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Challenging Institutional Sexism in the Roman Catholic Church

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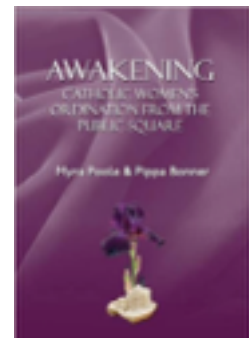
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CWO BOOK LAUNCH!

AWAKENING Catholic Women's Ordination from the Public Square,
by *Myra Poole and Pippa Bonner*

LONDON on Sat 6th February at St Andrews, Short Street
(opposite The Young Vic), Waterloo. 2.00—4.00pm

LEEDS on Sat 12th March, at Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane,
Leeds, LS1 6HW 2.00—4.00



Please come! and Forward the invitation to your friends. This book is the fruit of 20 years of CWO's prayer, campaign and comradeship. Myra and Pippa hope to see you there - read on!

Warmest thanks also to all who've sent articles, news or links. Please keep them coming. This newsletter is yours, and it's a joy to put it together,

Mary Ring, Editor

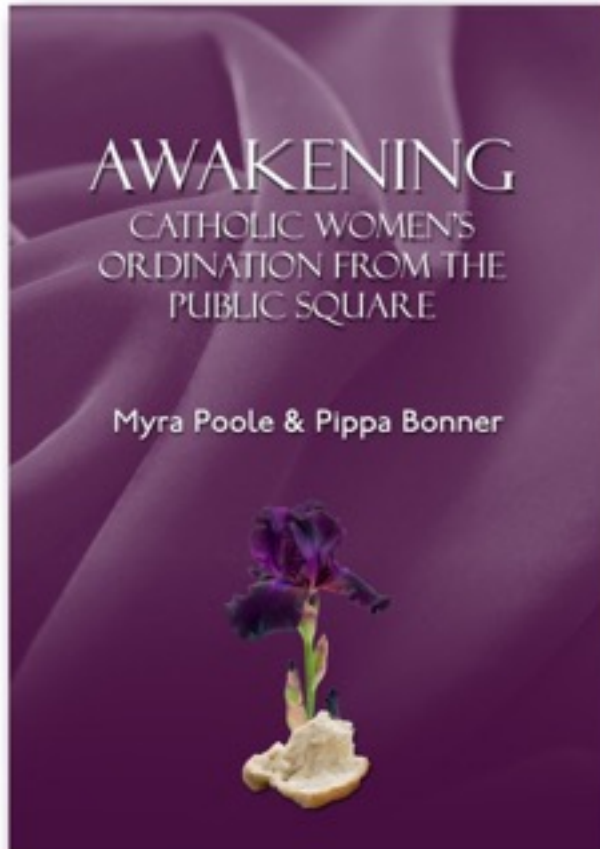
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual." Mark Twain.

'A remarkable contribution to solving women's inequality as one of the biggest problems within the Catholic Church today'.

*Luca Badini Confalonieri, PhD in Theology (Dunelm),
Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research*



ISBN 978-1-910406-20-5

Published by: Fisher King Publishing
RRP UK £9.99

'Lively, informative and accessibly written, it offers a resource to thoughtful Catholics seeking tools to rethink the renewal of the church and women's transformed role and place within it'.

Alana Harris, Teaching Fellow in Modern British History, King's College, London

At the Piazza of Westminster on Vocations Sunday in 1994, a group representing the CWO (Catholic Womens Ordination) gathered in quiet protest. Purple is the chosen colour of the organisation to denote mourning for the lost gifts of women in the Roman Catholic Church and as a sign of the dignity of the royal priesthood of women. This liturgy of covering the front of Westminster Cathedral with a purple cloth and a purple Iris was to cleanse the RC Church from its all-male control. This was further emphasised during this liturgy by seven minutes of silence to signify the exclusion of women from administering publically all seven sacraments.

Our protest continues.

'I warmly commend this book to all those who are engaged in current discussions about the role of women and men, clerical and lay, in the Church's mission to the world'.

Una Kroll, author and formerly a Church of England priest. Now an urban solitary in life vows, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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AWAKENING: Catholic Women's Ordination from the Public Square

Myra Poole and Pippa Bonner

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Our first launch will be in London:

LONDON Sat. 6th February at St Andrews, Short Street, SE1 8LJ
(opposite The Young Vic), Waterloo, 2.00—4.00pm.
To be followed by going for a meal nearby, as usual.



Pippa and Myra hope to see as many of you as possible there as we want this book to be widely read and discussed.

And the next is in Leeds:



LEEDS Sat 12th March, at Holy Trinity Church Upper Room, Boar Lane, LS1 6HW, very close to Leeds railway station. 2.00—4.00pm
Again, followed by going for a meal nearby for those who wish.

This book is not like other books that have been written on this topic. We're hoping it will stimulate fresh interest. We are urging members to set up discussion groups, with both CWO members and non-members and let us know people's responses. There are discussion points at the end of each chapter.

We also hope to arrange book launches and discussions in other parts of the country – e.g. Leeds, Birmingham, South West and Wales, and any other part of the country that asks us. An electronic flier is attached to your CWO link email for distribution.

The book is based on over 20 years' experience of bringing this topic to public notice and the hazards this entails. It is written in six chapters (152 pages) and does not need to be read chronologically. The Chapter headings speak for themselves as they open up different vistas on the root of the problem. The authors are committed to remaining within the Catholic Church, but recognise that women's ministry, in its fullest inclusive sense, will only happen in a renewed Church. The book includes contributions from CWO members. It is written primarily for the general educated reader who is interested in a deeper understanding of this struggle and the important part it plays in highlighting the present theology on women, in the Catholic Church, that underpins the reasons for violence against women and their worldwide poverty.

Chapter 1 Awakening to Public Action

Chapter 2 Awakening from Loss towards Resilience.

Chapter 3 Awakening to Spiritual Growth.

Chapter 4 Awakening to the 'Defective' Tradition on Women

Chapter 5 Awakening to 'Symbolic Shifts' in Feminist Theology.

Chapter 6. Awakening to New Visions of Church.



**Please forward the flier,
and invite your friends!**

Myra

and

Pippa

Women's Ordination Worldwide

WORKING FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND ORDINATION
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: 'THERE IS NEITHER JEW
NOR GREEK, THERE IS NO LONGER SLAVE OR FREE,
THERE IS NO LONGER MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU
ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS'. GALATIANS 3:28

Women's Ordination Worldwide was established 20 years ago. *writes Pat Brown*. We have exciting plans to mark our anniversary. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers who would like to help us set up a temporary office in Rome for 2 weeks from May 22nd to June 5th when we will be campaigning and holding vigils during the Jubilee events for deacons and priests as part of Pope Francis' declared Year of Mercy.



We may be able to set up a "WOW shop" at a venue to be confirmed. Possible action could include a roundtable discussion with prominent activists and scholars to raise awareness of the importance of women being involved in decision making and all forms of ministry with the Catholic Church.

The much anticipated Women's Ordination Worldwide - Gender, Gospel & Global Justice conference footage is now available for rent or purchase online for personal or educational use. Many of the transcripts will soon be available online, and may be bought together as a collection or individually. To rent or purchase ten high definition videos, click here <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/wow2015>

STOP PRESS!

WOW Press Statement 25th Jan 2016



WOW welcomes Pope Francis' call to include women in foot washing ceremonies and hopes it signifies a bolder approach to ending sexist exclusion

Women's Ordination Worldwide (WOW) welcomes Pope Francis' formal decree confirming that women can and should be part of Holy Thursday foot washing ceremonies. We commend Pope Francis for moving our Church one step closer to the inclusiveness modelled by Jesus.

This may seem like a small move forward because women have already been included in this rite for many years in some churches. The fact that it is still prohibited by some parish priests around the world betrays the reality of the challenge women face at a local level, with many Church officials refusing to include women in the Last Supper commemoration.

Decrees such as this one from Pope Francis are important, because they send an official signal to the entire Catholic world that change, even when it is incremental, is happening. Jesus was taught the symbolic ritual of feet washing by a woman and we know that there were women present at his last Passover meal on Holy Thursday. If we are to be truly faithful to our tradition, women must be included in all our rituals and sacraments and we must continue to challenge those clerics who cling to their own interpretation of tradition, based on sexism alone. As Pope Francis warned earlier this week, those 'who say "it's always been done that way," and stop there have hearts closed to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. They are idolaters and rebels will never arrive at the fullness of the truth'.

We eagerly anticipate the day when women, head, heart, hands and feet will be fully welcome in the sacramental and governing leadership of our Church.'

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The Archbishop of Toledo blames domestic violence on 'disobedient wives':

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/archbishop-domestic-violence-spain_us_568bc89ee4b06fa6888374d8

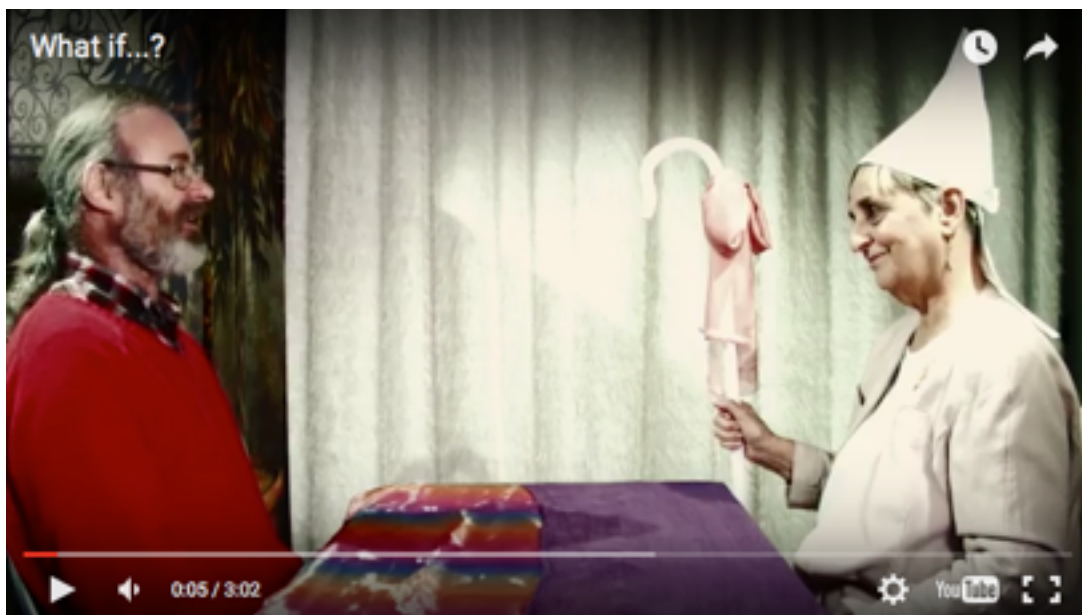
<http://www.thelocal.es/20160105/archbishop-blames-domestic-violence-on-wives-not-obeying-husbands>



"Often, the macho reaction comes about because [the woman] asked for a separation," said Archbishop Braulio Rodríguez Plaza of Toledo on 27 Dec, adding that a majority of domestic abuse deaths occur because the marriages are not "true", and because a man "does not accept" his partner. The Twittersphere took off, and protests were held across Madrid, including this die-in.



If you've not been on our own CWO website for a while, you may have missed *What If...?*



<http://www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk/index.html>

Dear Friends and Family,

Epiphany 2016



2015 the Synopsis: I was struck down with a touch of Non Hodgkins Lymphoma in my face early in January 2015. It took a while to get everything into gear but I was eventually given a diagnosis, courtesy of a fortnight in Lincoln County Hospital in May, and spent the rest of spring/summer in chemo and radiotherapy - picking up a separate diagnosis of Total-Heart-Block (I know, I know) and the requisite pacemaker along the way. I have delayed my newsletter this year in the hope of being able to share the results of my exit PET scan. I received the phone call this morning. All Clear. Hoorah! Getting fit again is taking a while, but I am looking forward to being more active in early 2016. They say that for the lucky ones, cancer takes a year out of your life. A year and a day to be precise.

In the meantime, I have been thrilled and in much wonderment at the support of family and friends who have rallied around to enable me to continue my life in the hermitage with minimum disruption. Names are too many, and I am sure to miss someone out, so, generally, abundant thanks to my family for the regular visits, phone calls, and support in hospital clinics, making sure I asked the essential questions and remembered the essential answers; also for the provision of a cleaner & gardener to keep SCH shipshape for the duration. And to friends, local and distant, for visits, messages, cards and practical support. A particular mention perhaps to my FB friends: my presence on Facebook raises the occasional eyebrow of those who imagine religious hermits to be bearded cave-dwellers, avid eschewers of all things technological. Without the day-to-day encouragement and emotional support abundantly offered by friends on social media, this journey would have been very much more difficult. Thank you everyone!

In other news: It wouldn't be an odd-numbered year without a visit from some sort of press representative. 2015 was the year of Reuters, in the person of a young independent photo journalist (Neil Hall) who hoped to be able to offer the story to Head Office in Singapore. He was prepared to duck & dive around my most debilitating treatments and eventually produced a mash-up of hermitage highlights in which Mrs Hennypenny is pleased to be playing a starring role. The published version is available here: <http://watch.reuters.tv/1b0> and here: <http://widerimage.reuters.com/story/out-of-the-cave-and-onto-facebook> with follow-ups courtesy of the independent here: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/sister-rachel-denton-why-i-founded-a-one-nun-hermitage-a6706916.html> and the BBC World Service, here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p039z0nt> (from 37 mins onwards) . As ever, I am moved by the interest in the eremitical life, in places and cultures far removed from my own. If anybody would like to know the backstory behind "practicing for hours by myself throwing a ball at the wall" then I would be happy to enlighten you. Believe me, context is everything!

My year has been so occupied by all the medical stuff, that I have very little else to report, so a somewhat shorter letter than usual. On the plus side, I am looking forward to being able to keep my health out of the news for the foreseeable. A round of relieved applause!

Blessings and prayers for your own good health & well-being throughout the coming year. There are folk close to me who have not been so fortunate in their prognosis. I hold them in the glow of my recovery prayers, and would ask you to pray for them too.



Rachel M Denton +

Hermit of the Diocese of Nottingham

<http://www.stcuthbertshouse.co.uk/>



'A POOR CHURCH FOR THE POOR?'

Leeds Trinity University, March 5, 11:00 – 17:30

Lunch and refreshments are included



This major conference is being organised by Lascasas Institute of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford. It will be an exploration of the pope's exhortation for the Church to become 'A poor Church, for the poor'.

There will be keynote addresses and workshops exploring what this might mean for us here in the UK.

With speakers such as Timothy Radcliffe and Fr. Michael Czerny (from the Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace) it promises to be a popular event. The conference is free to attend (including lunch – although there will be a collection) but it is essential to register by using Eventbrite, where you can also read more details about the conference:-

More info and booking

Timothy Radcliffe OP

Well-known writer and Director of Lascasas Institute.

Fr. Michael Czerny SJ

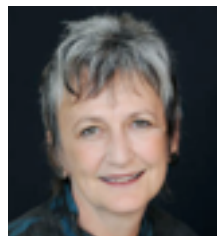
Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

Julia Unwin

Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Michael Houghton-Brown

Chief Executive of Depaul UK



ATTENDANCE is FREE;
REGISTRATION is VITAL!

<http://www.leedsjp.org.uk/>

A recommendation to read Diarmuid O 'Murchu's 'Inclusivity: a Gospel Mandate'

During an advent retreat at Noddfa, the participants were introduced to some of the ideas in one of Diarmuid's recent books. As well as critiquing what happened after the Resurrection and basically showing that Luke's account could well be a patriarchal fantasma of Pentecost, Diarmuid shows that the role of women was crucial in maintaining the message of Jesus and reaffirming the Resurrection.

Diarmuid has many interesting chapters in his book, but the chapter heading that was particularly arresting was 'The Women who threaten Patriarchy'. Diarmuid often becomes very poetic in trying to express his main ideas. One of the verses found towards the end of the aforementioned chapter contains the following lines:....

'Beyond all the theories that time has construed,

Beyond the oppression we have too long endured.

The first ones commissioned for Easter proclaim

A woman-led mission we've brutally maimed.

But we can't keep subverting empowerment.

....What women empowered at the dawning
breakthrough

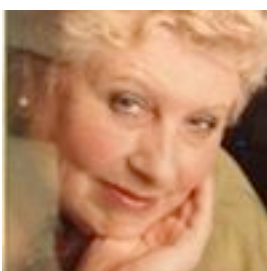
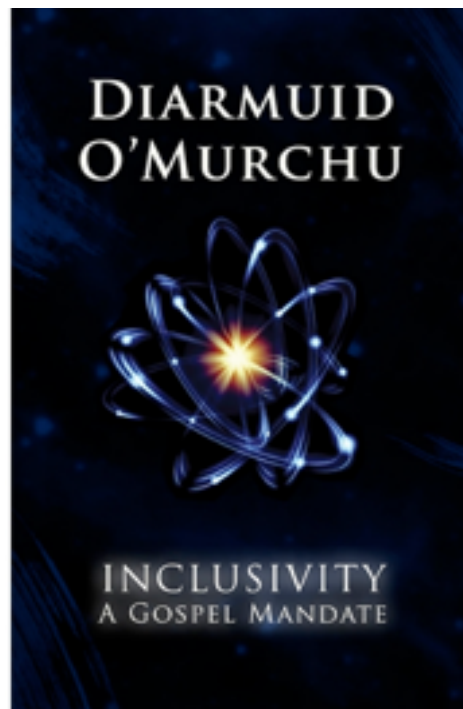
Will bear fruit in season

Despite all the treason.

'Cos justice will render what deserves to endure.

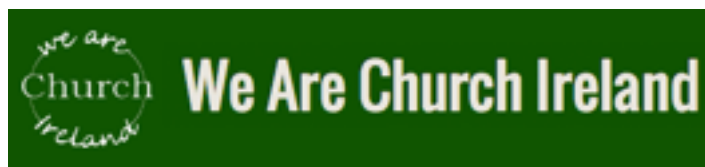
Diarmuid goes on to say that 'Not until the women are themselves included will the Christian conscience be at peace'. Diarmuid points out that we all have to be aware of not colluding with patriarchal values, especially those women who succeed in what once were male spheres. What Diarmuid calls for is 'The Companionship of Empowerment where 'the perennial examples of Gospel female initiative are paradigmatic ... for the transformation of all humans, male and female alike'.

Some other interesting chapters include 'Subversive Companionship' and 'The Inclusive Table'. This book merits some in-depth study which the staff at Noddfa are already participating in. It would be most worthwhile if some of us could find the time to get together to discuss this book. I am also aware that Myra's and Pippa's book merits plenty of discussion, but Diarmuid does offer a very in-depth take of some of the historical narratives.



It may be useful to compare and contrast the insights of both Diarmuid's book 'Inclusivity' and the 'Awakening' book by Myra and Pippa. Happy reading.

Sue Williamson



2015: A good year for reform

My three best memories for 2015 are:

1. The 62% YES vote in the Marriage Equality Referendum in May! What a joyous and truly Christian result that was! Some of our church leaders wanted a NO vote to reserve marriage exclusively for heterosexual couples and procreation. But a large majority, led by the young people of Ireland, showed true Christian values are alive and well in Ireland!



2. Pope Francis called off the CDF inquisition into the women religious (LCWR) in the USA. And Pope Francis met the LCWR leaders in person to thank them for the good work they are doing working with the poor and marginalised. It is shocking that this inquisition was ever launched. But it came from the same Vatican that welcomed Cardinal Bernard Law and promoted him to high and luxurious offices after he fled justice in the USA where he led the cover up of sexual abuse by priests in his Boston diocese.

3. Twelve Irish priests called for an open discussion on the role of women in the RC Church, including ordained ministry. Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have tried to declare this topic closed. And Pope Francis is so far not prepared to open the door which his two predecessors closed without any proper discussion on this very important issue. In April 1976 the Pontifical Biblical Commission declared that there was nothing in the gospels to justify the exclusion of women from priestly ordination. As Pope Francis has said many times: what we need is dialogue, dialogue, dialogue! Especially on this important issue.

My three most disappointing memories from 2015 are:

1. Fr Tony Flannery is still out of ministry and officially "silenced", as are 5 other Irish priests. Despite Pope Francis pointing in the right direction for reform, the CDF still wields its power and enforces all aspects of Canon Law.

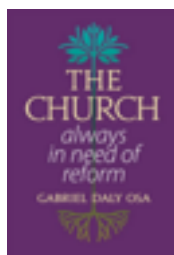
2. Not one woman was allowed to vote at the Synod on the Family. Only celibate males were allowed to vote. A Brother who was not a priest but was head of an order was allowed to vote. But none of the Sisters who were heads of orders and attended the Synod were allowed to vote!

3. Pope Francis again and again calls for discussion, discussion, discussion - but he refuses to allow any discussion on women priests! He appears to consider opinions of his two predecessors to be binding on him when they certainly are not.

<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=34d172089ecb3aec936c6626b&id=1d35b508f2&e=8acb5b02d2>

Editor of WAC Ireland Colm Holmes sends us their link, above, to their December 2015 Newsletter, packed full of thoughtful insights and reporting. **Don't miss** his list of the Top Ten Christian Leaders in Ireland, 2015, based on WAC Ireland's 5 goals, Governance; Women; Conscience; Celibacy; LGBT.

Nor the account of Fr Gabriel Daly's new book, ***THE CHURCH; always in need of reform.***



"Francis may instinctively shy away from direct confrontation, but the CDF will have to be shown who is in charge, if reform is to come about"

Theologian Fr Gabriel Daly OSA "The Church: Always in need of reform" Page 296, (Dominican Publications) (2015)

**CWO Annual Noddfa Retreat
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Pippa Bonner



The Cinnamon Trust

The National Charity for the elderly, the terminally ill and their pets

Over a period of many years, when I lived in London, I used to take the Eucharist to people who were unable, for reasons of age or ill-health, to attend Sunday Mass. I saw this as a very important part of my own spiritual life, as well as being of benefit to the people I visited, and when I moved to Wales five years ago I missed it greatly. But I have found a new and much less obvious apostolate.



Three years ago I joined the Cinnamon Trust, a charity based in Cornwall but active throughout the UK. It provides volunteers to look after animals - usually but not invariably dogs or cats - for elderly or disabled people. This means that, whatever their state of health or mobility, they are able to keep their beloved pets.

When we join, we say how much time we are able to give, and what we are willing to do, whether it be walking dogs, taking pets to the vet, short or even long-term fostering, or, if it proves necessary, transporting animals to a new home. My own involvement is simply to walk dogs two or three times a week.

Because without us these people would have to give up much-loved pets, which often stand between them and a very lonely life, a great bond grows between the Cinnamon visitor and the pet owner, and the benefits are by no means one-sided. One of my dog owners has a very deep spiritual life, and her total confidence in God's answer to prayer has been a humbling experience for me.

Unexpected contacts can be made, as when I met a local Baptist minister, who had come to give Communion to my new friend, and who was very interested to hear about CWO, since she said that in her work she had had a great deal of support from Catholic women.



I doubt that I shall ever again be given the opportunity to take Communion to housebound people, but perhaps I am doing just as much good in a very different way.

Ruth Wood



NEWS and LINKS



Fr. Peter Daly went to watch *Spotlight* for himself. He went alone, knowing that it would be painful, he writes in the NCR his *Parish Diary* on Dec. 23rd, 2015.

When the movie was over I sat in stunned silence in the theater and waited for everyone else to leave. I did not want to have to talk. Above all I did not want to run into any parishioners. Worse, however, is this:

Thirteen years after the scandal broke many people have still not gotten the message. There is a new clericalism and arrogance among many of the younger clergy today.

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/parish-diary/watching-and-responding-spotlight>

Bishop Emeritus Crispian Hollis says that “between 10 and half a dozen bishops” would be prepared to explore the issue of married priests, *says the Tablet, 2nd January*. He saw a defeated proposal to support the issue put forward by Seamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle during a private session of the Bishops’ Conference Plenary session last November, as a “testing of the waters”, and not as a shutting-down of discussion.

“Canute and the tide come to mind,” said Eileen Fitzpatrick, former chair of ACTA, “We do have a married priesthood in every diocese, in the form of former Anglicans.” Bishop Crispian did not attend the plenary, but has spoken in favour of the ordination of married men.

<http://www.thetablet.co.uk/home-news/4/7661/bishops-reject-married-priesthood-and-general-absolution>





Catholic Women Speak Book launch and overview

<http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com/>



'Catholic Women Speak' is also a Network which named itself as the editor of this collection of writings of Catholic women, writing from very diverse perspectives. It is, however, the brainchild of Professor Tina Beattie and her department at Digby Stuart Research Centre for Religion, Society and Human Flourishing at Roehampton University, London.



At the book launch, Tina gave an explanation of how the book came to be written. It was an attempt to get Catholic women's voices heard at the time of the Synod in Rome where it was clear that no women's voices were going to be heard, or if they were, they were not allowed to vote on the decisions taken. Not only is this an absurdity in this third millennium, but it is also an absurdity which needs to be redressed very quickly. Consequently, this book was published just prior to the Synod on the Family and a copy given to all the Cardinals and Bishops present at the Synod. Even though Cardinal Vincent Nichols complained that he had three copies, it is a forlorn hope that he may have read any of it. We live in hope.

At the London book launch, it was stated that the profits from the book would go to the St. Catherine of Siena College which is a virtual learning resource for theological education, particularly for women in the global south whose access to such resources is normally very limited. The title itself implies that there will be many voices present in this book. This is something that the former President of Ireland, Dr. Mary McAleese, the book launch chair, was quick to point out, especially when Pope Francis had called for the voice of women to be heard. There are many voices. Even though women are still seen to be on the periphery of the decision-making processes of the church, there are 600 million RC women in the Church. It is a very well populated periphery.

There were six women on the book launch panel representing the wide range of positions of the contributors to the book. The first contributor to speak was Rhonda Miska, who spoke for young Catholic women in ecclesial ministry. She described some of the very rewarding ministries in which she was engaged, but she also described some of the frustrations of being a young Catholic woman whose authority was not much respected. This contrasted strongly with other young women's experience in various professions where their education and expertise were properly recognised. She stated that she had no call to ordination, but she had a strong call to lay ministry.

Other speakers at the book launch included an African nun, a Philippina Australian theologian, a Dominican sister, a mother of Italian descent and Dr. Clare Watkins who lectures at Roehampton University. The speakers from the global south described the tremendously problematic cultural difficulties that women and men also experience in these societies. That should still be no bar to priesthood as Anne Arabome of the Sisters of Social Service in Los Angeles, maintained. Anne is actually now studying for a doctorate in systematic theology in Roehampton. What a great service to her people it would be if her gifts were properly recognised, even as far as ordination. Anne did point out that in many African countries still, a woman is not seen as a complete person in her own right. She only becomes viable when attached to a man. This is clearly a major stumbling block for women's progress in Africa. Anne quoted the Nigerian theologian, Teresa Okure, who stated that the marginalisation of women 'distorts the image of god in woman, denies her baptismal right and status in Christ, and greatly impoverishes not only the woman but the entire human community by belittling, killing and suppressing the god given talents of women'.

Other contributions from the panel were significant and varied, including the half-Italian mother who described the situation for her Italian grandmother where she had to wait until she was thirty before she decided to marry her very patient fiance, because she did not want endless children. The lack of contraception made life very difficult for our foremothers. Mary McAleese pointed out that her grandmother had produced 60 grandchildren, which is fortunately not happening now. The subsequent generations are having four children at most, which is an indication that adult Catholics have now taken responsibility for their own reproduction.



Mary McAleese's only other intervention was when one of the panel was somewhat lacklustre about the need for women's ordination. This person sees the Church as a male institution so why be part of it. Mary pointed out that this had been said about why women would want to enter politics, but fortunately they are now fully participating in the democratic process which is what we would like to see happen in the church.

This book launch was a very good taster of what is contained in the book itself. The book offers good descriptions of the list of contributors. It is divided into four sections, not necessarily of equal length. Each section is very well introduced. These sections consist of:

1. Traditions and Transformations,
2. Marriage, Families and Relationships (where Pippa Bonner has a contribution),
3. Poverty, Exclusion and Marginalisation and
4. Institutions and Structures.

The range of contributors is considerable, from Elizabeth Johnson, Janet Martin Soskice and Ursula King to women whose voices are only now being heard.

All the contributions are interesting and important to digest as representing the wide range of Catholic Women's experiences. I hope many readers of this Enews will feel the book is worth buying or at least sharing with others. The book is published by Paulist Press and retails, I believe for £11.99. (We had book launch reductions for £10).

Happy Reading.

Sue Williamson

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 Bendall
Maureen Brown
Tissa Balasuriya
Jack Sutcliffe
Pat Regini
Mary Ann Schoattly
Pam Skelton
Robert Kaggwa

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



Websites (apologies for smaller print – that's to fit them in!)

<http://womensordinationworldwide.org/>

Women's ordination worldwide CWO is member

<http://www.womensordination.org/>

US organisation supporting women's ordination

www.wijngaardsinstitute.org

All previous housetop websites can be reached via this address

<http://82.70.116.125/index.html>

Women Word Spirit

<http://womenandthechurch.org/>

Campaign for women's equality in Church of England

<http://wearechurchireland.ie/>

Concerned Irish Catholics committed to the renewal of the Roman Catholic Church on the basis of Vatican II and the theological spirit developed from it. Affiliated to International Movement We are Church (IMWAC)

<http://www.catholicchurchreform.com/>

A global network seeking renewal of the Church

<http://ncronline.org/>

National Catholic Reporter

<http://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>

Catholics inspired by Vatican II.

<http://www.gras.org.uk/>

Group for rescinding the Act of Synod

<http://www.ccc4vat2.org.uk>

Catholics for a Changing Church

<http://lgcm.org.uk/>

Campaigns against and challenges homophobia and transphobia, especially within the Church and faith based organisations, as well as working to create and praying for an inclusive church.

<http://questgaycatholic.org.uk/>

Proclaims the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ so as to sustain and increase Christian belief among homosexual men and women. They offer pastoral support for LGBT Catholics friends and families Sign up for quarterly newsletter

<http://christianfeministnetwork.com/>

Christian Feminist Network - exploring faith and feminism

<http://www.spirituschristi.org>

A truly inclusive Catholic Church

<http://www.stcuthbertshouse.co.uk/Easter2015/>

Rachel is a professed hermit of the R C Diocese of Nottingham.

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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*Postage and packing (increased from last time as postal charges have gone up)

orders up to £10	4.00
orders £10 - 20	6.00
orders over £20	Free

and finally

AGM 2016

Saturday, 1st October, 11am - 5pm

St Bede's Pastoral Centre,
21 Blossom St, York,
YO24 1AQ
(5 mins from York station)



St. Bede's Centre is next door to the Bar Convent, England's oldest living convent, which has just been refurbished.

It has an amazing exhibition about the founder of the Congregation of Jesus, Mary Ward.

Mary, a feisty and determined woman, wrote in the 1617:

"I hope in God that it will be seen that

women in time to come will do much".

An educator of girls way ahead of her time, Mary tried to found a congregation of women to have the same ministry as the Jesuits, and opened schools for girls across Europe.



We will have time to explore the exhibition and the chapel as part of the annual gathering.

