

## CWO e-news April 2008 issue 4

### Please sign the petition on shortage of Catholic Priests in England and Wales

This is mainly about married priests but there is a clause about women's ministry.

View and sign the petition online at

<http://www.petitionthem.com/default.asp?sect=detail&pet=4024>

We Are Church Action in Rome October  
15 2008-04-16

We Are Church are to have an international action in Rome on the occasion of the Bishops' Conference. Members of the groups who make up WOW will join women and men from WE ARE CHURCH in their presence on St. Peter's Square. The date for the action is October 15th, 2008.

If you would like to participate contact

[info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

by 5 May

Once we know how many of us will go to Rome, we can make plans for placards, literature, leaflets, media information, etc.

### WOW (Women's Ordination Worldwide)

16 members of the Steering committee met at The Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Butcher Row, London, E14 8DS 3-6 April.

Some points from the meeting –

A WOW website will be set up very soon.

We Are Church International action in Rome October 2008 (see item to the left)

The next WOW Conference which will be in Los Angeles in 2010.

### Vocation Sunday 13 April Westminster Cathedral Piazza



Despite cold and wet weather, 11 members of London CWO, young and old, gathered with placards and banners. They smiled at the congregation leaving the Cathedral after the service and were met with "thumbs up" and agreement from many of them.

It was a very good natured and happy place to be.

## From Washington DC

### Women's Ordination Conference Gives Pope the Gift of Women's Leadership

April 16 - Today, as Pope Benedict XVI visits our nation's capital on his 81st birthday, the Women's Ordination Conference continues their "Giving the Gift of Women" campaign, urging him to open the doors to women's ordination. A large mobile billboard stating, "Pope Benedict, How long must women wait for equality? Ordain Catholic Women," posted on a truck will follow his engagements in Washington, DC.

"We are disappointed that the pope has missed an opportunity to include women during his stadium Masses as altar servers, which has been approved by the Vatican since 1994," said Aisha Taylor, executive director of the Women's Ordination Conference. "In a tragically familiar pattern, only men - including priests, bishops and cardinals - will be near the altar. That's why we have extended our mobile billboard campaign to circle Nationals Park on the day of the Mass."



On Monday, April 14, the mobile billboard drove from 10:30AM to 6:30PM in Washington, DC, beginning at the National Press Club where WOC hosted a press conference to launch the campaign, and circling the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Headquarters and Catholic University.

Later that night, in conjunction with thirteen similar events around the country, over 100 people attended an inclusive Mass presided by Catholic women, including two recently excommunicated ordained women from St. Louis. During the Mass, attendees gave generous financial support to enable WOC to circulate the mobile billboard outside Nationals Park.

Visit <http://www.womensordination.org/index.html>

### Greenbelt 22 - 25 August 2008 - Cheltenham Racecourse

Greenbelt gives space to a range of issues, especially those that are given little or no debate at other Christian events.

We have booked a stall at this years festival so come and see us if you're visiting the festival.

See <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/> for more details.