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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console,

not so much to be understood as to understand,

not so much to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.



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Who we are

Catholic Women's League is a Eucharistic community of women within the Catholic church which believes in:

- the presence of Christ within ourselves and recognising Christ in others.
- the dignity and intrinsic worth of all people



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- our equality with men and our mutual giftedness
- the vocation of women in the church and the world

Who we are



We provide a voice for
Catholic Women in
Church and society by:

- addressing social and moral issues affecting family life, particularly of women and children
- espousing family values, equality for all in areas of health, education and economic and social welfare
- working collaboratively with Church leaders to fulfil the mission of the Church, especially in areas of social justice



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*“I've been enriched
by the fun and the
sense of humour
of the women and
their overwhelming
sense of fellowship
and caring.”*

Who we are

We encourage and promote personal development by providing opportunities for:

- education in faith and spirituality
- social and cultural experiences
- exchange of intellectual ideas and ideals
- promotion of Ecumenism



**Through our actions and interactions
we strengthen the Church and each other.**



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Social Justice & Welfare



Wrap with Love project providing warmth and love to refugees arriving in Australia



Supporting Caritas Australia's work, such as providing food, water and shelter in Indonesia after the Boxing Day Tsunami



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*"Being part of
CWL, I have
learned so much
– not just in my
faith but in others
sharing and caring
with me and for me."*



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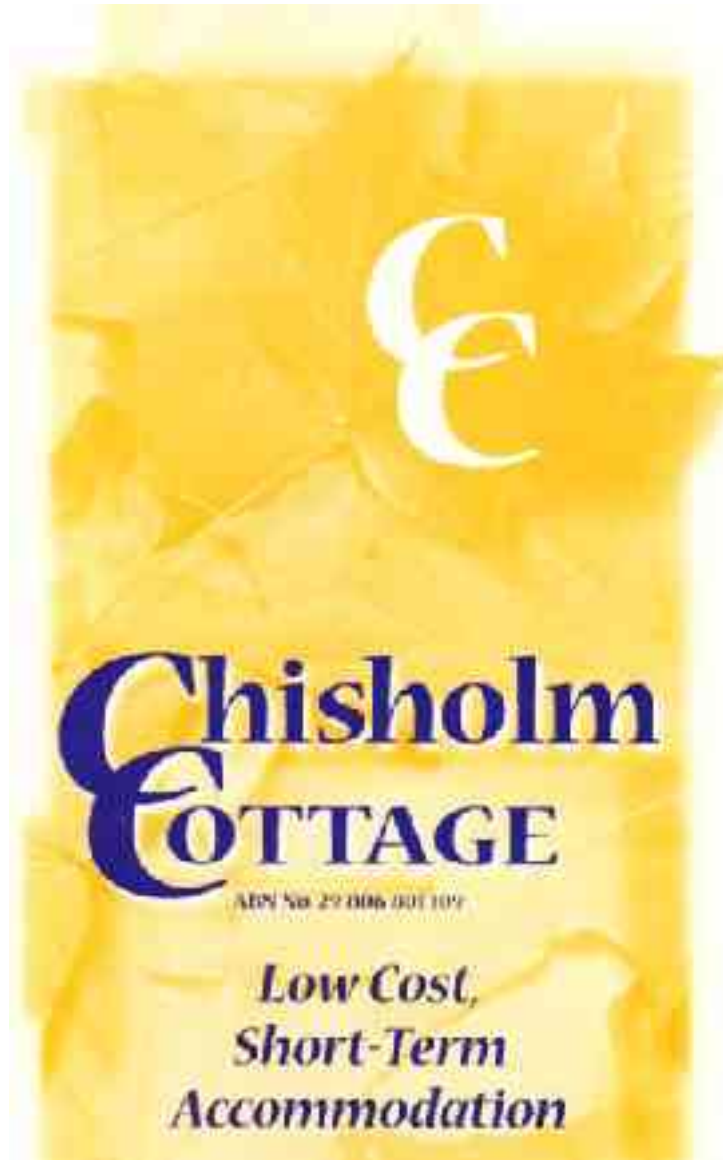
Marian Complex



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Independent
self-care living
for the aged in
Strathfield, funded
by the CWL and
fundraising.



Chisholm Cottage

Low cost, short-term accommodation,
run by the CWL of the
Parramatta Diocese for:

- patients and families receiving treatment in local hospitals
- those who require emergency accommodation for other reasons.



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"I hope young women of today have the opportunity to know the love, care and spirituality of League members."

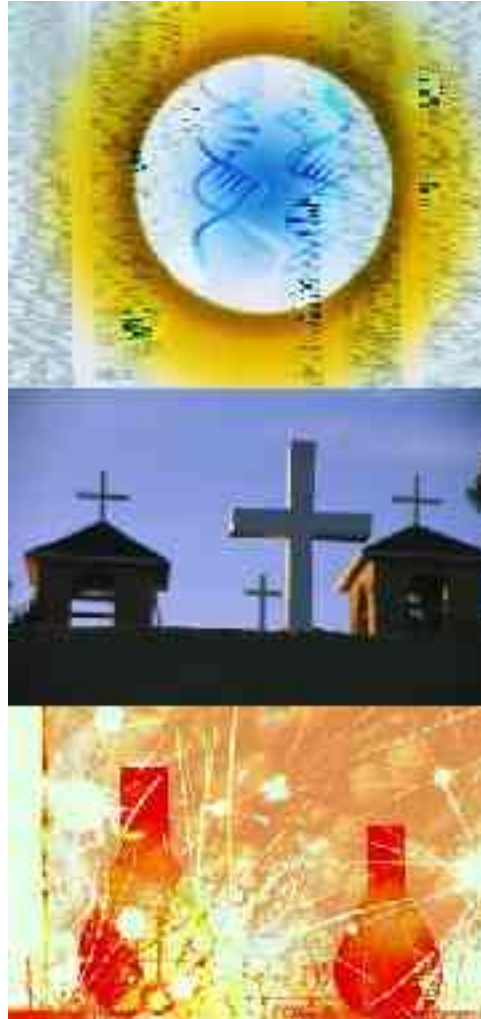


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Bioethics



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“In the bioethics field, we have a duty to speak even when it goes against the tide for those little ones the yet unborn and for the aged and infirm and on so many issues.”

Courage is needed and through the gift of our faith it is provided.

Pro-life issues



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CWL provides support to **Pregnancy Help**

Representatives on the
Abortion Alternatives Taskforce



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*"I have made life-time friendships,
not only in Sydney but also within
NSW, interstate and overseas."*

Marriage & Family



CWL provides a voice to address social and moral issues affecting family life, particularly of women and children

Provide understanding & support to women, as they juggle the many demands on their time and emotions.



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Fundraising



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World Youth Day 2005



Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer
Fundraising raffles & Luncheons



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



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*"Since joining CWL,
I have grown in ways
I might never have
achieved otherwise.
I have been given
amazing opportunities
to develop more
completely."*



Memberships

Membership to the CWL is offered on 4 levels:

- 1. Branch**
- 2. Diocesan**
- 3. State**
- 4. National**



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Affiliations



Through our membership of the **World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations**, we have a voice at the Vatican and the United Nations.

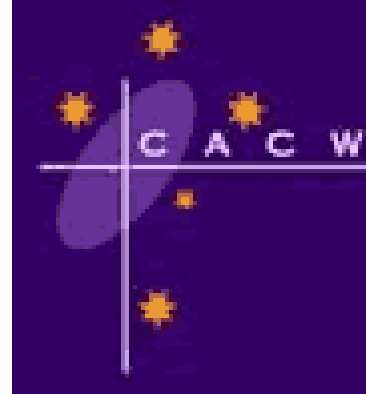


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Representations on:

- **National Council of Women**
- **Women's Reconciliation Network**
- **Australian Church Women**

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Commission for Australian Catholic Women

Catholic Women's Database,
a proposal of CWL to the CACW and
the Australian Bishops Conference.

The Catholic Women's Database was established
and is maintained by the Archdiocese of Sydney
to provide a *network for Catholic Women*.



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*“Catholic Women's
League members are
bound together in faith
and friendship
to bring the values of
Christ into the world”*

- Moya Potts, President Sydney Archdiocese



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Sydney Meetings

Come Join Us!

Luncheon Club

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Guest speaker and Basket Lunch

From 12 noon

Metro Evening Branch

2nd Thursday of the Month

Drinks and snacks from 5.30pm

Meeting from 6pm-7.30pm

Level 8, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Make a difference in your world!



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State Conference

August 15-17, 2006

Sydney



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