

# A Service for Women in the Church and in Society

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  
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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**



## WUCWO Priority 2006-2010

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*

All information available on [www.wucwo.org](http://www.wucwo.org)

## WUCWO Declaration

Adopted by the 600 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 at-  
tained 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 interna-  
tional leaders in Christian values, leading to just laws and  
the preservation of the environment;
- show respect for and tolerance of other faiths, trying al-  
ways 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 hu-  
man 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 Compen-  
dium 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 organisa-  
tions, 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 develop-  
ment."* [Christifideles Laici]...

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- 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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