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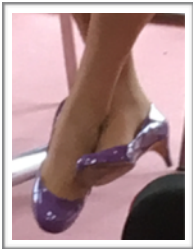
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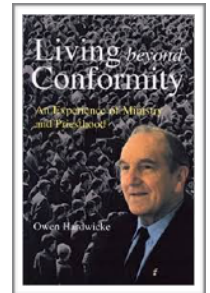
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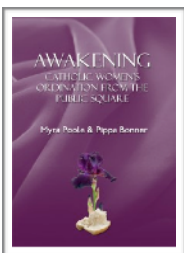
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The times, they are a-changin'? Keep praying, keep sharing, keep talking,

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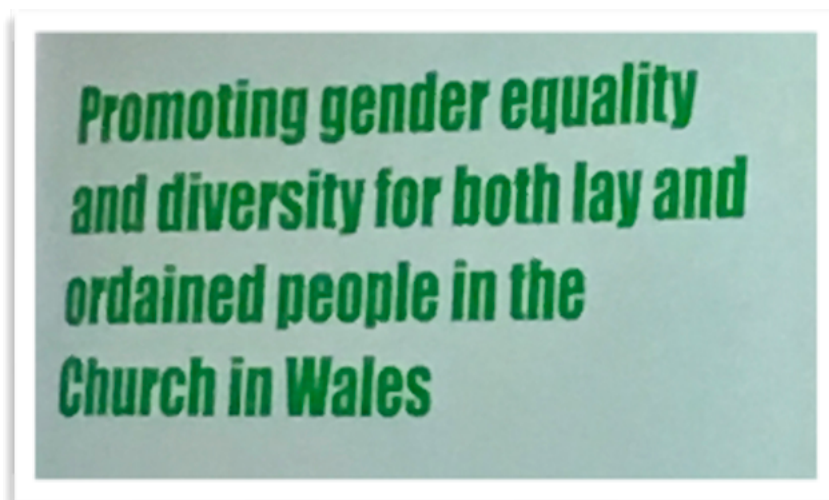
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MAE CYMRU

Mae Cymru (pronounced "my come ree") is a Welsh name which works as an acronym in both languages - Merched a'r Eglwys - women and the Church / ministry and equality.



MAECymru seek to support and enable the Church in Wales on its journey towards fuller inclusion. When they offered CWO affiliation, NatCog were very happy to accept.



"We are a group of people with a vision of the Church in Wales as a community of God's people where, regardless of gender, justice and equality prevail"

MAECymru is delighted to affiliate to CWO, our sisters and brothers in Christ who are working for inclusion and shared ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. MAECymru shares your aims to support one another in prayer, to accept and value diversity and to walk together with people of faith to support women's inclusion in their varied ministries. You will be welcome at MAECymru conferences and diocesan group events: see our website for contacts.

With all good wishes,

Mary Stallard, Chair MAECymru, Archdeacon of Bangor

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



BISHOP JUNE OSBORNE



Bishop June Osborne of Llandaff

gave a short speech packed with encouragement and experience for her listeners at the MAE Cymru AGM in Newtown before Christmas. I was glad to be there to summarize some main points for our readers, writes Mary Ring.

Leadership operates within a social context, she said. The old models of command and control, mechanistic in their functions, began to change in the mid-20th century to reflect emotional intelligence.

Good leadership is now about transformation, vision and charisma. "Follow me," says the leader, "to a better place." People now seek humility and authenticity in their leaders, who must learn to be agile and adaptive.

Churches, who value sustainability in the long term, should learn to recognise that women have the gifts and skills to manage the tensions between survivability and responsiveness.

She stressed the absolute importance of training women through LEADING WOMEN programmes to have proper confidence in themselves:

- a) As women, we must **reframe the terms of engagement. Do not be called 'girls'!**
- b) Women - with the best will in the world - still need high-class confidence coaching
- c) There is a reluctance of women to lean in. Walk into the interview, and INHABIT the role. Can people SEE the leader within you? OWN this transformative leadership. She finished:

"Tell each other how powerful, beautiful and loved by God you are."

FR. OWEN HARDWICKE R.I.P.

Owen Hardwicke: a priest for all seasons



Fr. Owen Hardwicke died last week at the age of 94 after a life spent in fighting for justice and peace in every direction. Owen was a convert from the Church in Wales and he became a priest after he had been at Oxford. Owen originally hailed from South Wales but I first met him when he was a parish priest in Ruabon, near Wrexham, where he had involved his parish in community work, especially with young people. I went up to Ruabon with The Grail to experience a community week of real sharing. I was completely bowled over with Owen and the work he was doing. I must have been only 18 at the time, as I received my 'A' level results when my mother rang me when we were still in Ruabon.

For many years I did not meet Owen again but I knew of his work through Justice and Peace circles and with his involvement in Catholic People's Weeks. When I met him again he was a chaplain to several CPWs.

I had been in communication with Owen, however, when many Anglican priests came into the RC Church as a result of women's ordination in their church. Owen was one of

four priests who stood up at the National Priests' Conference and said that the women of the RC Church should be asked first about what they thought about these men coming into the church, and their rather dubious reasons for doing so. CWO had just been founded then and I was delegated by the NatCog of the time to write to Owen to thank him for speaking out for us and to ask him what he thought about our new movement. He replied by saying that he agreed with us but he felt that it was the traditional women in the RC Church who would block women's ordination. This was his experience so far.

Many years later Owen agreed to speak at our AGM in Newport, South Wales. Unfortunately, I had to leave after I had introduced him, but Owen was always supportive of what we were trying to achieve, taking an interest in what was happening with CWO.

Owen agreed to be the chaplain at a Catholic People's Week I was organising at Noddfa on 'Resurrection and Transformation'. I remember Owen for his humility and gentle concern for true justice, as well as his very dry humour. Owen was unswerving in his passion for peace and disarmament as well as his concern for justice and truth in all its forms. The title of his recent book, 'Living Beyond Conformity', is a great indicator of how he dealt with many issues.

Owen was a very musical man as befitted his Welsh heritage and his love of music and opera kept him lifted in some dark days. I pray now that Owen may find the true peace and joy so well deserved and what he fought for for others all his life.

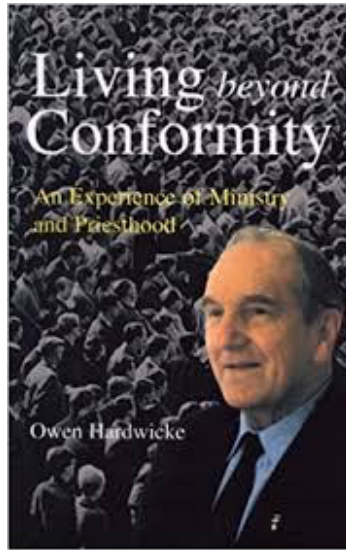
Many thanks to **Sue Williamson** for this.



It is sad to hear of the death of Owen Hardwicke, a much-beloved and key priest in the renewal movement. I met him through his many weeks as chaplain to the Catholic People's Weeks, but much of the information from below comes from his autobiography, *Living Beyond Conformity*, an experience of ministry and priesthood.

At the beginning of World War 2 Owen became a pacifist and conscientious objector, and a Catholic. He joined the Friends' Ambulance Unit and after university became ordained, though still questioning. He worked in a Welsh parish, Ruabon, for 15 years and emphasized consulting with the parishioners. He set up a widescale youth service, not just for Catholics, and this brought him into appreciated contact with other churches.

He came into conflict with the bishop over mixed marriages and when the bombshell of the birth control encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, was published, took a leading part in the protest movement. He was one of the 55 priests who sent the letter of protest to the Times. He helped other clergy by sending much appreciated and very useful



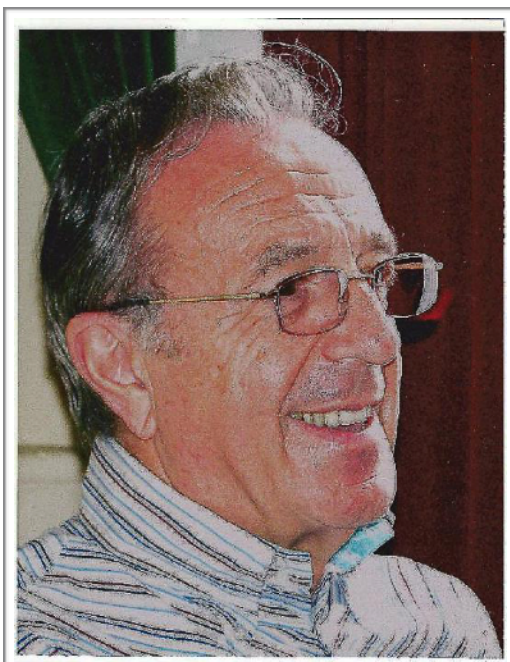
documentation as the basis for protest. He managed not to be dismissed by promising not to preach against it in public. This didn't stop his private work

He felt he needed change after 15 years in one parish and using his skills with juveniles became warden of a St Dismas hostel for young men coming out of prison and borstal. He found the management committee as rigid and fond of regulation as the church is; they seemed to think insistence on punctuality, cleanliness or politeness was what would reform them, whereas Owen knew that wouldn't be much help for the troubled young.

In later years he did a lot for Pax Christi and being chaplain of Catholic People's Weeks. He did not believe in wearing clerical garb, which annoyed the Bishop. Owen pointed out that noted theologians in their writing took the same view and the Bishop replied, "Books! Urgh!"

Our many thanks also to **Ianthe Pratt** for this tribute.

FR DANIEL O'LEARY



eNews is also very saddened to hear of the death of the much-loved **Fr Donal (Daniel) O'Leary**. We will carry our tribute to him in our next issue. Readers' remembrances of him will be very welcome at

news@catholic-womens-ordination.co.uk

WOMEN DEACONS?



Pope Francis with the heads of women's religious orders in Paul VI hall at the Vatican May 12, 2016. Last week, two members of the Pontifical Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women, **Phyllis Zagano** and **Bernard Pottier SJ** [spoke publicly](#) at Fordham University for the first time since their appointment. Their report has been on the Pope's desk since late 2018.

Views on the ordination of women deacons differ widely. What do you think?

The question of women deacons has nothing to do with women priests...historical documents — canons, liturgical texts, and other writings — speak freely and regularly about women deacons, not priests, "ordained" or "blessed." Facts are facts.
[Phyllis Zagano](#)

...the panelists took pains to make it clear that they were in no way suggesting that women should be ordained priests....The truth is women should be priests, and we should be unafraid to say so, because allowing women to be priests is simply the just and right thing to do.
[Jamie Manson](#)

Just 54 percent of the USA bishops themselves said "yes" when asked "if the Holy See authorizes the sacramental ordination of women as deacons, would you consider implementing it in your diocese?" One bishop cited a political consequence: "It will most definitely lead ... to ordaining women as priests, and eventually bishops. It will be incomprehensible to our people that the church would draw a 'glass ceiling' at priesthood, after ordaining them deacons..."

This puts the church in an irresolvable dilemma: It's against defined church teaching to ordain women as priests, and yet it makes no sense not to if they are already admitted to holy orders."

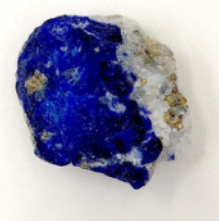
NEWS AND LINKS



Former Irish President Mary McAleese has revealed in an interview this month how Pope John Paul refused to shake her hand, asking her husband, “Would you not prefer to be the President of Ireland, instead of your wife?”

For more jaw-dropping revelations, click [here](#).

A rare blue pigment, ultramarine, made from crushed lapis lazuli stones, has been identified in the teeth of a woman’s remains from the site of a 10th century German monastery. The likely conclusion is that **women - as well as men - were skilled illustrators of manuscripts**. Well, who’d a-thunk it?



THANK YOU to

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for publishing **Bishop John Crowley’s renewed appeal** to our Bishops to explain “**why the ordination of women is inadmissible**,” and for the clutch of powerful letters alongside it and subsequently. Please catch up on the Letters page for January 10th, 17th and 24th.



STOP PRESS!

Francis expresses openness to married priests in places with 'PASTORAL NECESSITY'

“I believe that the issue must be open in this sense: where there is a pastoral problem because of the lack of priests,” said Francis. “I will not say that it must be done. Because I have not reflected, I have not prayed sufficiently over this. But the theologians must study.” Read [here](#).

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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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