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SHOUT,



TO BRING DOWN OUR
CHURCH'S WALLS OF
MISOGYNY"

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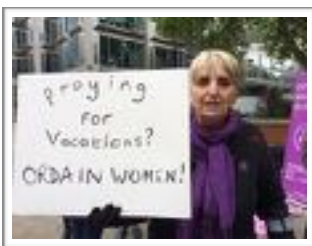
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APOLOGY:

We apologise for missing Alicja Baranowska from the list of delegates at the WOW Steering Committee meeting in Vienna. Amongst those who attended it should have read:

Alicja Baranowska from Brussels but Individual member representing Poland.

Alicja lives in Belgium but operates on her own as sole representative for Poland. This is a difficult and often unsupported role. She is heading up a WOW group looking at stories of women who are called. Anyone wishing to be part of that group can contact her at alicja.baranowska@wp.pl



VOCATIONS SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

We have a choice this year. Please come along and join us at either **Westminster Cathedral** or in Bristol at **Clifton Cathedral!**

See p 7 for details and contact emails.

MARY MCALEESE, Please enjoy reading some words of her magnificent speech, pp 3 - 4!

And may your Eastertide be filled with the hope and joy of the Resurrection as we pray for all women in our Church,

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WHY WOMEN MATTER

If women's place in the Roman Catholic Church matters to you, you will have caught up by now with **Dr. Mary McAleese's** keynote speech, at **Voices of Faith's** conference in Rome on March 8th, **Why Women Matter**.



"The Catholic Church has long since been a primary global carrier of the **virus of misogyny**."

"...paradoxically it is the questioning voices of **educated Catholic women and the courageous men** who support them, which the Church hierarchy simply cannot cope with and scorns rather than engaging in dialogue."

"Today we challenge Pope Francis to develop a credible strategy for the **inclusion of women as equals**

throughout the Church's root and branch infrastructure, including its decision-making. A strategy with targets, pathways and outcomes regularly and independently audited."



"...many will answer that they experience the Church as a **male bastion of patronizing platitudes** to which Pope Francis has

added his quota. John Paul II has written of the 'mystery of women'. Talk to us as equals and we will not be a mystery!"

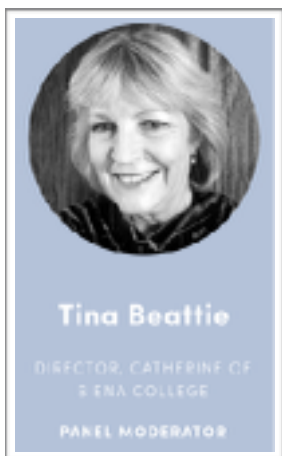


“(Misogyny) has left the Church flapping about awkwardly on one wing when God gave it two. We are entitled to hold our Church leaders to account for this and other egregious abuses of institutional power.”

“Let us be clear, women’s right to equality in the Church arises organically from divine justice. It should not depend on ad hoc papal benevolence.”

“Francis has said a “deeper theology of women” is needed. God knows it would be hard to find a more shallow theology of women than the misogyny dressed up as theology which the magisterium currently hides behind.”

Other speakers included:



“Back in this hall in 1995 the Jesuit Congregation asked God for the grace of conversion from a patriarchal Church to a Church of equals; a Church where women truly matter not on terms designed by men for a patriarchal Church but on terms which make Christ matter. Only such a Church of equals is worthy of Christ. Only such a Church can credibly make Christ matter. The time for that Church is now, Pope Francis.

The time for change is now.”



Listen to Dr McAleese’s speech in full:
<https://voicesoffaith.org>

LINKS



Francis invites change, but we are the change

Mar 13, 2018

by Joan Chittister | Opinion | Vatican



<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/where-i-stand/francis-invites-change-we-are-change>



First female Bishop in Ecumenical Catholic Communion:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/grace-margins/ecumenical-catholic-communion-ordains-its-first-female-bishop>



From the editor's desk

From the editor's desk > Why a rethink of seminary training is long overdue

14 March 2018

Why a rethink of seminary training is long overdue

<http://www.thetablet.co.uk/editors-desk/1/12736/why-a-rethink-of-seminary-training-is-long-overdue>

AND ALSO from The Tablet: Congratulations to CWO Member John McLorinan for his letter on 'lost' churches

I While empathising with the frustration and sorrow of those in parishes without priests (Letters, 10 March), I feel Chris Magner's remedy is flawed. Much worthy architecture may have been abandoned, but the buildings are not the Church – the people are, in that they are the Body of Christ. Maybe the Spirit is calling us to return to the early days of liturgies in homes? I doubt that such parishes are left as orphans. It would be very rare for such parishes not to contain at least one person, either male or female, married or single, able with formation to assume the role and responsibility of priesthood. J.S.F. McLORINAN WESTON8SUPER8MARE, SOMERSET

CWO NEWS



"Created Equal" which was mentioned in the last eNews, is a gripping film about the story of a young Catholic nun who goes to court in the USA to challenge the Catholic Church to allow her to enter seminary and become a Catholic priest. Alejandra Batista, a Mexican teaching sister, is in trouble with her superior for telling the little girls in her care that girls should be able to be priests. She is moved from her school and is sent to visit the elderly so she can't cause trouble. When she decides to take the Catholic Church to court, young brash lawyer Tommy Reilly represents her. The misogyny of the Cardinals who argue against her is shocking but not surprising, but the hatred she elicits from a man whose anger towards women knows no bounds adds an interesting twist to her story.

Available on Amazon- this would be a really useful film to watch in our CWO groups and promote to Art House Cinemas to raise the issue. The American context does jar at times, but the personality of the young sister makes it a

believable story- could we hope one day for a legal challenge?

My Y8 students have been learning how the Pope is chosen- and they are not impressed! So they have decided for International Women's Day to write to Pope Francis to explain how this system could be improved! Clearly, the voices of women need to be heard in the voting, so we have women and men elected from parishes to vote. Speeches of the Cardinals (male and female) need to be on social media so everyone can hear them. And we don't want white smoke- we reckon pink is good!! I showed them the clip of Pink Smoke over the Vatican from WOW, and they agreed that was better. I will let CWO know if we get a reply from the Pope!

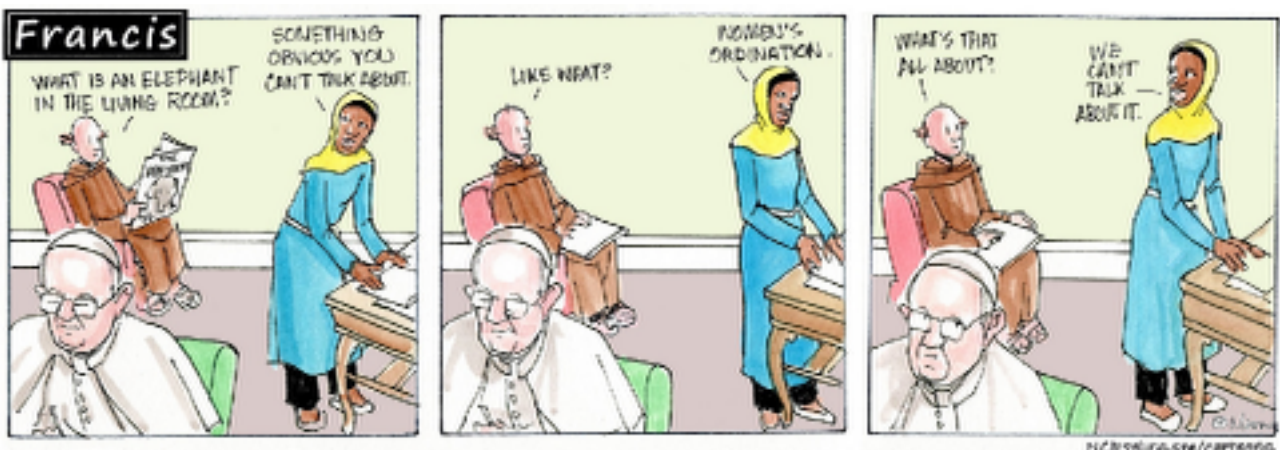
Many thanks to **Katharine Salmon** for this.



NODDFA

With regret, the retreat at Noddfa has had to be cancelled this year, as our numbers were insufficient to justify the house booked.

Watch this space for 2019!



COME & JOIN US!

PRAYER VIGIL VOCATIONS SUNDAY

22nd April, 2018

Westminster Cathedral Piazza

10.00 - 12.15

info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk



and



Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

09.00 - 11.15

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Jean Palmer
Elizabeth Rendall
Maureen Brown
Tissa Balasuriya
Jack Sutcliffe
Pat Regini
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Pam Skelton
Robert Kaggwa
Mike Ward
Anne Hepburn
Peter Nelson
Stanley Baxter
David Konstant
Eileen Sikorski

Pray for us



PRAYER LINK

Wednesday between 6.00 and 7.00pm, please pray for CWO, its members and its mission.

Saturdays at noon, join with women and men all over the world to pray for the work of Women's Ordination Worldwide (WOW).

Please take part in one or both of these prayer networks if and when you can.

THE CWO PRAYER

Moved by a compulsion of the Holy Spirit, we cannot remain ignorant of this injustice in our midst.

We long for all humanity to be acknowledged as equal, particularly among your community of the church, so we pray grieving for the lost gifts of so many women.

We ask you, God of all peoples, to bring insight and humility to all those in positions of dominance, and an understanding that the ascended Lord called us all to act doing Christ's work here and now.

We ask this of you, God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, Spirit our Sustainer.

CWO MERCHANDISE

These items are great way to advertise CWO without costing you very much. I often see people in my rear view mirror admiring the wit of my car sticker!

You can leave the pens lying around in places where it might be difficult to leave a CWO leaflet. The badges attract a lot of attention with the slogan based on the letters of ROME. We now have mugs which as well as being practical are a good way of advertising CWO. You might like to send one to your bishop!

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AWAKENING

Catholic Women's Ordination from the Public Square,

by Myra Poole and Pippa Bonner.

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address as above for CWO Merchandise

