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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

The papers of the National Board of Catholic Women date predominantly from the early 1970s to the present day, with little surviving from the early years of its foundation. They include: annual reports; minutes of meetings; officers' papers; papers relating to the Board's role as a consultative body for the United Nations, Catholic Bishops' Conference, and other religious and secular organisations; conferences and events; publicity papers including newspaper cuttings, responses, draft letters to newspapers, and press releases; as well as publications of the Board and other organisations.

Administrative History

The National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) was founded in 1939 following an initiative by Cardinal Hinsley to encourage the Catholic Women's League, Union of Catholic Mothers and Catholic Girls Association to work together to promote the war effort. The Board acts as a forum in which Catholic women of England and Wales share their views and concerns at diocesan and national level on the role of Catholic women in the Church and wider society, in order to fulfil their evangelical mission to the Catholic Church. Its aims include challenging discrimination and promoting women's rights to gender justice, to represent the views and concerns of Catholic women to the Bishops' Conference and to the government, and to work ecumenically with women of other faiths and secular groups. It works in a variety of areas, including communications, ecumenism and interfaith, education, environment, marriage and the family, international links, social responsibility, and women in the Church. The organisation has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC), and is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations and the European Alliance of Catholic Women in Europe. It has representation on a number of other organisations including the Women's National Commission (WNC), National Council of Women (NCW), National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO), Women's Co-ordinating Group for Churches Together in England and Wales, Women's World Day of Prayer, Methodist/RC Discussions, CAFOD, National Council of Lay Associations, and the Catholic Union. It publishes regular reports, organises conferences, and produces, twice a year, a nationally distributed newspaper *Catholic Woman* which gives information about its activities and reflects the variety of views among its membership.

Accession details

Deposited by Pearl Clarke and Freda Lambert between April and June 2015

Arrangement

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Appraisal

The contents of the collection have been appraised and clean duplicates removed.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-CSU-D7, or the collection name National Board of Catholic Women 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

Catholic Women's League
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Related material - elsewhere

The National Archives

BN 29/2346: National Board of Catholic Women: memorandum and correspondence relating to adoption of children

1. Central Governance

D7/A1 1963/64 - 2008/09

Annual reports of the National Board of Catholic Women

Wanting: 1964/65, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1986/87, 1988/89, 2006/07-2007/08

2 files

D7/A2 1962 - 2012

Papers relating to the annual general meetings of the National Board of Catholic Women, with associated papers, correspondence, photographs and minutes of meetings

From 2001, the Annual General Meetings included conferences and study days so these papers include conference reports and programmes which duplicate papers in D7/E1

File 1: 1962 - 1983

File 2: 1987 - 1988

File 3: 1989 - 1991

File 4: 1992 - 2000

File 5: 2001 - 2004

File 6: 2005

File 7: 2006 - 2012

Photographs: [1980 x 2010]

8 files

D7/A3 1964 - 2012

Papers of the meetings of the Executive Committee, including minutes and associated papers

File 1: 1964 - 1974

File 2: 1977 - 1986

File 3: 1987 - 1994

File 4: 1995 - 1998

File 5: 1999 - 2002

File 6: 2003 - 2005

File 7: 2006 - 2012

7 files

D7/A4 1938 - 2012

Papers of board meetings, including minutes and associated papers

Volume 1: 1938 - 1943

Volume 2: 1944 - 1952

File 1: 1953 - 1963

File 2: 1964 - 1969

File 3: 1970 - 1977

File 4: 1978 - 1988

File 5: 1989 - 1995

File 6: 1996 - 1999

File 7: 2000 - 2003

File 8: 2004 - 2012

2 volumes & 8 files

D7/A5 August 2007

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women strategic plan for 2007-2009, including draft plan and correspondence

1 file

1. Central Governance

D7/A6 14 April 1979 - September 2009

Papers relating to administrative and internal matters, including revisions of the constitution, guidelines for officers, and job advertisements

2 files

2. Officers' Papers

D7/B1 29 September 1994 - 4 May 2006

Presidents' papers, mostly correspondence relating to appeals for assistance from various Catholic organisations and internal administration, as well as photographs of past presidents

1 file

D7/B2/1-2 9 July 1991 - 2012/13

Secretaries' papers:

2 files

D7/B2/1 9 July 1991 - 14 September 2005

Correspondence, mostly membership enquiries

1 file

D7/B2/2 1991/92 - 2012/13

Membership address lists

1 file

D7/B3/1-3 30 September 1965 - 31 August 2011

Treasurers' papers:

2 files & 1 volume

D7/B3/1 30 September 1965 - 31 August 2011

Account statements for the National Board of Catholic Women

1 file

D7/B3/2 10 March 1965 - 2012

Correspondence, mostly on financial transactions

1 file

D7/B3/3 1982 - 1986

Cash ledger, including payments, receipts and bank reconciliations

1 volume

D7/B4/1-3 10 August 1990 - 23 November 2012

Development Officer (Angela Perkins's) papers:

3 file

D7/B4/1 1979 - 1996, 2007

Development Officer's account statements

1 file

D7/B4/2 10 August 1990 - 1 May 2005

Correspondence, mostly on potential funding sources

1 file

D7/B4/3 16 May 1994 - 23 November 2012

Papers relating to grant applications for funding

1 file

3. Consultative Papers

(a) United Nations Economic and Social Council

D7/C1 27 February 1995 - 29 August 2009

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women's role as a consultative body to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and its involvement in improving the position of women across the world, including conference papers, responses, correspondence, and reports

File 1: 27 February 1995 - 19 January 1999

File 2: 22 January 2000 - 31 August 2001

File 3: 25 February 2002 - 29 August 2009

3 files

(b) Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

D7/C2/1 28 August 1987 - 6 May 2008

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women's role as a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the profile of Catholic women in the Church, including responses, correspondence, minutes of Low Week meetings, reports, photographs

File 1: 17 June 1987 - 6 July 1997

File 2: 5 January - 20 December 1998

File 3: 2 January - 13 December 1999

File 4: 14 January 2000 - 4 December 2002

File 5: 21 January 2003 - December 2004

File 6: 6 March 2005 - 6 May 2008

Photographs: [1990 x 2008]

7 files

D7/C2/2 14 January 1989 - 8 December 2012

Papers relating to the conferences and meetings of the Joint Dialogue Group, established as a forum of communication between the National Board of Women and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, including conference papers and minutes of meetings, with associated reports and correspondence:

File 1: 14 January 1989 - 13 December 1993

File 2: 12 January 1994 - 13 October 1995

File 3: January 1996 - 28 October 1999

File 4: 24 February 2000 - 10 June 2002

File 5: 2003 - December 2004

File 6: January 2005 - June 2006

File 7: January 2007 - 8 December 2012

Miscellaneous undated papers: [1991 x 2012]

8 files

©) Diocesan Links

D7/C3/1 May 1990 - 2003

Papers relating to the management of the National Board of Catholic Women's links with the Catholic dioceses of England and Wales

1 file

D7/C3/2/1-21 4 April 1988 - 24 November 2012

Papers of individual dioceses:

21 files

D7/C3/2/1 6 May 1991 - 28 July 2000

Birmingham

1 file

D7/C3/2/2 15 June 1997 - 22 June 2004

Brentwood

1 file

D7/C3/2/3 25 June 2000 - 30 April 2001

Brighton & Arundel

1 file

D7/C3/2/4 March 1994 - 26 November 2006

Cardiff (archdiocese)

1 file

D7/C3/2/5 22 July 1995 - 1 July 2004

Clifton

1 file

D7/C3/2/6 12 October 1995 - 2009

East Anglia

1 file

D7/C3/2/7 31 January 1998

Hallam

1 file

D7/C3/2/8 September 1988 - 4 August 2001

Hexham and Newcastle

1 file

D7/C3/2/9 20 July 1995 - 24 November 2012

Lancaster

1 file

D7/C3/2/10 5 March 1994 - 13 June 2001

Leeds

1 file

D7/C3/2/11 25 September 1997 - 25 July 2000

Liverpool (archdiocese)

1 file

D7/C3/2/12 20 December 2002

Menevia

1 file

D7/C3/2/13 22 September 1988 - 2 August 2012

Middlesbrough

1 file

3. Consultative Papers - (d) Links with Catholic organisations

D7/C3/2/14 7 November 1990 - 19 May 2012
Nottingham
1 file

D7/C3/2/15 15 September 1997 - [?2012]
Northampton
1 file

D7/C3/2/16 December 1991 - 28 September 1999
Plymouth
1 file

D7/C3/2/17 11 December 1989 - [2012]
Portsmouth
1 file

D7/C3/2/18 4 April 1998 - 24 November 2007
Salford
1 file

D7/C3/2/19 23 July 1997 - February 1999
Shrewsbury
1 file

D7/C3/2/20 4 October 1995 - 17 May 2000
Southwark (archdiocese)
1 file

D7/C3/2/21 November 1993 - 31 March 2003
Wrexham
1 file

(d) Links with Catholic organisations

D7/C4/1 14 January 1989 - 14 March 2006
Association of Catholic Women
File 1: 14 January 1989 - 21 December 1994
File 2: March - 15 December 1995
File 3: 4 February 1996 - December 1998
File 4: 14 January - 20 December 1999
File 5: 8 January 2000 - 8 August 2001
File 6: May 2002 - 14 March 2006
5 files

D7/C4/2 18 December 1990 - 2010
CAFOD
1 file

D7/C4/3 2003 - 2004
Catholic Young Men's Society
1 file

D7/C4/4 8 May - 29 June 2003
Catholic Union
1 file

3. Consultative Papers - (d) Links with Catholic organisations

D7/C4/5 28 September 1989 - 21 October 2006
Catholic Women's League
1 file

D7/C4/6 5 November 2000 - 24 August 2001
Catholic Women's Network
1 file

D7/C4/7 May 1968 - 27 December 2000
Churches Together
1 file

D7/C4/8 9 July 1998 - 2004
Conference of Religious
1 file

D7/C4/9 27 November 1993 - 25 March 1995
Consortium of Christian Organisations
1 file

D7/C4/10 January 1994 - 2002
Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women (EFECW)
1 file

D7/C4/11 1994 - 2003
Justice and Peace

D7/C4/12 16 November 1971 - 1983
Laity Commission
2 files

D7/C4/13 June 1996 - 5 January 2005
National Conference of Priests
1 file

D7/C4/14 29 April 1996 - 20 December 2004
National Council of Lay Associations
1 file

D7/C4/15 22 October 1988 - 19 April 2004
National Council of Women
File 1: 22 October 1988 - 16 December 1993
File 2: January - 15 December 1994
File 3: 18 January - 5 December 1995
File 4: 22 January 1996 - 19 April 2004
4 files

D7/C4/16 28 March 1998 - 26 February 2001
Newman Association
1 file

D7/C4/17 25 July 1995 - 11 March 2003
St Joan's Alliance
1 file

3. Consultative Papers - (d) Links with Catholic organisations

D7/C4/18 1989 - 10 January 2006

Union of Catholic Mothers

1 file

D7/C4/19 December 1988 - 12 May 2009

Women's National Commission

See also D7/C1

1 file

D7/C4/20 June 1983 - 2008

World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations

File 1: June 1983 - December 1991

File 2: 25 June 1991 - 21 November 1993

File 3: 3 February 1994 - 12 December 1995

File 4: 22 January 1996 - 31 December 1997

File 5: January 1998 - 31 December 1999

File 6: 8 January - 31 December 2000

File 7: 4 January - 20 June 2001

File 8: 7 July - 19 December 2001

File 9: February 2002 - 25 November 2004

File 10: 24 January - 19 December 2005

File 11: January 2006 - 2008

11 files

D7/C4/21 4 July 1991 - 10 March 2009

Papers of other organisations, including Catholic Agency for Social Concern, Parents Against Oral Conception for Children, Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education, Voice for Choice, and others

1 file

4. Committees and Campaigns

(a) Committees

D7/D1/1 16 November 1997 - 10 March 2010

Papers relating to the central administration of committees and convenor groups, including minutes of convenor meetings and guidelines

1 file

D7/D1/2 April 1990 - 5 January 2009

Papers of the Bio-ethics Committee

1 file

D7/D1/3 22 October 1988 - 15 June 2011

Papers of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee

File 1: 22 October 1988 - 17 May 2003

File 2: 19 February 2004 - 29 September 2007

File 3: 28 February 2008 - 15 June 2011

3 files

D7/D1/4 June 1991 - April 2005

Papers of the Education Committee

1 file

D7/D1/5 18 February 2004 - January 2009

Papers of the Environment Committee

1 file

D7/D1/6 2 March 1990 - 7 May 2010

Papers of the International Committee

2 files

D7/D1/7 October 1990 - July 2004

Papers of the Marriage and Family Committee

1 file

D7/D1/8 16 November 2003 - 29 September 2005

Papers of the Social Responsibility Committee

1 file

D7/D1/9 25 June 1988 - 6 February 2003

Papers of the Science and Technology Committee

1 file

D7/D1/10 22 February 1985 - February 2008

Papers of the Women in the Church Committee

2 files

D7/D1/11 22 October 1987 - 17 September 1991

Papers of the Women's Inter-Church Committee

1 file

(b) Campaigns

D7/D2/1 [?1990] - 2010

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women campaigns against domestic violence, including the publication of a report entitled "Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence"

Convened by the Marriage and Family Committee

1 file

D7/D2/2 1989 - 1990

Papers relating to an investigation by the National Board of Catholic Women into the role of women in the Catholic Church, subsequently published as a NBCW Discussion Paper entitled *Women - status & role, life & mission*

Convened by the Women in the Church Committee

1 file

D7/D2/3 1991

Papers relating to an investigation by the National Board of Catholic Women into the role of women in the Catholic Church, subsequently published as a report entitled "Be not afraid"

Convened by the Women in the Church Committee

1 file

D7/D2/4 1995 - 29 May 2000

Papers relating to an investigation by the National Board of Catholic Women into the admission of Christians from other churches to Holy Communion in Roman Catholic churches, subsequently published as *May my husband (a Christian from another Church) ever receive Holy Communion with Me? How?*

Convened by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee

1 file

D7/D2/5 February 1997 - 21 February 2002

Papers relating to the National Board of Catholic Women's Millennium Project, a joint campaign with CAFOD to place a particular focus on women during the Millennium Festival, resulting in the publication of *Journey to the Millennium*

The publication of *Journey to the Millennium* was convened by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee

1 file

D7/D2/6 30 September 1998 - 6 April 2000

Papers relating to an investigation by the National Board of Catholic Women into the Eucharist and implications for Christian ecumenism, resulting in the publication of the report "One Bread One Body"

Convened by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee

1 file

4. Committees and Campaigns - (b) Campaigns

D7/D2/7 23 October 2003 - 19 November 2012

Papers relating to the role of the National Board of Catholic Women in the Women's Interfaith Media Library Project, a campaign to promote a more positive image of women in the media

File 1: 23 October 2003 - 3 November 2005

File 2: 25 January 2006 - 5 November 2008

File 3: 1 May 2009 - 19 November 2012

3 files

D7/D2/8/1-7 1982/83 - 2 November 2010

Papers, mostly reports and published articles, on various subjects, probably collected by the National Board of Catholic Women for campaigns

10 files

D7/D2/8/1 1982/83 - 23 April 1994

Married men in the priesthood

1 file

D7/D2/8/2 20 June 2005 - 2 November 2010

Prostitution

1 file

D7/D2/8/3 20 June 1995 - October 2008

Sex tourism and child exploitation

1 file

D7/D2/8/4 10 September 1992 - 17 August 2000

Child sexual abuse

1 file

D7/D2/8/5 6 October 1988 - 30 July 2002

Teenage pregnancy

1 file

D7/D2/8/6 28 September 1990 - 6 June 2000

Women and priests in non-celibate relationships

File 1: 28 September 1990 - 1 December 1993

File 2: 17 January 1994 - 14 December 1996

File 3: 11 January 1997 - 6 June 2000

Miscellaneous undated papers: [1990 x 2000]

4 files

D7/D2/8/7 17 March 2003 - 23 June 2004

Catholic women and the European Union

1 file

Conferences and Events

D7/E1-3 March 1986 - 19 June 2013

Conference papers, including correspondence, programmes, transcripts of papers, and reports:

2 files

D7/E1/1 March 1986 - July 2009

Papers of National Board of Catholic Women conferences

1 file

D7/E1/2 June 1989 - 19 June 2013

Conference/workshop papers from other organisations, including the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, Action Homeless Concern, and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

1 file

D7/E1/3 [1980 x 2010]

Photographs of NBCW and other organisations' conferences, mostly unidentified
2 envelopes

D7/E2/1-3 1977 - 2009

Papers of study days and other events, including correspondence, programmes, and handouts:

2 files

D7/E2/1 1977 - 2008

Papers of National Board of Catholic Women annual study days

1 file

D7/E2/2 2004

Papers relating to the Greater Manchester Churches Together Walk of Discovery showcasing the role of women in Manchester's community and church life

1 file

D7/E2/3 June 2009

Papers relating to the National Board of Women "70 Years of Action" event, celebrating 70 years of the organisations

1 file

Publicity

D7/F1 10 October 1987 - 10 December 2007

Cuttings from a variety of national and Catholic newspapers concerning the work of the National Board of Women and other issues affecting women more generally:

File 1: 10 October 1987 - October 1989

File 2: 11 February 1990 - 15 November 1992

File 3: 17 January 1993 - 27 April 1994

File 4: 15 January - 17 November 1995

File 5: 17 January - 8 December 1996

File 6: 31 January - 27 December 1997

File 7: January - 29 December 1998

File 8: 2 January - 21 November 1999

File 9: 24 January - 29 December 2000

File 10: 5 January 2001 - 10 December 2007

Undated paper: [1987 x 2007]

11 files

D7/F2 25 October 1988 - May 2012

Papers relating to the management of publicity, including correspondence, draft leaflets and publications, and minutes of media meetings

1 file

D7/F3 27 October 1988 - 12 May 2006

Official responses and open letters to government officials and religious leaders protesting on various issues affecting women, including human embryology; export of land mines; Third World debt; child protection; stem cell research; sexual reproductive rights; conflict resolution; cluster bombs; teenage pregnancy; the misuse of the Abortion Act, the proposed *Orde Missae*; tuition fees for female students; sex trafficking; and prostitution

3 files

D7/F4 October 1989 - 2005

National Board of Catholic Women press releases on women's issues (for subjects see above)

1 file

D7/F5 30 June 1990 - 24 March 2005

Draft letters sent to national and Catholic newspapers on women's issues (for subjects see above)

1 file

D7/F6 [1990 x 2009]

National Board of Catholic Women publicity leaflets

1 file

Publications

D7/G1 1990 - 24 June 2002

Papers relating to the production of *Catholic Women*, the newspaper of the National Board of Catholic Women, including correspondence, draft articles and photographs
2 files

D7/G2 1992 - 2003

Catholic Women

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "National Board of Catholic Women Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue
25 issues

D7/G3 January 2003 - July 2009

Papers relating to the production of *Catholic Omnibus*, the newspaper of the National Board of Catholic Women, including correspondence and draft articles
This was the successor to *Catholic Women*
1 file

D7/G4 2003 - 2008

Catholic Omnibus

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "National Board of Catholic Women Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue
24 issues

D7/G5 1991 - 2003

Printed publications by the National Board of Catholic Women

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "National Board of Catholic Women Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue
5 publications

D7/G6 1980 - 2006

Printed publications by other organisations

For a more detailed catalogue entry, search for "National Board of Catholic Women Archive" in the Durham University Library catalogue
36 publications