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WOMEN AT THE ALTAR?



THE EVIDENCE!

DR. ALLY KATEUSZ

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Suddenly, everyone is talking about women's true place in the Church. CWO has been run off its feet keeping up with people who want to know more, from individual enquirers to groups and organisations. Come and help, if you can! Or consider standing for NatCog (our National Co-ordinating Committee) at our **Annual Gathering, 5th Oct.** Best of all, come and hear the amazing research of **Dr Ally Kateusz**, Women at the Altar? The Evidence. We are proud to welcome her!

Onwards and upwards,

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CWO Annual Gathering

Women at the Altar: The Evidence



Quaker Meeting House, 40 Bull St, Birmingham, B4 6AF

Saturday 5th October, 2019

Registration essential:

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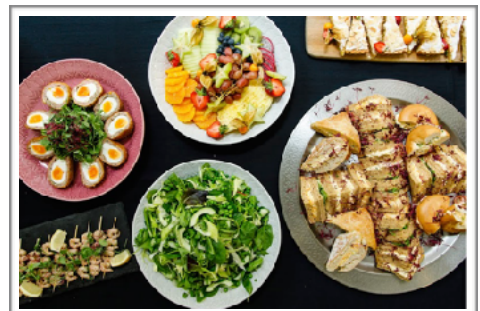
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- 10.30 CWO members gather for
- 11.00 CWO AGM.
- 13.00 Lunch - **all welcome!** - with
- 13.50 **Dr. Ally Kateusz:** presentation and discussion
- 16.00 Closing liturgy
- 16.30. Depart



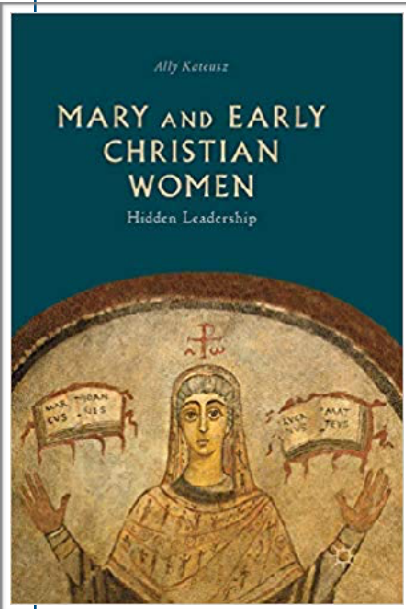
all welcome!

no need to be a member



Dr. Ally Kateusz

Research Associate at the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research



After a hugely successful book launch in Rome that appeared in The Tablet, National Catholic Reporter, Irish Independent, The Daily Beast and national newspapers, Dr Kateusz will present her ground-breaking research. It provides the evidence Pope Francis has claimed he needs.

CWO is delighted to welcome her. Come and join us and **FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT!**



The three oldest artefacts depicting Christians at the altar all show gender-parallel presiders, women and men. Ally explains.



Why did the Vatican hide the evidence? Ally poses the question. What's the answer?



CWO Members:

You will soon

be receiving your papers for the AGM
and Annual Gathering 5th October.

Do please look out for them - and come!

The mood is changing. People are starting
to ask out loud

WHERE ARE OUR WOMEN?



(reproduced with kind permission from Pat Marrin and NCR)

HERE WE ARE!

CWO and Parishioners' Call at the NJPN Conference



CWO and our sister-organisation Parishioners' Call were delighted to join forces at the National Justice and Peace Network Conference at Swanwick in July. Some comments:

"A very encouraging conference with a call for a future NJPN conference on women and the church."

"Many women said they were delighted to see CWO there at last. Some were delighted to know it existed. "

"100% of those I spoke with were strongly in favour of shared ministry. Conversations at the stall were non-stop on Friday evening."

"When a Sister I was talking to at supper heard I was there for CWO, she actually clapped!"

Thanks so much to Lisa, Chris, Katharine, Pam, Pat, Olive, Sue, Cathy, Rhiannon and all who helped with the CWO & PC stall. And most especial thanks to NJPN for inviting us! We look forward to next year.



NJPN participants taking a break

...and CWO are in increasing demand

Upcoming events:



Pam will be speaking at the Catholic Peoples' Summer All-Age Week at Malvern - quick, there may still be a couple of places left:

<https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/events/2019/summer-week-malvern>

Rhiannon and Geoff will be part of an informal workshop on Women and the Church with the Lay Community of St Benedict at Worth Abbey.

<http://www.laybenedictines.org>



Pam will represent Parishioners' Call and CWO at The People's Synod with Catholic Church Reform International, CCRI, in September:

<https://thepeoplesynod.org>

... and on 26th October you can join our own Katharine Salmon of CWO and Mike Kerrigan of MMaC at Parishioners' Call in Salisbury:

Re-envisioning the Priesthood.

parishionerscall@theclose.org.uk



stop press!

Great conference with the amazing Mary McAleese, ex President of Ireland, and the awesome Sam Hall, known as Sam the Trans Man, both parents and firm advocates of family. Come and join the Quest family in Winchester. Also, come and say goodbye to our current Chair, Ruby Almeida, who will be stepping down after several years. Application form available on the Quest website under conferences <http://questlgbti.uk/>



Quest
2019 Conference
Friday 9th - Sunday 11th August

Family Matters
Rainbow Parenting & The Catholic Church

Speakers: Dr Mary McAleese & Dr Sam Hall

Venue: The University of Winchester



Rose Hudson-Wilson
has been named next Bishop of Dover.

CWO wrote to congratulate her and she replied:

"Thank you for taking the time to drop me a line. It is greatly appreciated. Your words of encouragement will be kept on my heart....Prayers for the ordination of women in the Catholic Church will continue."

WOC granted status to UN

← **WomensOrdinationConf**
4,884 Tweets



WomensOrdinationConf
@OrdainWomen

Women's Ordination Conference: A voice for women's equality in the Catholic Church since 1975.

WOC Granted Consultative Status at the United Nations

We are pleased to announce today that for the first time the Women's Ordination Conference has been granted consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

We spent several years sharing our work and mission with committees of the United Nations as part of their extensive application process, and consider this decision a very significant achievement for WOC.

Having consultative status will be essential in our advocacy for women's equality, as it offers us a platform to influence decision-makers at the highest levels by delivering statements, participating in negotiations and meetings, and holding side events at the UN, such as at the Commission on the Status of Women meetings.

We will have new opportunities to engage with global faith-based organizations working for women's rights, and continue our witness as Catholics who uphold the values of social justice, radical inclusion and feminist theology for a more just Church and world.

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Founded in 1975, the Women's Ordination Conference (WOC) is the oldest and largest organization that works to ordain women as deacons, priests, and bishops into an inclusive and accountable Catholic Church.



ACTA - A Call To Action

"Diarmuid O'Murchu is a spiritual genius." -- Richard Rohr, author.

Diarmuid O'Murchu

Richard Rohr



**Don't miss the opportunity to hear Diarmuid O'Murchu
in Manchester on Saturday 12th October
at the ACTA National Conference.**

Everyone welcome - no need to be an ACTA member to attend.

Dairmuid's books and writings are very well known, but the chance to spend the day with him in England is rare. We all know how the spirituality of vast numbers of Christians (and non-Christians) has been enriched by the flowering of interest in **meditation** and **contemplation** and **mindfulness** in recent years. One of the foremost teachers and practitioners in that movement is Richard Rohr, whose Centre for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico in the USA is world famous. Rohr is a Franciscan priest with an immense online following around the world.

All the details are on the website acalltoaction.org.uk.

Welcome to **Be the Change, NZ!**

CWO warmly commends a new group for women's
gender equality in New Zealand

Be the Change

27 June 2019

Who are we?

We are a group of women and men committed to gender equity in the Catholic Church. Inspired by the Women's Ordination Movement internationally, we want to become a supportive group for women in New Zealand called to particular ministries currently denied women, or which women find difficult to access, including priesthood, the diaconate, mediating the sacraments, giving homilies etc.

While woman priesthood was the issue we originally gathered around, we are still discerning what this might mean, or how this might happen. We want to continue nurturing the formation of our community, build relationships, and mission our vision, all the while being open to how the Spirit may move among us.

We are motivated by a sense of responsibility to ***Be the Change***.

Sparked by the visit to New Zealand of Catholic Priest Paula Hoeffler, from Cincinnati, Ohio, USA over Easter 2019, *Be the Change* is brand new; the Spirit is afire in us!

If you would like to know more, contact Louise Shanly louise.shanly@gmail.com, coordinator, or Christina Reymer cmreymer@xtra.co.nz, spokesperson.



Paula Hoeffler, RCWP

CWO SAINTS

Mary MacKillop
Ruth Norton
John Hatfield
Celia Greenwood
Michael O'Gara
Sheila Houlihan
Mary Daly
Estelle White
Pat McCarron
Marcella Althaus-Reid
Astrid Klemz
Jean Palmer
Elizabeth Rendall
Maureen Brown
Tissa Balasuriya
Jack Sutcliffe
Pat Regini
Mary Ann Schoettly
Pam Skelton
Robert Kaggwa
Mike Ward
Anne Hepburn
Peter Nelson
Stanley Baxter
David Konstant
Eileen Sikorski
Fr Kevin Kelly
Fr Owen Hardwicke
Jackie Hawkins
Peter Seddon
Veronica Seddon
Sr. Catherine Houlihan

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! says *Pat Brown*.

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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Biro - CWO logo, website and phone no	Purple with silver lettering Black ink		0.80	
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AWAKENING

Catholic Women's Ordination from the Public Square,

by Myra Poole and Pippa Bonner.

£10.00 post free, from info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk

address as above for CWO Merchandise

