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Catholic Women’s League, Archdiocese of Sydney

(1913 -)

Born	19130101, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Social support organisation

Summary

The Catholic Women’s League was established in 1913 as the Catholic Women’s Association,(later became the Legion of Catholic Women in 1941 and in 1959 the Catholic Women’s League). Its aim was to provide Catholic women of Sydney with a broader society, one which crossed parish boundaries and provided them with a focus for social life. As it evolved, the Parish branches became the power base, with women contributing to parish life as Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, through hospital visitation, care and support groups, welcoming committees, discussion groups and fundraising. The Catholic Women’s League continues to provide a voice for Catholic women in Church and society by addressing social and moral issues affecting family life, particularly women and children. It is affiliated with the Catholic Women’s League Australia Inc.

Published resources

Book
Truly feminine truly Catholic: a history of the Catholic Women's League in the Archdiocese of Sydney 1913-87., Carey, Hilary M., 1987

Journal Article
The Catholic Women's League: the first twenty-five years, McDonald, Eleanor, 1981

Resource
Catholic Women's League, Sydney: faith, fellowship, fun, Catholic Women's League, Archdiocese of Sydney, 2003, http://cwlsydney.org.au/

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Archival resources

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