church, corner Chapman Avenue and Beecroft Road, Beecroft. Contact: elizabeth.collison@gmail.com.au or 0432 876 694. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/258>.

7 - 9 DECEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'TOWARDS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: THE CHALLENGES, PROMISES AND PROCESSES OF A NEW PARADIGM' (NSW). A conference on Language, Law and

Social Justice co-presented by the Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association and the Sydney Institute of Criminology. Speakers: John Braithwaite, ARC Federation Fellow, Australian National University; Paul Dwyer, Performance Studies, University of Sydney; Diana Eades, School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences, University of New England; Peter Gray, Judge, Federal Court of Australia; Frances Rock, School of English Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University; Julie Stubbs, Professor of Criminology, University of Sydney. Cost: \$370, concession \$225. Sydney Law School, Camperdown Campus, Sydney University. Contact: 02 9351 6850 or paul.dwyer@usyd.edu.au. Web: <http://www.asfla.org.au/towardsrestorativejustice/>.

News Monitor

Brennan committee submits human rights report

The National Human Rights Consultation Committee handed over its final assessment about a possible bill of rights for Australia to the Federal Government on Wednesday, after perusal of more than 35,000 public submissions.

Truancy trial lacks resources

The Federal Government's School Enrolment and Attendance Measure, to link school attendance with welfare payments in six Northern Territory communities, is being hampered by a critical lack of resources.

Secrecy protects perpetrators of child killers: welfare advocates

Australian Catholic University academic Patricia Hansen and child welfare advocate Frank Ainsworth have come out strongly against protecting the anonymity of children killed by their parents, saying it protects the perpetrators.

Brennan committee finds need for human rights legislation

The Rudd government appointed National Human Rights Consultation committee's final report that was released yesterday recommended the country adopts a Human Rights Act.

Charities fear "compassion fatigue"

Charities are appealing to Australians for donations for victims of the the tsunamis and quakes in nearby countries, but back to back natural disasters, and fears donations may not be spent

wisely, may induce "compassion fatigue".

Vinnies tells Govt: Bite the bullet on benefits

In conjunction with anti-poverty week, the St Vincent de Paul Society wanted the Federal Government to address the inequality in pension and benefits.

Melbourne sister to present research on trafficked women

Melbourne Mercy Sister Angela Reed, who was first alerted to the plight of trafficked women while working at a women's refuge in Melbourne, took stories from trafficked women to the Asia Pacific NGO Forum - Beijing+15.

Catholic school teachers to strike for pay parity

Teachers planned to go on strike in some of Brisbane's biggest Catholic schools and across Queensland on October 28 over pay.

Minister's statement on "evil" Aboriginal gang deplored

The South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson's statement an Aboriginal gang that faced court were part of an "evil phenomenon" beyond rehabilitation is drawing criticism.

Leave stimulus for public housing, groups plead

The Australian Government should ensure its stimulus funding continues to support the vulnerable through investments such as in social housing, said a group of church welfare bodies including Catholic Social Services.

ACU and partners give “disadvantaged” a shot at uni

Australian Catholic University’s Clemente Australia program is helping provide “a liberal education to disadvantaged people”, said a partner in the program, Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers.

Clergy warn against human rights charter

Sydney’s Cardinal George Pell led a delegation of about 20 church leaders to Canberra to raise concerns about a national charter of human rights, warning the Rudd government it could curtail religious freedoms and give judges the power to shape laws on issues such as gay marriage.

Judges’ voices on rights a good thing: Kirby

Former high court judge Michael Kirby expressed support for a proposed charter of human rights, dismissing criticism of its potential to give a voice to unelected judges on the matter of rights.

Plea not to risk sending asylum seekers back to their deaths

Australian laws allow asylum seekers to enter the country and this must be observed to ensure that none are returned to face danger and death, said the Edmund Rice Centre director Phil Glendenning.

Rudd must speak up about Sri Lanka: Catholic justice commission

Brisbane’s Catholic Justice and Peace Commission was calling on Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to act to end the detention of Tamil civilians in camps run by the military in Sri Lanka, in light of the current

asylum seekers’ plight.

Compassion urged for refugees and asylum seekers

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference delegate for refugee and migrant issues Bishop Joseph Grech said the annual numbers of asylum seekers entering Australia are not a significant burden for a wealthy country and urged compassion.

Caritas aid for nearly 300,000 across Asia-Pacific

Even as the media spotlight dims, Caritas Australia said it is helping more than 277,000 victims of the typhoons, tsunamis, earthquakes and flooding that ripped through the Asia-Pacific region some three weeks ago.

Catholic clubs seek more pokies

The Liverpool Catholic Club and the Campbelltown Catholic Club in Sydney were among some 20 clubs seeking approval for more poker machines to offset a revenue fall caused by a pokies tax, smoking bans and reduced spending by patrons.

Irish Church has “champions for children”

A Church established independent body in Ireland, the National Board for Safeguarding Children, described the progress in the Church over the past two years in implementing child protection guidelines as “remarkable”.

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Social Justice Calendar

1 SUN All Saints Day (Solemnity)

2 MON Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

6 FRI International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict
World Community Day

8 SUN 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

9 MON Wall separating East and West Berlin opened, 1989

10 TUE Nine Nigerian environmentalists and human rights activists hanged, 1995

11 WED Remembrance (Armistice) Day, commemorating the end of World War 1, 1918

12 THU Dili Massacre, 1991

13 FRI Death of Karen Silkwood, 1975, en route to a meeting at which she planned to expose unsafe practices in a US nuclear facility

15 SUN 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 MON International Day for Tolerance

20 FRI Universal Children’s Day
Anniversary of Declaration of Rights of the Child (1959) and Convention on Rights of the Child (1989)

21 SAT World Television Day

22 SUN Christ the King (Solemnity)

27 FRI Inaugural Peace Prize, Sydney, 1998

25 WED International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women
Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of
Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion
or Belief, 1981

29 SUN 1st Sunday of Advent
UN International Day of Solidarity with the
Palestinian People
Death of Dorothy Day, 1980, Founder of the
Catholic Worker Movement

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