



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**  
Office for the Participation of Women

**CATHOLIC MISSION CONFERENCE: ONE HEART, MANY VOICES**

*A multi sector dialogue and celebration*

<http://mohmv.com.au/index.html>

**WORKSHOP SESSION 1: MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2.00 – 3.15PM**

**Women, Mission and Leadership**

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Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) <http://www.catholic.org.au/>

**Bishops Commission for Church Ministry (BCCM)**

Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW)

Australian Catholic Council for Lay Pastoral Ministry (ACCLPM)

Australian Catholic Council for Clergy Life and Ministry (ACCCLM)

*All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:28

Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus Report on the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia (1999)

Social Justice Sunday Statement 2000 *Woman and Man: The Bishops Respond*

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/pdf/SJS2000.PDF>

The role of the OPW is:

- To act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and the integration of ideas about the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia
- To assist in the implementation of the decisions and proposals as contained in the Social Justice Sunday Statement issued by the ACBC September 2000.



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### Office for the Participation of Women

1. What are the ways in which women participate in the Catholic Church in Australia?
2. What assistance and support are currently offered to women to participate in the Church?
3. What are the barriers to women's participation in the Church?
4. What are some ways in which women's participation in the Church can be increased?