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MISSING?



WE'RE HERE!

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What a joy it was to know that we were part of a **worldwide call** asking **WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?** on Vocations Sunday, 12th May.



Here in Britain we tripled our numbers from last year, involving friends from other campaigning bodies such as Parishioners' Call, ACTA and MMaC, with prayer vigils at **Westminster, Clifton** Bristol and also at **St Chad's** Birmingham. And our reception was more positive than ever. "Thank you!" was something we heard a lot!

Please also get our **DATES IN YOUR DIARY**, most especially for the fascinating work of **Dr Ally Kateusz** at our **Annual Gathering on 5th Oct**, in deciphering through art women's true place in the early Church.

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

what we heard...

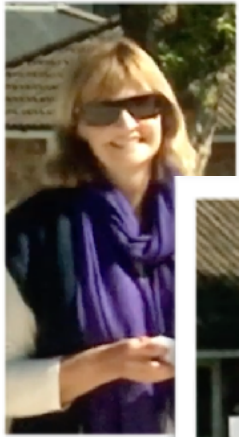
Women's ordination would divide the Church!

Totally in favour! Can you do us a selfie, please?

I think my friends would really like to hear about this!



CLIFTON CATHEDRAL BRISTOL



Glorious sunshine, beautiful day!



People were 90 - 95% positive towards us and our message.

BBC
Radio
Bristol

talked to us in the morning, and BBC TV
Points West carried us in their News, p7.
Click [here](#) to hear them:
<https://catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk>



what we heard...

Men are the pack leaders and women's role is to bring up the children and do the cooking.

It'll come. It has to come!



You haven't had a life if you want women priests

from someone who took a prayer leaflet, then turned around and came back to say:

This is the way it has to go

The more women,
the better!
Thank you!

AND THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT ST CHAD'S, BIRMINGHAM



asking **WHERE ARE the WOMEN?**



AND AT WALSINGHAM

AND WORLDWIDE



“Approximately:
- married priests in 5 years,
- women priests in 15-20.
The church will change
theology when it is
expedient!”
Christina Rees. OBE



Click [here](https://catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk) to watch BBC Points West News on Vocations Sunday on our website and to listen to us talking to Jonathan Ray, BBC Radio Bristol, 12th May:
<https://catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk>

LONDON GROUP STOP PRESS!



OUR THANKS TO

SUE WILLIAMSON,
member of CWO since
its foundation in 1994
who is stepping down for a
well-deserved rest from
London Organiser, and

MIRIAM DUIGNAN
Communications
Director of the
Wingaards Institute
who is picking up the reins.

More about it in our next issue!

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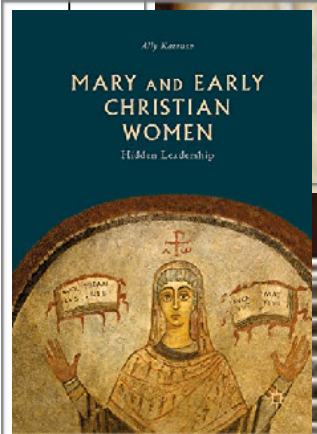
"The Catholic Church tries to shut down the discussion of women priests by saying Jesus chose men as his apostles at the Last Supper, and therefore only men are allowed to be priests.

But we could as easily say that the Risen Christ appeared first to a woman and told her to go tell the men, and therefore only women are allowed to bring the Good News to men."

-Melinda Gates,
"The Moment of Lift"



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! ANNUAL GATHERING ALLY KATEUSZ



CWO are **delighted** to welcome

Dr. Ally Kateusz

The Priory Rooms, Birmingham, B4 6AF

Sat 5th Oct, 2019

CWO A.G.M. 10.30 - 13.00

Lunch and Speaker 13.00 - 16.30

DIARY DATES



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

Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* makes the case that the complex realities that families face today are singularly different from those of the past (AL32). Nowhere is this more the case than in respect of Rainbow families, e.g. children raised by same-sex couples; children raised by an opposite-sex couple where at least one partner is gay or lesbian; heterosexual parents raising an LGBT + child or children, a transgender parent and grandparent, etc.

Scientific research consistently shows that LGBT + parents are as fit and capable as heterosexual parents, and their children are as psychologically healthy and well-adjusted as those reared by heterosexual parents, and yet the Catholic Church has consistently emphasised the importance of heterosexual parenting to the detriment of LGBT + parenting.

In Matthew 12:48-50, Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are outside, asking for him. His answer is immediate: "Who are my mother and my brothers?" With unequivocal clarity Jesus turned his gaze to those around him and determines that his true family is composed of those who sit around him and listen to him, not blood relatives who are "outside". This true family overcomes every barrier and is able to embrace people of every culture, ethnicity, colour, language, sexuality and gender. It is 'the family of God' as Jesus defines it: those who gather around his word.

OUR SPEAKERS: To discuss and explore the issues relating to Rainbow families we are delighted to welcome as our speakers at the 2019 Conference, **DR MARY MCALEESE** - 8th President of Ireland (1997-2011), mother of a gay son, Justin, an advocate for equality in the Church and LGBT rights, and a doctor in canon law. Dr McAleese will be joined **DR SAMUEL HALL**, who describes himself on his Twitter page as doctor, parent, feminist & human rights activist with big ideas for the future of humanity and care of the planet. He is known to readers of G Scene, Brighton's LGBT magazine, as Sam the Trans Man.

Requests for subsidised places - which are limited in number - should be submitted no later than 28th February 2019. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Successful applicants will be contacted in March.

The Applications form is available on the Questwebsite under conferences <http://questlgbti.uk>.

DIARY DATES



NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK

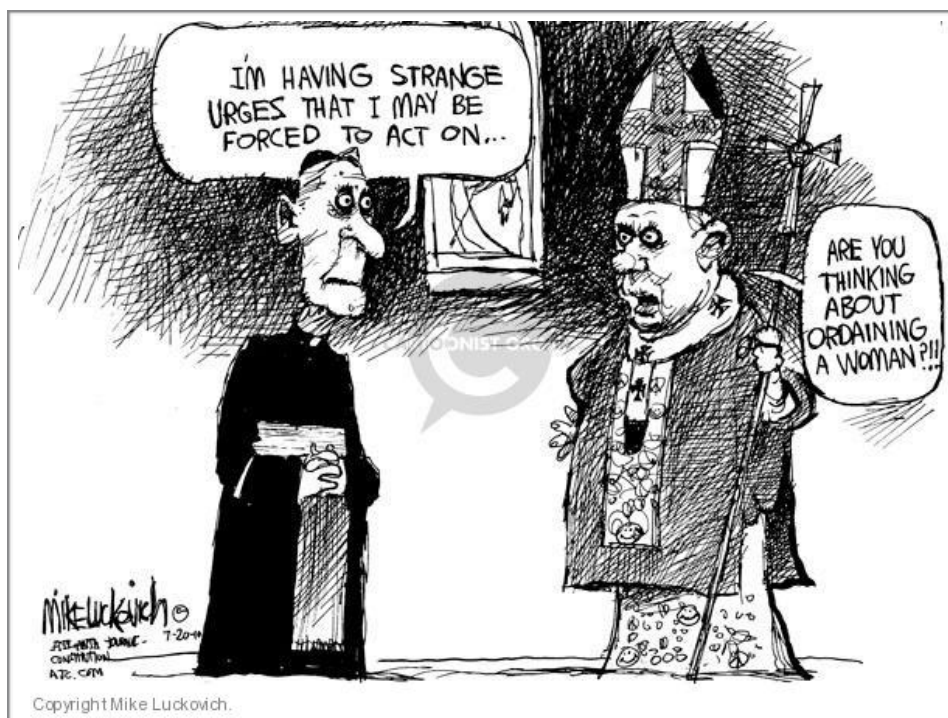
41st Annual Justice and Peace Conference

26-28 July 2019

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

National Justice and Peace Network with Church Action on Poverty

Forgotten People
Forgotten Places
BEING CHURCH ON THE MARGINS



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!

		how many	unit cost	total
Biro - CWO logo, website and phone no	Purple with silver lettering Black ink		0.80	
Car sticker CWO logo website and phone number	Purple on cream		1.50	
Mug CWO logo website "CWO's my cup of tea"	Purple on white Buy for your office, church tea room, meeting room		4.50 each 3 for £12 10 for £35	
P & P *see below				
Donation (optional)				
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY				
Name				
Delivery address				
Post code				
Contact email or telephone number				
Send to Pat Brown, 4 West Park Gardens, Leeds, LS8 2HD				

***Postage and packing**

orders up to £10	3.00
orders £10 - 20	5.00
orders over £20	free

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

