

A Service for Women in the Church and in Society



WUCWO Priority 2006-2010

WUCWO's aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development.

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Founded in 1910
WUCWO represents 100 Catholic Women's
Organisations from all continents
looking forward to the centenary.

The **WUCWO Board** has 34 members, including
UISG, ACISJF, and Caritas Internationalis
as *Ex officio* members.

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In 2006 WUCWO was erected
by the Holy See as a

**Public International
Association of the Faithful**

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WUCWO has consultative status
with United Nations: **ECOSOC, FAO,
HRC, ILO, UNESCO,**
and is present at
the Council of Europe

At the General Assembly, held in Arlington,
Virginia, USA, May 31 – June 7, 2006, WUCWO
members chose as their priority:

Building a Culture of Peace: with special attention to Education and the Alleviation of Poverty

Resolutions

1. *Day of prayer for sexually abused*
2. *Education (Children)*
3. *Girls and boys at risk*
4. *Commitment to democracy*
5. *The woman saves the environment*
6. *Solidarity in globalization*
7. *HIV/AIDS*
8. *Ratification of international Covenant on Death Penalty*
9. *Campaigning against Manufacture, Storage, Trading and use of weapons*
10. *Improving the Women's economic situation*
11. *The family*
12. *End of trafficking of children*

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WUCWO Declaration

Adopted by the 650 participants from 44 countries.

'Peace is the fruit of justice' ...peace is likewise the fruit of love, which goes beyond what justice can provide.' (Gaudium et Spes, N. 78)

We, the women of the **World Union of Catholic Women Organisations**, gathered together from all continents and some island nations, understanding that *'peace is never attained once and for all, but must be built up ceaselessly'* resolve to go from this Assembly accepting the challenge of commitment to:

- acknowledge in each person his/her dignity as a child of God, always seeking dialogue with respect, charity and truth, focusing on the positive qualities of each person;
- seek unconditional reconciliation with people from whom we are estranged, especially family members;
- undertake positive stances and actions, with believers and non-believers, for justice, truth and freedom, locally and globally;
- use all means available to us, including the media, to take positive action to influence our local, national and international leaders in Christian values, leading to just laws and the preservation of the environment;
- show respect for and tolerance of other faiths, trying always to discover our common values through ecumenical and religious dialogue;
- denounce policies, strategies and behaviour that are counter-productive to the fostering of justice and peace in every aspect of society, especially the violation of all human rights; in particular, violence and the abuse of the rights of the vulnerable, especially of women and children.

Motivated by Christ's teaching as explained in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, that: *"Peace is a value and a universal duty founded on a rational and moral order of society that has its roots in God himself, the first source of being, the essential truth and supreme good"*, **the Catholic women of WUCWO recognise that one of the major challenges of these times is the establishment of a "culture of peace" at every level of human endeavour.**

We, therefore, also resolve *"as lay faithful, to work together with all those who truly seek peace, in specific organisations, to promote an extensive work of education to defeat the ruling culture of egoism, hate, revenge and hostility, and thereby develop solidarity at every level. Such solidarity, in fact, is the way to peace and at the same time to development."* [Christifideles Laici]...

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- WUCWO, erected by the Pontifical Council for the Laity as a 'Public International Association of the Faithful', is called upon to transmit authentic Catholic values to the world.
- Nourished by the Eucharist, reinforced by constant spiritual formation with continuing education in Church teachings, and espousing the social doctrines of the Church, WUCWO gives witness to them in word and action.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN
AT INTERNATIONAL
LEVEL**

*Blessed are the peacemakers
(Mt 5,9)*

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