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# Catholic Religious welcome the Jubilee Year with a Song

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) has captured the spirit of the Jubilee Year by releasing a song and music video, titled *Journey of Faith – CRA*, that expresses the wide range of ministries in which Religious women and men live and share the joy of the Gospel.

“Music speaks in ways beyond words, and we sought this medium to give creative expression to the joy and hope that is the essence of religious living,” said CRA President, Br Gerard Brady CFC.

When asked about the journey of faith, he responded, “It’s seeking God daily through word, action and presence throughout the whole journey of our lives.” He recalls that Pope Francis has asked Religious Institutes around the globe to “wake up the world” by being “real witnesses” to a counter-cultural way of life that relies on generosity and self-forgetfulness.”

CRA commissioned the gifted Simon Hyland to compose the song for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life as a uniquely Australian musical contribution to the year-long celebration of the Jubilee Year. The song is inspired by St Paul’s words in his Letter to the Romans (15:13): “*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*” The call to Religious to be pilgrims of hope for peace is a feature of the song. Enlisting the talents of Matthew Howard, a music video has been created with contributions from congregations of religious life in varied ministries such as prayer, education, welfare, health and aged care for the music video.

“You’ll see Religious on dusty roads, in formal Church settings, ministering in hospitals, parishes, refugee centres and countless other scenes living out the joy of being called as consecrated women and men,” commented Anne Walker, National Executive Director of CRA. “It’s a song and music video that could be used widely in a variety of settings, and people are most welcome to download it.”

*Journey of Faith – CRA* can be found on a broad range of online music platforms, such as Spotify, Apple Music, TikTok, Amazon, Deezer, Instagram, Tidal and more. The lyrics and music video can be accessed at [CRA’s Jubilee webpage](#) and on [CRA’s YouTube channel](#). It is also being shared on [Common Home TV](#).

All information about the Jubilee Year can be found on the [CRA website](#), including celebrations, a prayer service, and pilgrimage.

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