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ACRATH MEDIA RELEASE: Sr Margaret Ng Honoured for Fight Against Human Trafficking 25 November 2025

Twenty years ago, a small group of religious women, including Sr Margaret Ng rsj, came together in response to alarming reports of people being trafficked into Australia for sex work and other forms of exploitation. Two decades on, as ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) celebrates its 20th year of impact, we are pleased to announce Sr Margaret Ng has been recognised internationally for her outstanding commitment with the Servant Leadership Award for Excellence in Network-Building at the Sisters' Anti-Trafficking Awards (SATAs), held this past weekend.

The Sisters' Anti-Trafficking Awards (SATAs) celebrate three Catholic Sisters, as representatives of their congregations and networks, who have demonstrated exceptional courage, creativity, collaboration, and achievement in the protection of their communities from human trafficking.



Sr Margaret travelled to Lusaka, Zambia, alongside Sr Annette Arnold, rsj (ACRATH Vice President and Talitha Kum Oceania Coordinator), to accept the Servant Leadership Award. The SATAs are supported by the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and Arise. Sr Margaret's 20 years of anti-trafficking leadership span her founding role in the Josephite Counter-Trafficking Project as well as her vital engagement with ACRATH's work.

Photo supplied: Sr Margaret Ng, rsj, Lusaka, November 21st, 2025 UISG Communications Office

ACRATH President, Sr Clare Condon sgs, praised the award and Margaret's contribution: "Margaret Ng rsj is small in stature but a dynamo in living out of her convictions. For the past twenty years, her down-to-earth, grounded experience with survivors of Human Trafficking has contributed to changed legislation and practical assistance to trafficked women, men and children in Australia and beyond. As a vital member of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) Margaret continues to bring guidance, wisdom, and compassion in addressing the scourge of modern slavery. We are proud of her enduring commitment to responding to the needs of those who are trafficked.

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Margaret's passion for this ministry is grounded by her deep understanding of interculturality. Her capacity to work at the grassroots level with people, as well as walk the halls of Parliament House advocating for those trafficked, highlights the depth and breadth of her work.

Sr Margaret Ng used the occasion as a call to action, urging: "The question to ask is: are you eating, using or wearing somebody's misery? No matter who and where you are, you can make a difference in the lives of people who have been enslaved."



[WATCH Sr Margaret's Awards](#)

This year's SATAs coincide with two key events: the G20 Summit in South Africa and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November 2025. As we mark 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, ACRATH invites all to participate via our interactive calendar starting today. This campaign encourages you to click, act, and support the United Nations UNiTE initiative, with a focus on the rapidly escalating threat of digital violence against women and girls. [\[LEARN MORE\]](#)

Aligned with these significant dates, the SATAs reinforce the urgent need for structural change to address the root causes of human trafficking and to protect those most at risk.

These celebrations are designed to create bridges and forge international networks, enabling religious Sisters to communicate across continents, languages, and cultures, and to foster a truly global movement against trafficking.

ACRATH continues its legacy by walking alongside survivors, advocating for their rights, educating the public, and raising awareness about human trafficking and modern slavery in Australia and beyond, and forms part of Talitha Kum, the international network of religious Sisters committed to eradicating human trafficking.

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