Statement of the Catholic Women's Council

WHO WE ARE

The Catholic Women's Council (CWC) is a global umbrella group of Roman Catholic networks working for the full recognition of the dignity and equality of women in the Church.

The member organisations have different thematic priorities and use appropriate means in their daily work to achieve this. All agree that the same rights and dignity of women must be recognised both in the current structure of the Roman Catholic Church and in its daily practice.

The CWC has great ambitions and a limited time frame. Together we commit ourselves to work towards a major collective event in Rome in 2021 - we are visible and acting, taking responsibility and being ready to change our church for the good now.

PILGRIMAGE

In the coming months until November 2021, all CWC members will embark on a pilgrimage, a time of study and reflection, of prayer and storytelling, of walking and talking together on real and virtual paths. The concerns and abilities of women in different cultures and communities will be shared. We will unite our many different voices in a single vision of hope.

The goal of local pilgrimages is to explore the understanding of equal dignity and equal rights in the Church. This pilgrimage can take many different forms. We are creative! There will be meetings (in churches, community halls and coffee houses, wine taverns and in the open air), lectures, common prayers, conversations, artistic expressions, concerts, debates, dancing, bicycle tours, etc.

We will share the ideas, actions and experiences of the pilgrimage through a newly created website so that we can learn about each other and be inspired by what other groups around the world are doing.
NOVEMBER 2021 ROME

This global pilgrimage will end in November 2021 in Rome. We shall carry our experiences, reflections and skills to Rome, bringing our struggle for the equal rights and dignity of women to the institutional and spiritual home of our Church!

CORDIAL INVITATION!

We invite all Roman Catholic associations, initiatives, networks, religious orders and ecclesiastical institutions to participate in the CWC if they agree with this statement and commit themselves to respect the values we profess, as well as to organize "pilgrimage" activities.

Conditions for joining CWC:

Joining the CWC means for an organization/group:

- To participate in the pilgrimage to Rome with measures/actions appropriate to your culture and context and cooperate with the other members
- to agree with the CWC statement
- to announce on their own website and in social media that they are part of the CWC
- to share the events and actions they organise as CWC members on their website and in social media
- to give priority to this pilgrimage project in the coming months by:
  a) organising at least one action during this pilgrimage process
  b) using the materials provided by CWC (alongside their own materials)

Email to join: info@voicesoffaith.org

And send the details of your actions!

The founding members of the CWC

Rome, March 5, 2020