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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**CRA calls for solidarity with the Australian Jewish community  
in face of increase in antisemitic attacks.**

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), the peak representative body for the Leaders of Religious Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life in Australia, is deeply distressed about the increasing rise and extremity of antisemitic attacks. The discovery of a caravan of explosives in NSW, seemingly intended to target Jewish people, property and places of worship, is especially chilling and sinister, given the potential for large scale loss of life. Any antisemitic attack is despicable; attacks on schools and childcare centres are appalling.

“We utterly condemn these hateful attacks on the Jewish community,” said Br Gerard Brady cfc, President of CRA.

“We urge our members to reach out to the Australian Jewish community in friendship and solidarity. Now more than ever, building up interfaith relations is essential to learn more deeply about the hopes and fears of our Jewish sisters and brothers at this time, along with other people of faith in our local neighbourhoods, together finding ways to work together towards a common goal of a peaceful and harmonious Australia,” he said.

“We commend all efforts to bring to an end this spate of antisemitic attacks, which creates fear and fragments our precious multi-faith and multicultural society. The rule of law must prevail, and the perpetrators be brought to justice,” said Anne Walker, CRA National Executive Director. “We continue to pray for peace, safety and the well-being of the Jewish community and all Australians.”

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