



*A Welcoming Ceremony for new members of
The Catholic Women's League
And Renewal of commitment for all members*

At:

When:

Welcome Good afternoon and thank you for coming to our service for those members who have recently joined us and for those of us who have been members for a while to renew our commitment. I am happy to say that **Fr...** is here to lead us.

As this afternoon is about service we will begin by singing the Servant's Hymn

All stand

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: Come Holy Spirit...

All: ...Fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth. O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 4-11 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit.

Chairman: Let us remind ourselves of the Objects of the Catholic Women's League:

It is an Object of the League:

- *to unite Catholic women in a bond of common fellowship, forming a national, non-political organisation under the guidance of the hierarchy of the Church;*
- *to educate and encourage members to use their talents and skills in the service of the Church and community on local, national and international levels;*
- *to initiate and maintain charitable works, whether religious, educational or in the interests of moral and social welfare;*
- *to promote Catholic representation of these interests on major public bodies.*

We now ask those members to be welcomed to come forward

Father: You are welcomed with joy into the Catholic Women's League and hope that you will give and receive the many blessings that come from membership.

Blessing of the badges

Homily

Renewal of Commitment

All stand

All: We, the members of the Catholic Women's League in (parish) call upon Our Lady and our patron St Margaret Clitherow to strengthen us as we renew our commitment to the League and to its objects, which we have read today.

Final prayers

All: Grant, O Lord, that the members of the Catholic Women's League may ever work for the glory of Thy Church, that guided by the Holy Spirit and under the patronage of Thy Immaculate Mother, in Charity, Work and Loyalty the League may unite souls in Thy service on earth, and to Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, who didst raise up the glorious Martyr, Saint Margaret Clitherow to be a pattern of womanhood, mercifully grant us the grace to walk in her ways and win the crown of the blessed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory be to the Father

Final Hymn

CWL HYMN:

Sung to the tune 'Greensleeves'

1. In Charity we trust and pray
that all we say and all we do
will help to spread and magnify
our love, O Lord, O Lord for you

Chorus:

Charity and Work entwine
and Loyalty brings strength divine.
Combined the three in all we do
will bring us closer, Lord, to you.

2. Our Work supports the aims which we
throughout, our lives we do pursue
and through the League, this work enshrines
our love, O Lord, O lord for you.

Chorus

3. Our Loyalty cements each day
the efforts of the League, we love
and bonds us resolute and true
in love, O Lord, O Lord for you.

Chorus

Father: We ask the blessing of Almighty God on our new members and all those present.

All: Amen