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## Preface

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Catalogue of Catholic Women's League Archive

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*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Language of material:* Mostly English with some Latin, French, German and Spanish

*Creator:* Catholic Women's League

## Contents

The archive of the Catholic Women's League includes papers on its founders and history; central administration (refugee and service committees, councils, services, financial and property management and publications); governance; events (commemorations, jubilees and study days); papers on its relationship with other Catholic and women's organisations; and papers on its relationship with regional and international branches.

## About the creator

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) was founded by Margaret Fletcher (1862-1943) as the Legion of Catholic Women's Workers in 1906. Its aim was to promote the religious, educational and social welfare interests of Catholic women, to ensure Catholic representation of these interests on major public bodies, and to initiate and maintain charitable works. Branches exist in the United Kingdom (with representation in over 200 parishes in 2017) and throughout the world, with the Catholic Women's League forming a constituent part, along with other Catholic women's organisations, of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO). Members of the Catholic Women's League are represented on all the major women's organisations in the United Kingdom and are involved in charitable work of all kinds, helping to promote issues as diverse as infant and family welfare, old people's welfare, housing, social justice, migration, and education. During the First and Second World Wars, the League performed a vital function in the management of canteen huts, providing meals for soldiers in England and in theatres of operation all over the world. Although ostensibly a non-political organisation, the Catholic Women's League encourages its members to exert influence in those issues rooted in social justice and peace, and particularly seek to make the voice of Catholic women heard in the legislative system on issues of the Family through contacting local MPs.

## Accession details

Donated by the national secretary, Jean Clarke, 19 August 2015, Acc No Misc.2015/16:9.

## Previous custodial history

Archive stored privately by Jean Clarke

## Arrangement

- A. Origins and Foundation
- B. Central Administration
- C. Governance
- D. Events
- E. Links to other UK bodies

- F. Worldwide Branches
- G. Related Bodies Worldwide
- H. UK Regional Branches

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#### Appraisal

The collection has been appraised. Information which is duplicated in other records, and clean duplicates, have generally been removed.

#### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

#### Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-CSU-D10, or the collection name Catholic Women's League Archive, followed by the *reference number*

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

#### Related material - here

National Board of Catholic Women  
CSU-D7

## A. Origins and Foundation

### Margaret Fletcher

D10/A1/1 23 July 1906 - 10 June 1925

Correspondence, mostly between Miss Streeter and Margaret Fletcher, on the foundation and development of the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/A1/2 18 February 1913 - 21 October 1989

Letter from Mary Davy to Norah [?], dated 21 October 1989, and letter from Kathleen Milne to Mary, dated 15 October 1969, enclosing a letter from Margaret Fletcher, Mabel Hope and Agatha Howard to Mr J. Duff Gordon, dated [?1918], thanking Mr Duff Gordon and his wife for their assistance with the Catholic Women's League canteen in Boulogne during the First World War

Also includes a photocopy of a letter from Margaret Fletcher to Mgr Parkinson, dated 18 February 1913, apologising for not being able to assist with any public engagements, the reduction in Catholic Women's League membership, and her attempts to improve convent education

4 letters

*Related material elsewhere:* There is a file of correspondence between Margaret Fletcher and Monsignor Parkinson 1913-1916 in the archives of Oscott College

D10/A1/3 10 March 1918

Transcript of a speech by Margaret Fletcher to the Canadian Army, given at the Bramshott Military Camp, Hampshire

12 p.

D10/A1/4 1945

Printed autobiographies of Margaret Fletcher

For more detailed catalogue entries, search for "Catholic Women's League" in the Durham University Library catalogue

1 file

D10/A1/5 1910 - 2012

Photographs, including "Margaret Fletcher's badge" and of the National President with Mabel Barnes whose mother worked with Margaret Fletcher 2012, negative of Margaret Fletcher in Leeds in 1910, and 90th anniversary prayer card showing Margaret Fletcher

3 photographs and 1 negative

D10/A1/6 1956 - 2012

Photographs of the grave of Margaret Fletcher and correspondence on its maintenance

1 file

D10/A1/7 [?1996]

Oval portrait of Margaret Fletcher

Size: 170 x 225 mm

1 item

D10/A1/8 11 July 2012

Publicity leaflet advertising a national pilgrimage to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Margaret Fletcher, Oxford Oratory, 11 July 2012

1 item

### Saint Margaret Clitherow

D10/A2/1 16 October 1956 - 21 October 1995

Papers relating to Saint Margaret Clitherow, including correspondence and a petition for her canonisation, a card commemorating the 400th anniversary of her martyrdom, liturgy for a Mass in Margaret Clitherow's honour 1995, and a Catholic Women's League hymn

1 file

D10/A2/2 [20th century]

Photographs, postcards, prayer cards and other items of portraits/statues of Margaret Clitherow

17 items

D10/A2/3 [20th century]

Interior and exterior photographs of The Shambles, York

9 photographs

D10/A2/4 1930 - 1954

Illustrations of The Shambles, York

*Size:* 1. 290 x 370 mm

*Size:* 2. 345 x 429 mm

2 illustrations

### English Martyrs

D10/A3/1 1929

Copy of the triptych by Geoffrey Webb, in St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, depicting fourteen of the 136 English martyrs beatified by Pope Pius XI on December 15th, 1929

*Size:* 370 x 280 mm

1 painting on wooden board

D10/A3/2 October 1970 - September 2010

Photographs and an illuminated apostolic blessing thanking Pope Paul VI for the canonisation of the Forty Martyrs, as well as a spiritual bouquet for Pope Benedict XVI on the occasion of his visit to the United Kingdom in 2010

6 items

D10/A3/3 October 1970

Photographs of the canonisation ceremony of the Forty Martyrs in Rome

Copyright: Offica Foto Cine Marianetti

40 colour prints



## B. Central Administration

### Council and Committee

D10/B1/1 1907 - 1908

Provisional Executive Committee (later Executive Committee) meeting minute book (1-22)

Volume is indexed and includes a list of Executive Committee members

Includes meetings of sub-committees: Arts and Crafts, the Constitution, Finance, Fund Raising, General Lectures, Informal Meetings, the Information Bureau, the Leaflet, the Missal Fund, Public Service, the Pope's Jubilee Gift and Social Lectures

These minutes in this volume end at number 48 but agenda and unsigned minutes for meeting number 54 are loose at the back. This indicates that meetings numbers 49 - 53 for June to November 1911 took place but the record is missing. This was a period of administrative change for the Catholic Women's League: minutes of the Committee of Council start in late 1911 and although the surviving series of Council minutes starts in February 1912, it seems likely that the Council started meeting in late 1911.

1 volume

D10/B1/2 1909 - 1911

Executive Committee meeting minute book

Volume is indexed and includes a list of Executive Committee members

Includes meetings of sub-committees: Arts and Crafts, the Constitution, Finance, Fund Raising, General Lectures, Informal Meetings, the Information Bureau, the Leaflet, the Missal Fund, Public Service, the Pope's Jubilee Gift and Social Lectures.

1 volume

D10/B1/3 1911 - 1914

Includes a list of committee members and an index

Old label on spine states: "National Committee minutes"; a late 20th century label states: "Committee for Council 1911- 13"

1 volume

*Biographical information:* Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

The Committee of Council was formed in November 1911 and was renamed the National Committee or the National Committee of Council in July 1915. In 1936, it was renamed again and became the National Executive Committee

D10/B1/4 1912 - 1916

Council meeting minute book

1 volume

D10/B1/5 1914 - 1924

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

Includes agenda, sub-committee reports, lists of attendees and an index

1 volume

D10/B1/6 1917 - 1919

Council meeting minute book

1 volume

D10/B1/7 1919 - 1925

Council meeting minute book

1 volume

D10/B1/8 1919 - 1927

Loose papers from the Council meeting minute book, 1919 - 1925

1 file

D10/B1/9 1924 - 1930

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

Includes agenda, sub-committee reports, lists of attendees and an index

1 volume

D10/B1/10 1925 - 1936

National Council meeting minute book

1 volume

D10/B1/11 1930 - 1939

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

Includes agenda, sub-committee reports, lists of attendees and an index

1 volume

D10/B1/12 1939 - 1945

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

October 1945 to April 1948 missing

1 volume

D10/B1/13 1948 - 1980

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee minute book

1 volume

D10/B1/14 1952 - 1965

National Officers' meeting minute book

Minutes of the Jubilee Committee 1955-1956 are at the end of the volume

1 volume

D10/B1/15 [1955] - 1962

General Secretary's reports to National Committee and National Council 1955-1962, as well as notes on the work of the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/B1/16 1965 - 1981

National Officers' meeting minute book

National Executive from 1974

1 volume

D10/B1/17 1981 - 1994

Committee of Council/National Committee/National Executive Committee meeting minutes

1 file

D10/B1/18 1981 - 2010

National Executive Committee meeting minutes:

File 1: 1981 - 1988

File 2: 1989 - 1997

File 3: 1997 - 2004

File 4: 2004 - 2011

File 5: 2011 - 2013

5 files

D10/B1/19 1987 - 2008

National Council (AGM) minutes

1 file

D10/B1/20 1965 - 2001, 2012

Photographs of National Council events, including group photographs of Council members, speakers and guests.

9 files & 1 compact disc

D10/B1/21 1996

Entertainment during the National Council AGM

1 video cassette

D10/B1/22 [1930 x 2000]

National Council committee and associated members

6 BW/60 colour prints

#### Finance and Property Management

D10/B2/1 1908 - 1997

Statements of accounts and balance sheets:

File 1: 1908 - 1911; 1914; 1921

File 2: 1947 - 1962

File 3: 1964 - 1973, 1979 - 1980

File 4: 1983 - 1984; 1986 - 1990; 1992 - 1994; 1996 - 1997

4 files

D10/B2/2 1940 - 1949; 1951 - 1963

Catholic Women's League Ledgers:

Volume 1: 1940 - 1949

Volume 2: 1951 - 1963

2 volumes

D10/B2/3 1942 - 1949

Finance Committee Meeting minute book

1 volume

D10/B2/4 1959 - 1979

Catholic Women's League Cash books:

Volume 1: 1959 - 1971

Volume 2: 1971 - 1979

2 volumes

D10/B2/5/1-3 1937 - 1990

Papers relating to the management of a charitable trust established following a bequest from the will of Mrs E. M. C. Davidson and the subsequent purchase and management of the rental properties of St Clare and St Francis in Storrington  
3 files & 1 volume

D10/B2/5/1 13 October 1937 - 18 September 1990

Financial papers for the Storrington Trust  
2 files

D10/B2/5/2 1947 - 1960

Ledger for the Storrington Trust  
1 volume

D10/B2/5/3 1951 - 1983

Statements of accounts for the Storrington Trust, 1951 - 1964; 1968; 1970; 1972; 1983  
1 file

D10/B2/6 12 April 2001 - [2007]

Reports from the Medical Mission Sisters on their work in Korogocho, Kenya, financed by the Valerie Noble Grant  
1 file

D10/B2/7 21 January 1939 - 1965

Papers relating to the lease of rooms to the Catholic Women's League, including letters and insurance renewals  
1 file

D10/B2/8 November 1955 - 27 April 1965

Deeds for 29 Ebury Street, London  
1 file

D10/B2/9 6 November 1969 - 28 June 1971

Letters on a tenancy agreement for 65 Victoria Street, London  
1 file

D10/B2/10 25 August 1969 - 7 February 1979

Deeds (copies) and papers on the maintenance and disposal of 23 Eccleston Street, London  
2 files

D10/B2/11 17 April 1978 - 12 July 1984

Papers relating to the management of the John Southworth Centre, 48 Great Peter Street, London, including Management Committees minutes and accounts  
1 file

D10/B2/12 21 July 1979 - 12 June 1986

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League Housing Association and Homes for the Elderly  
1 file

D10/B2/13 February 1999 - 23 July 2003

Papers and architectural plans relating to the building and maintenance of the Catholic Women's League Headquarters at Margaret Fletcher House, Plater College, Oxford

3 files & 6 plans

#### Publications

D10/B3/1 1911 - 2015

*Catholic Women's League Magazine/CWL: the publication of the Catholic Women's League/CWL News/Catholic Women's League News*

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

242 items

D10/B3/2 1909 - 1936

*Catholic Women's League Annual Reports*

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

25 items

D10/B3/3 1976 - 31 May 2000

Papers on the production of the Catholic Women's League newspaper

1 file

D10/B3/4 January 1933 & June 1935

*The Catholic Woman's Outlook*

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

2 volumes

D10/B3/5 December 1910 - March 1913

*The Crucible: a Catholic magazine of higher education for women*

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

10 volumes

D10/B3/6 1900 - 2000

Publications relating to Catholic martyrs

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

15 volumes

D10/B3/7 May 1999 - October 2004

Catholic Women's League smaller production newsletters, including *Branchline* and *Teamwork*

1 file

D10/B3/8 31 December 1996 - August 2010

Papers relating to public relations and promotions, mostly correspondence and minutes of meetings

1 file & 2 audio cassettes

D10/B3/9 [20th century]

Catholic Women's League publicity leaflets and posters

1 file

D10/B3/10 1932 - 2012

Newspaper cuttings concerning the Catholic Women's League and other Catholic events, mostly from national and regional Catholic newspapers:

File 1: 1932 - 1988

File 2: 1996 - 1998

File 3: 1999 - 2005

File 4: 2006 - 2012

4 files

D10/B3/11 20 October 1920 - [?2000]

Papers relating to research on the history of the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/B3/12 1936 - 2007

Printed publications by the Catholic Women's League

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

19 items

D10/B3/13 1958 - 2013

Printed publications by other religious organisations

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "Catholic Women's League Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue

28 items

## Works

(a) Canteen/Services Committee

D10/B4/1

D10/B4/1/1 1943 - 1946

Services funding ledger

1 volume

D10/B4/1/2 1947 - 1968

Huts and Canteen account ledger

1 volume

D10/B4/1/3 1971 & 1983

Statements of accounts for the Services Committee

2 items

D10/B4/1/4 February 1981 - 4 November 2010

Service Committee reports to the National Council and Executive

1 file

D10/B4/1/5 13 July 1988 - 11 June 2009

Services Committee AGM minutes of meetings

1 file

D10/B4/1/6 1 December 1950 - 11 June 2009

Canteen/Services Committee meetings minutes:

Volume 1: 17 November 1949 - 13 August 1940

Volume 2: 3 June 1940 - 18 June 1946

Volume 3: 1 December 1950 - 1993

File 1: 23 February 1995 - 11 June 2009

The December 1950 minutes refer to that as the first meeting so the Canteen Committee may have been reconstructed then. It was renamed Huts and Canteens Committee from December 1950 to April 1955 and then Services and Clubs Committee from June 1955 to May 1965. There is a gap in the minutes between May 1965 and June 1973 and the Committee has been known as the Services Committee from February 1974 onwards.

Loose papers at the ends of volumes

3 volumes & 1 file

D10/B4/1/7 11 November 1940 - [?2000]

Papers relating to the Canteen/Services Committee's work during World War Two, including original correspondence, certificates, photocopies of articles, and talks

1 file

D10/B4/1/8 March 1964 - 3 March 2013

Papers, mostly correspondence, relating to the administration of the Canteen/Service Committee

1 file

D10/B4/1/9 [late 20th century]

Photograph albums and file of newspaper cuttings, articles, mounted photographs relating to the history of the Service Committee

2 albums & 1 file

D10/B4/1/10/1-24 1914 - 1945

Photographs of the Catholic Women's League camps during the First World War and Second World War:

8 BW/15 negative prints

D10/B4/1/10/1-7 1919

Album of souvenir photographs of the Catholic Women's League Hut, Ashley Place, London, 1916-1919, with printed captions: "Entrance to hut"; "Dining hall"; "Recreation room"; "C.W.L. Empire Club"; "Garden restaurant"; "One of the dormitories"; and "The war shrine", with printed prayer dedicated to the memory of armed servicemen who died during the First World War

7 BW prints

D10/B4/1/10/8 [1914 x 1918]

Postcard of a group photograph of guides at a Catholic Women's League camp near Arundel

1 BW print

D10/B4/1/10/9-24 [1914 x 1945]

Negative prints, mostly of the Catholic Women's League hut and personnel in Bologne during the First World War and the Catholic Women's League canteen in Eindhoven, Holland during the Second World War  
15 negative prints

D10/B4/1/11 [1950 x 2000]

Photographs of Service Committee events  
5 BW/7 colour prints

D10/B4/1/12 [1980]

Catholic Women's League Services notebook  
1 volume

D10/B4/1/13 2009

Gold plaque with an inscription "Catholic Women's League, Memorial Huts and Canteens, 1914 - 1918 and 1939 - 1945"  
Placed on the Catholic Women's League bench at the National Memorial Arboretum in 2009  
Replaced with a laminated plaque in 2014.  
Size: 130 x 45 mm  
1 gold plaque

(b) Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad/Refugee Relief Fund/Relief & Refugee Committee

D10/B4/2

D10/B4/2/1 11 December 1943 - 8 November 1948

Papers relating to the Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad, including reports and correspondence  
1 file

D10/B4/2/2 5 February 1957 - 20 March 1969

Papers relating to the Refugee Relief Fund, including a declaration of trust and correspondence on charitable status  
1 file

D10/B4/2/3 20 April 1961 - 12 April 2002

Financial papers for the Relief and Refugee Committee  
3 files

D10/B4/2/3/1 20 April 1961 - 31 December 1997

Statements of Accounts  
1 file

D10/B4/2/3/2 12 December 1964 - 10 April 2002

Correspondence with various refugee charities and individuals on donations provided by the Relief and Refugee Committee  
1 file

D10/B4/2/3/3 1 May 1979 - 12 April 2002

Other financial papers, including correspondence and bank statements  
1 file



D10/B4/2/4 27 August 1943 - 24 April 1998  
 Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad/Relief Abroad Sub-Committee/Relief & Refugee Committee minutes of meetings:  
 Volume 1: 27 August 1943 - 20 June 1949  
 Volume 2: 27 January 1950 - 8 November 1957  
 Volume 3: 14 February 1958 - 5 October 1978  
 Volume 4: 5 April 1979 - 24 April 1990  
 File: 15 November 1990 - 24 April 1998  
 4 volumes & 1 file

D10/B4/2/5 1959 - 3 December 2010  
 Progress reports by the Relief & Refugee Committee  
 1 file

D10/B4/2/6 June 1964 - April 2000  
 Relief & Refugee Committee Newsletters  
 1 file

D10/B4/2/7 2 October 1958 - 1959  
 Papers relating to the World Refugee Year, including minutes of meetings, reports and correspondence  
 1 file

D10/B4/2/8 6 April 1979 - 21 September 1992  
 Papers relating to a possible BBC broadcast appeal by the Relief & Refugee Committee, including correspondence and application forms  
 1 file

D10/B4/2/9 1981 - March 1987  
 Hungarian Freedom Fighters' Medal commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Hungarian Uprising of 1956, with a newspaper cutting on the 30th anniversary presentation of the medal by the Hon Mrs Mia Woodruff, founder chair of the Relief and Refugee Committee, to the committee  
 1 medal & press cutting

D10/B4/2/10 [?1990]  
 Relief and Refugee Committee donation box  
 Size: 110 x 70 x 40 mm  
 1 item

D10/B4/2/11/1-129 [?1945 x 1949]  
 Relief and Refugee Committee photograph albums:  
 1 box

D10/B4/2/11/1-42 [?1945 x 1949]  
 Album of photographs of the White Russian Camp in Kellerburg, captioned "Views of the camp"; "Russ[ian] Committee"; "Sun-watch"; "Entrance to the Russian part"; "Orth[odox] church"; "Cemetery"; "Interior of the church"; "Choir"; "Church Sisters"; "Club"; "Fountain"; "Theatre"; "Theatre hall"; "Balalaika band"; "Theatre group"; "Russ[ian] second[ary] school"; "Russ[ian] kindergarten"; "Russ[ian] boy-scouts"; "Queue for lunch"; "Fire-brigade"; "Tinsmith workshop"; and "Canteen"  
 1 photograph album  
 42 BW prints

D10/B4/2/11/43-129 [?1945 x 1949]

Album of photographs of the Relief and Refugee Committee, mostly uncaptioned photographs of committee members [?in Germany]

1 photograph album

86 BW prints/6 sketches

D10/B4/2/12/1-248 [1945 x 1980]

Relief and Refugee Committee loose photographs:

248 prints

D10/B4/2/12/1-29 [1945 x 1960]

Eastern European refugees in camps in Trieste and other camps in Italy

29 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/30-72 [1950 x 1970]

Bishop Ferdinand Guercilena (Roman Catholic Diocese of Kengtung, Burma) and his missionary work amongst the jungle population of Kengtung

43 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/73-80 [1950 x 1960]

Pupils at the Blind School in Gaza

8 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/81-83 1960

Scenes from *Return to Life*, a film depicting British aid to refugees produced by Basic Films for the Central Office of Information

3 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/84-94 [?1960]

The opening of Kole House for Polish refugees

Copyright: Universal Photo Service, London

11 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/95-127 [1947 x 1970]

Individual and group photographs of members of the Committee

23 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/128-145a [1950 x 1970]

Catholic Women's League Hong Kong work among the poor

19 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/146-164 [1970 x 1975]

Cambodian refugees

19 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/165-166 [?1960]

Lalibelia, Ethiopia

2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/167-168 [?1960]

Victims of the Pakistan floods

2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/169-171 [1960 x 1970]

Refugees in Gaza

1 colour/2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/172 [1950 x 1960]  
 Refugees waiting for bread distribution on the Jordan-Israel border  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/173 1975  
 Bishop Nickolas's visit to a mud church in Chipulukusu, Zambia  
 2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/174 [?1970]  
 Hoá Bính refugee children  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/175 [?1960]  
 Students at a Salesian Technical School in the Middle East  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/176 [?1970]  
 Famine victims, Africa  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/177-179 [?1970]  
 Aid to refugees in Morocco  
 Copyright: C.I.R.I.C.  
 3 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/180-183 [1961]  
 Abandoned Yugoslav children  
 Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League Portsmouth branch  
 4 BW prints mounted on card

D10/B4/2/12/184-187 [?1970]  
 Ukranian refugees  
 Copyright: Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad  
 4 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/188-188a [?1970]  
 Aid to victims of an earthquake in Skopje  
 2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/189 [?1960 x 1970]  
 Maastricht medical team  
 Copyright: Foto-Persbureau  
 2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/190-192 [?1980]  
 Mother and baby home, Austria  
 3 colour prints

D10/B4/2/12/193 [?1960 x 1970]  
 Refugees from Macau on a nutrition programme in a Loi camp  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/194 [?1960 x 1970]  
 Blind children near Biafra, Nigeria  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/195 [?1960 x 1970]  
 Refugee camp, Jisr-el-Basha, Middle East  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/196-197 [?1960 x 1970]  
 Deaf and dumb boys playing music in Beirut  
 Copyright: Catholic Press Bureau  
 Copyright: Universal Photo Service  
 2 BW prints

D10/B4/2/12/198 1959  
 Distribution of clothing at Mar Elias Camp, near Beirut, carried out by the  
 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/199 20 August 1960  
 Mafrag Mission Girls' School  
 Copyright: Foto Jamil Savegh, Mafrag  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/200 March 1951  
 Spiritual bouquet sent to Pope Pius XII, part of the Holy Year programme  
 carried out by the Catholic Women's League in the British Zone of Germany  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/201-201b [?1980]  
 Refugee babies in Zagreb  
 Copyright: CARITAS  
 1 colour print, 2 BW negative prints

D10/B4/2/12/202-203 1975  
 Fr Dora and Sr Luangwa with young Christians in Durban  
 2 colour prints

D10/B4/2/12/204 21 May 1974  
 General view of the Sacred Heart Leper's Village in Korea  
 1 BW print

D10/B4/2/12/205-253 [?1950 x 2000]  
 Unidentified refugees  
 42 BW/6 colour prints

D10/B4/2/13 [?1945]  
 Illustration of Mrs Barbara Conlan sketched by a Dutch refugee  
 1 illustration

(c) Social Welfare Standing Committee/National Standing Committee for Social  
 Welfare

D10/B4/3

D10/B4/3/1 31 December 1982 - 10 March 1999  
 Financial papers:  
 2 files/1 volume

D10/B4/3/1/1 31 December 1982 - December 1998  
 Statements of accounts for the Social Welfare Standing Committee/National Standing Committee for Social Welfare  
 1 file

D10/B4/3/1/2 1 January 1985 - 21 February 1986  
 Cash book for the Social Welfare Standing Committee/National Standing Committee for Social Welfare  
 1 volume

D10/B4/3/1/3 15 January 1996 - 10 March 1999  
 Correspondence with various charities and individuals on donations provided by the Social Welfare Standing Committee/National Standing Committee for Social Welfare  
 1 file

D10/B4/3/2 1960 - July 2010  
 Papers relating to the Social Welfare Standing Committee/National Standing Committee for Social Welfare/Social Awareness Group, including correspondence on the formation of the Committee, minutes of meetings and reports  
 2 files

D10/B4/3/3 1930 - 1985  
 Papers relating to the Bird-in-Bush Infant Welfare Centre, mostly annual reports and notes on history  
 1 file

D10/B4/3/5 [?1950] - 21 February 1970  
 Photographs of various old people's homes run by the Committee, including the Annie Bright Western House in Birmingham, St. Anne's House in Sheffield, and Walsingham House in Manchester  
 1 colour/4 BW prints

D10/B4/3/6 [1990] - February 2001  
 Pages from a scrapbook album with newspaper cuttings, photographs and orders of service collected to highlight the work of the Social Welfare Committee  
 Also includes some Liverpool branch records  
 1 file

#### (d) Camps

##### D10/B4/4

D10/B4/4/1 [?1970] - 10 May 2000  
 Papers relating to the management of the Catholic Women's League Children's Summer Camps, including reports, handbooks, minutes of meetings and correspondence  
 1 file

D10/B4/4/2 2006  
 Display for a centenary Camps meeting, including captions and photographs  
 1 file

D10/B4/4/3 [1951 - 1980]  
 Photographs of the Catholic Women's League Children's Summer Camps  
 5 BW/2 colour prints

(e) Our Lady's Catechists

D10/B4/5

D10/B4/5 20 January 1986 - 28 September 2006

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League Our Lady's Catechists group,  
mostly minutes of meetings and some correspondence

2 files

## C. Governance

D10/C1 [?1930] - 2004

Typescript and printed constitutions of the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/C2 1943 - 2001

Officer and membership statistics

1 file

D10/C3 1972 - 2005

Papers relating to trust deeds arranged for the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/C4 1960 - [2000]

Correspondence and other papers relating to the Charity Commission, in particular the establishment of the Catholic Women's League as a charity

1 file

D10/C5 [1970] - 16 August 2004

Letters and reports on various topics to the President and Secretary of the Catholic Women's League

1 file

D10/C6 1961 - 2008

Training manuals and guidelines for officers, including guides to the constitution, Honorary Treasurer's duties, notes on recruitment, minutes of Officers Training Days, notes on banking, guidelines on parliamentary lobbying, and Catholic Women's League officer training manual

1 file

D10/C7 6 January 1955 - 26 March 2013

Obituaries and liturgies for deceased officers, including Miss K.M. Balfe, Mrs Joyce Triggs, Robin Hood, Mrs Douglas (Mia) Woodruff, Mrs Edna Swan and Ms Mary Bridget Barnes Mabel

1 file

D10/C8 1986 - [?2000]

Certificates issued to the Catholic Women's League by various religious organisations mostly expressing gratitude for donations given

5 items

## D. Events

### Commemorations and Jubilees

D10/D1/1 4 June 1950

Catholic Women's League Holy Year Rally programme

1 item

D10/D1/2 September/October 1950

Photographs of mitres presented to Cardinal Bernard Griffin by the Catholic Women's League to commemorate the centenary of the restoration of the hierarchy

4 BW prints

D10/D1/3 19 December 1954 - 14 June 1956

Papers relating to the 50th anniversary celebrations of the foundation of the Catholic Women's League, including correspondence, photographs and a programme

1 file

D10/D1/4 1981

Papers relating to the 75th anniversary celebrations of the foundation of the Catholic Women's League, including an anniversary rally programme, souvenir key rings, and photographs

1 file

D10/D1/5 1996

Liturgy for the 90th anniversary celebration mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady and St. Philip Howard, Arundel

1 item

D10/D1/6 2000

Papers relating to the Great Jubilee (2000), including the Catholic Women's League Mass correspondence, invitation and photographs, as well as poster competition winning designs

1 file

D10/D1/7 2006

Papers relating to the centenary anniversary celebrations of the foundation of the Catholic Women's League at Walsingham, including planning correspondence, programmes, a bowl given by UCM Scotland, a bookmark, a diary, thank you letters and cards, and photographs.

3 files

### Pilgrimages

D10/D2/1 1953

Photographs of the Catholic Women's League pilgrimage in York in 1953

2 BW prints

D10/D2/2 1954 - 2001

Photographs of the Catholic Women's League pilgrimages in Lourdes in 1954, 1981, 1996 and 2001

6 BW/93 colour prints



D10/D2/3 1977 - 2010

Papers and photographs relating to the Catholic Women's League pilgrimages to Walsingham

3 files

D10/D2/4 11 - 18 May 1996

Papers and photographs relating to the Catholic Women's League pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

1 file

D10/D2/5 2009

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League pilgrimage at Westminster Cathedral in 2009, including correspondence on planning, a dvd, and lists of members

1 file

D10/D2/6 2012

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League pilgrimage at Plater College in 2012, mostly planning correspondence

1 file

#### Other Events

D10/D3/1 [July 29 x 2 August] 1910

Group photograph of the Catholic Women's League Committee at the first National Catholic Congress, Leeds, 29 July - 2 August 1910, including Mrs Jobson (Leeds), Mrs Fitzgibbon (Leeds), Miss Ottaway (Leeds), Mrs Clarke (Leeds), Miss Stowton (Westminster), Mrs Hope (Westminster), Miss Coignon (Leeds), Miss Streeter (Westminster, Honorary Org. Sec), Miss Fletcher (Foundress), Lady Mowbery (Leeds), Mrs Coghlan (Leeds, Hon. Sec), Mrs Warrington (Leeds, Treasurer) and N. Mahoney (Leeds, Hon. Secretary)

1 BW print

D10/D3/2 2 February 1967 - 11 June 2008

Papers and photographs relating to the organisation of retreats and study weekends, mostly organised by the Catholic Women's League for members

2 files

D10/D3/3 26 March 1936

(1) Printed: *Reply of Bishop Brown to the address of presentation at the Hotel Metropole, London. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.*

(2) Printed Catholic Women's League Holy Year Rally

2 items

D10/D3/4 21 October 1966 - [?2000]

Catholic Women's League events (various)

1 colour/5 BW prints

## E. Links with UK bodies

D10/E1 [?1990]

Typescript reports by Age Concern

1 file

D10/E2 August 1959 - 1962

Papers of the British Vigilance Association, including reports and correspondence

1 file

D10/E3 8 December 1982 - June 2012

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League's relationship with CAFOD, including correspondence, PowerPoint slides, and printed reports

2 files

D10/E4 9 February 1970 - 3 March 1979

Papers of the Consortium of Christian Organisations, mostly minutes of meetings

1 file

D10/E5 11 September 1906 - 23 March 1939

Papers of the Diocese of Southwark Hop Gardens Mission, including reports, photographs, postcards and notes on history

1 file

D10/E6/1-7 31 May 1960 - May 2013

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League's relationship with the Catholic hierarchy:

7 files

D10/E6/1 31 May 1960 - 6 August 2012

Correspondence between the Catholic Women's League and the hierarchy, including Cardinal Basil Hume and other bishops

1 file

D10/E6/2 1 October 1960 - 6 June 2009

Transcripts of homilies preached by bishops at Catholic Women's League events

1 file

D10/E6/3 26 November 1966 - 19 May 1976

Papers relating to the subject of abortion, including newspaper cuttings, reports and minutes of meetings

1 file

D10/E6/4 July 1968 - 13 January 1969

Papers relating to the *Humane Vitae*, including pastoral letters from bishops, newspaper cuttings, and correspondence

1 file

D10/E6/5 1978 - 30 September 2014

Papers relating to links with the archdiocese of Westminster, including invitations, correspondence, and orders of service

1 file

D10/E6/6 October 1979

Papers relating to the "Christian Family in the Modern World" conference, mostly notes and correspondence

1 file

D10/E6/7 17 May 2007

Papers relating to the resignation of John Crowley, bishop of Middlesbrough, including correspondence and newspaper cuttings

1 file

D10/E7 1998 - 2001

Papers relating to the International Catholic Migration Commission, including printed reports and leaflets

1 file

D10/E8 February 2000

Printed report of the Midway Detainees Support Group, no. 11

1 item

D10/E9 February 1982 - June 2008

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women, including minutes of meetings with associated reports and printed advice leaflets

1 file

D10/E10 17 July 1979 - 20 November 2006

Correspondence with and reports to Members of Parliament on various political matters affecting Catholic women

1 file

D10/E11/1-4 1 July 1997 - 29 June 2007

Papers relating to Plater College, including:

6 files

D10/E11/1 6 August 1963 - 2003

Papers relating to the administration and organisation of the Catholic Women's League Summer Schools at Plater College

3 files

D10/E11/2 1 July 1997 - 29 June 2007

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League involvement with future plans for Plater

1 file

D10/E11/3 14 November 1997 - 26 February 1999

Correspondence on the future of Begbroke Priory

1 file

D10/E11/4 9 November 2005 - 5 July 2007

Catholic Education Service Plater Steering Committee minutes and papers

1 file

D10/E12 19 June & September/October 1999

Printed items relating to Positively Women, including a report entitled "A voice for HIV positive African women" and a printed newsletter

2 items

D10/E13 8 October 1951 - 20 August 2014

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League and the British Royal Family, including correspondence, newspaper cuttings, and photographs relating to the Catholic Women's League Flower Festival

1 file and 2 photograph albums

E. Links with UK bodies - Other Events

D10/E14 4 March 1988 - 2011

Papers relating to the Women's World Day of Prayer group, including printed orders of service

1 file

## F. Worldwide Branches

D10/F1/1-17 31 July 1956 - 14 December 2006

Papers, including reports, minutes of meetings, newsletters, correspondence and photographs from Catholic Women's League auxiliaries worldwide:

17 files

D10/F1/1 19 February 1962 - 16 September 2006

CWL Australia

1 file

D10/F1/2 2 September 1927 - 21 October 2006

CWL Canada

1 file

D10/F1/3 [?1960]

CWL Fiji

1 file

D10/F1/4 13 December 1956 - 24 October 1984

CWL Hong Kong

1 file

D10/F1/5 24 September 1975 - 4 February 1981

CWL Dominica

1 file

D10/F1/6 4 October 1956 - 6 February 1957

CWL Jamaica

1 file

D10/F1/7 31 July 1956 - 14 July 1958

CWL Malawi

1 file

D10/F1/8 22 March 1961 - 19 December 1966

CWL Malta

1 file

D10/F1/9 6 May 1964 - September 2004

CWL New Zealand

1 file

D10/F1/10 1959

CWL Norway

1 item

D10/F1/11 8 September 1998 - 10 August 1999

CWL Philippines

1 file

D10/F1/12 4 November 1977 - 6 December 1984

CWL Scotland

1 file

D10/F1/13 4 December 1958 - 29 August 1978  
CWL Singapore  
1 file

D10/F1/14 5 November 1957 - 1 February 1983  
CWL South Africa  
1 file

D10/F1/15 1 June 1981 - 22 January 1982  
CWL West Germany  
1 file

D10/F1/16 18 May 1967 - 26 November 2001  
CWL Zambia  
1 file

D10/F1/17 15 May 1960 - 14 December 2006  
CWL Zaire  
1 file

## G. Related Bodies Worldwide

D10/G1 1 December 1973 - September 2013

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League's relationship with the World Union of Catholic Women's Bodies/WUCWO, including correspondence, International Liaison Committee minutes and report, and printed newsletters:

File 1: 1 December 1973 - December 1983

File 2: 10 January 1984 - November 1986

File 3: 26 January 1987 - 12 November 1991

File 4: January 1992 - 19 October 1999

File 5: 13 June 2000 - 23 October 2007

File 6: 21 January 2008 - September 2013

6 files

D10/G2 12 September 1947 - 22 April 2013

Papers relating to the Catholic Women's League's relationship with the Vatican, including Pope Pius XII's address to the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues in 1947; Catholic Women's League messages to the Pope and acknowledgments, 1950s - 1970s; a spiritual bouquet to John Paul II in 1982; and a message from John Paul II in 2001

1 file

## H. UK Regional Branches

Papers relating to Catholic Women's League branch administration including minutes of meetings and correspondence

Mostly arranged by diocese/archdiocese incorporating all smaller branches within each jurisdiction

D10/H1 11 April 1992 - 18 April 2009

Arundel & Brighton branches

1 file

D10/H2 [?1950] - 26 June 2010

Birmingham branches

1 file

D10/H3 1953 - 9 July 2011

Brentwood branches

1 file

D10/H4 19 May 2007 - 29 February 2012

Cardiff branches

1 file

D10/H5 9 May 1992 - January 2013

Clifton branches

1 file

D10/H6 5 April 1992 - 13 June 2011

East Anglia branches

1 file

D10/H7 6 April 1991 - 16 June 2008

Hallam branch (closed in 2001)

1 file

D10/H8 1985 - 7 May 2011

Hexham and Newcastle branches

1 file

D10/H9 [?1950] - 26 May 2010

Lancaster branches

1 file

D10/H10 19 October 2006 - 5 October 2010

Leeds branches

1 file

D10/H11 1957 - 28 April 2004

Liverpool (archdiocese) branch (closed in January 2004)

2 files

D10/H12 14 February - 22 April 2004

Liverpool (diocese) branches

1 file

D10/H13 28 January 1994 - 9 April 2011

Middlesbrough branches

1 file



D10/H14 4 April 1992 - 22 May 2010

Nottingham branches

1 file

D10/H15 1992 - 20 March 2010

Northampton branches

1 file

D10/H16 1949 - 1972

Catholic Women's League Northern Province minute book

1 volume

D10/H17 1973/74 - 2010

Plymouth branches

1 file

D10/H18 9 May 1992 - 29 October 2012

Portsmouth branches

1 file

D10/H19 6 April 1991 - 29 May 2008

Salford branches (including minute and subscription books)

1 file & 5 volumes

D10/H20 4 May 1991 - 16 March 2013

Shrewsbury branches

1 file

D10/H21 1965/66 - 3 December 2010

Southwark branches

1 file

D10/H22 31 December 1913 - 10 November 2012

Westminster and London branches

1 file

D10/H23 2003 - 2013

Reports from various branches sent to the National Executive

3 files