

CWL Speech by Sarah Range at the Catholic Women's League's National Coffee Morning

Today, all across the world, the Members of the Catholic Women's League are spending the day, celebrating the work of the women of their parishes. The League was founded in 1906 by our founder Margaret Fletcher and we believe in Charity, Work and Loyalty.

We are not just the Tea and Cake Ladies- we provide friendship, organise social and fundraising functions, and are active in our works of charity. We are the quiet backbone of our Church. We support and insure the minibus, which transports our parishioners to Mass and to the Friendship Club. We provide regular contributions to organisations such as domestic abuse charities, Cancer care organisations, and other local, national and international charities. We support the national work of the Catholic Women's League, such as fundraising for the Relief and Refuges charity, which worries to support and address the distress of people who have experiences the devastating effects of war or persecution.

We've lead on the collection of The international Christmas shoe boxes, bringing joy to children in difficult living circumstances. We lead on the Catholic Clothing Guild, which provides Clothing and shoes to people of our parish who are finding it hard to hard to make ends meet. Our members range in age from 11-90+. We represent diverse cultures and members come from countries across the world. We are mothers, single women, we have careers, support our families-we are past CWL national presidents, some of us are Eucharistic ministers and catchiest. We are business owners, stay at home Moms, retired women, accountants, teachers, authors, and the women you sit in the next pew from each week. Every woman of the Parish is welcome to join us! The commitment is flexible but whatever you are able to give of your time, you will be guaranteed friendship.

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