

## CWO e-news May 2011 issue 37

Welcome to the edited issue 37 of the e-news. Editor Pat Brown. Please visit CWO's website [www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](http://www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk) News and previous issues can be seen there.

Please send items for June e-news by 15 June. Also contact me for further information about anything in this e-news where contact details are not given [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

There have been many items in the Catholic Press about Bishop Morris who has been removed from the Australian diocese of Toowoomba, Queensland because of his support for women's ordination. Here's a link to an article in the National Catholic Reporter <http://ncronline.org/blogs/essays-theology/removal-bishop-morris>

There are many others. We can only imagine that the same fate awaits Bishop Markus Büchel who has also spoken out.

We in CWO can sign petitions to support such brave men but this situation will surely happen more as priests and bishops find the courage to speak out. One can only hope that so many will do this that the Vatican will not be able to carry on with these tactics and will have to listen.

### **CWO weekend of Reflection at Noddfa**

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 August

Not much time left to get your deposit in the post for this CWO weekend. **The closing date is 31 May.**

This is open to all CWO members. We have much to reflect on and pray for

Cost £85. Deposit £50

Please send deposit (Chqs payable to **Noddfa**) to Pat Brown, CWO, PO Box 183, Leeds, LS8 9EN. Please could you also email me to say you have done this just in case I haven't received it via the PO Box. [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

More info visit [www.noddfa.org.uk](http://www.noddfa.org.uk)

Accessible venue

Immediately after the CWO weekend....

## **Eucharist, Community and Ministry - 8-15 August (Mon-Mon)**

We will be considering the development of thought around concepts of Eucharist and the interconnections with ministry. The importance of community in the Eucharist will be emphasized. Among the aspects we will be exploring will be Eucharistic space, the Café Church movement, the strong connections of Eucharist with justice and peace.

Various forms of community and ministry will be explored by members of the team as well as some members of the Noddfa community, along with our chaplain, Fr. Charles Ramsay from Rhyl. We hope to have contributions from Fr. Owen Hardwicke and Ianthe Pratt. Katharine Salmon, who is researching for a Ph.D. on Ministry, will be giving some input, as well as Anne and Malcolm Dixon who will speak on Eucharistic space. Anne Cross and Mike Bold will be showing us how "The Kitchen Table", their initiative in East London, works. We are also hoping to invite some local residents for a session on how they view community.

Different aspects of liturgy, using the wonderful spaces available to us at Noddfa, will be tried out, although we intend to have a Mass on most days. The aim is to make the week as participatory and multi-sensory as possible while also providing space and quiet for reflection, alongside the general conviviality of a CPW week.

Chair: Sue W

Organisers: Howard & Mary Sherman

Chaplain: Fr Charles Ramsay

Please contact Howard and Mary Sherman on [hshermans@chester-uk.co.uk](mailto:hshermans@chester-uk.co.uk) for further information and a booking form. Phone 07985052651 Bursaries are available on request.

## **Reply from Maryknoll**

CWO member Gareth M phoned Maryknoll about Father Roy. This is his reply

Dear Friend of Maryknoll,

Your message to Maryknoll has been noted and this email acknowledgement has been sent to you upon your request. Please do not reply to this email.

The entire Maryknoll Society is saddened that the issues that continue to separate Father Bourgeois and the Church have not been reconciled. Our continued hope, with the many opportunities that we have provided for Father Bourgeois to openly communicate with the Vatican, is that Father Bourgeois and the Church will be able to resolve their differences.

As a mission society of the U.S. Catholic Church, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers adheres to all directives and teachings of the Holy See. The prayers of all Society members are with Roy and the Church at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Edward M. Dougherty, M.M.  
Superior General

Please do not reply to this email. Replies to this email will not be acknowledged.

## **Stand Up for Vatican II**

October 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vatican II. This was a very hopeful time for Catholics but those hopes seem to be fading.

It is hoped that a discussion pack will be ready soon which groups can use to inform themselves about Vatican II. It will contain information about what happened and various reflections on the outcomes. It is hoped that this will encourage reflection. We who are in reform organisations can celebrate this anniversary and pray that, by looking into what happened then, we can recapture the hopes of that time, and plan action for the future.

If Catholics can start looking again at what Vatican II achieved and stood for, maybe we can come together in October 2012 for some kind of celebratory event.

There is a planning group who would welcome your ideas and input. Please contact me if you have anything at all to contribute to this discussion.

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## **CWO Annual Gathering**

**1 October 2011**

at  
The Salvation Army  
Hill St  
Newport  
Gwent  
NP20 1LZ

10.30am – 5.00pm

10.30 registration/refreshments

11.00 AGM (for members only)

1.00 Lunch open to all

2.00 – 5.00 open to all

Speaker (to be confirmed)

Reflection

Map showing venue and station

**[Newport, Gwent NP20 1LZ](#)**

## **Joan Chittester**

Here's a link to a great article by Joan Chittester. You can sign up here to receive her weekly email

[http://www.benetvision.org/Ideas\\_In\\_Passing/05\\_09\\_11.html](http://www.benetvision.org/Ideas_In_Passing/05_09_11.html)

## 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*

## From our Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Womens-Ordination/27311398359>

Tribute to feminist theologian Catharina J. M. Halkes (1920-2011) died April 21, 2011, at the age of 90.

Dr. Halkes was professor emerita at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands where she was among the first women in Europe to hold a chair in theology. Her pioneering focus on feminism and Christianity helped to pave the way for generations of women scholars who followed.

Posted by Cathy W

## British Museum Exhibition - Treasures of Heaven 23 June - 9 October 2011

This may be of interest or provide opportunity for comment. Some 150 objects will be on display from collections around the world including the Vatican.

There will be a Conference: Matter of Faith, at the British Museum, on Friday 7th October and Saturday 8th October. The Museum says that people in Britain have had little opportunity to see sacred art since the destruction of shrines and ending of pilgrimages at the Reformation.

Thanks to Mary L

## From "Contemplative Prayer"

*"Whoever remains in me as I remain in them, will bear much fruit" ([John 15:5](#)).*

*That's the preferred language of all the mystics—the language of union. If it's not some language of union and healing, don't trust it as authentic religious language. Unfortunately, religion has largely descended to a language of exclusion, which is almost the exact opposite.*

*Mother Teresa said that a person consciously filling a vase with water—out of union with and love for God—is giving more glory to God than a priest at the altar who is standing there in a state of anger, superiority, or separateness. It's all about the "Who," not the "what" and we spend all of our time concentrating on the "what" that I should do or not do. If you get the "Who" right, the "what" does not matter too much. It will always be good!*

Richard Rohr

## Websites

[www.womenwordspirit.org](http://www.womenwordspirit.org)

Women Word Spirit  
(formerly Catholic Women's Network)

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

Group for rescinding the Act of Synod

<http://womenandthechurch.org/>

Campaign group for women's equality in the Church of England

<http://ncronline3.org/drupal/>

National Catholic Reporter –  
Joan Chittester is a regular contributor

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

Lesbian and Gay Christians

[www.womenpriests.org](http://www.womenpriests.org).

You can sign up for their regular newsletter

[www.spirituschristi.org](http://www.spirituschristi.org)

An inclusive Catholic Church where all are welcome

[www.womensordination.org](http://www.womensordination.org)

More news of Rome Petition, Fr Bourgeois and many other issues

## CWO Merchandise

Every month, as this month, the last page is a CWO merchandise form. Please do have a close look and see if there's anything you could buy which would help to publicise CWO while at the same time improving CWO's financial position.

The car stickers are a great way of advertising CWO. I have had one in my rear window for many years and it gets a lot of attention. It could also go on any window – doesn't have to be a car.

Please have a think about buying something.

## 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 Prayer mail is a collection of prayers sent in by members, some written by them. This CWO initiative is an inspirational collection.

		Quantity	Unit cost	Cost
Very smart biro with CWO logo, website and `phone no	Purple/silver lettering		£0.80	
Car stickers with CWO logo, website and `phone no	Purple on cream		£1.50	
CWO badge	Purple/white lettering <u>R</u> enewed <u>O</u> rdained <u>M</u> inistry for <u>E</u> veryone		£1.00	
Postage and packing				£1.00
Donation to CWO (optional)				
Total - Cheques to CWO				

Delivery address

Contact email or phone number

Send order to CWO, PO Box 183, Leeds, LS8 9EN