



### III NATIONAL MEETING REVUELTA DE MUJERES EN LA IGLESIA-ALCEM LA VEU

## “BELIEVERS AND FEMINISTS: REASONS FOR HOPE”



Revuelta de Mujeres en la Iglesia – Alcem la Veu in El Escorial 2025

**El Escorial (Madrid), May 11th, 2025:** Nearly 200 women from 29 of the 33 local Revolts across Spain gathered in El Escorial between May 9 and 11 to celebrate the third national meeting of the Revuelta de Mujeres en la Iglesia - Alcem la Veu (Women's Revolt in the Church – Let's Raise our Voices) under the motto **"Believers and Feminists: Reasons for Hope"**.

“The very growth of our movement is a reason for hope,” the attendees affirmed. “We were born in 2020 and is now present in 33 regions of our country, indicating an increasing desire among women that ‘equality becomes the customary’ in the world and in the Church, keeping with our motto.” They further emphasized, “We desire to be equal with men in a more circular and less hierarchical Church, with more lay leadership and less clerical leadership.”

Planned months ago, the meeting coincided with the inauguration of the new papacy. “The election of Leo XIV is a reason for hope, and in his early statements he has sought to continue the path of synodality opened by Francis, in which we all advance together, a serving and merciful Church, open and welcoming to all, all, all,” the Revolt spokespersons noted. We look forward to “a Church committed to justice and to an unarmed and disarming peace.”

“We ask the Pope to go further on the path toward women's equality in the Church; we ask him to promote the reform of the customs, doctrines, and laws of the Church, which remain anchored in clerical patriarchal concepts, which maintain the subordination of women and their invisibility in many spaces of the ecclesial community,” they stated regarding the new pontificate. “We

believe that the work and thoughts of women, as well as their access to decision-making positions, is fundamental to the necessary adherence of the Church to the Gospel.”

A Church without fear, which “trusts in God and where evil will not prevail,” as Leo XIV recalled in his first words, is not afraid of the challenges of the present, listens to the cries and suffering of women, and, in its dialogue with the world, lends its ear to the voice of feminism and considers its contributions. "Because the God of life, who loves his creatures, wants us to be free and equal and therefore condemns everything that impedes our fulfilment," the members of the Revolt emphasize. "We want the Revolt to be recognized not only for the equality of women in the Church, but also for its denunciation of patriarchy as sin, and that the glory of God is seen when women live and do so in fullness and abundance."

## Roadmap for the future

As a result of this meeting, the women from the various Revolts throughout Spain have reaffirmed our commitment to hope, which is reflected in concrete actions and realities:

- Actively cultivate and strengthen alliances within Christian communities.
- Sustain and expand ongoing initiatives in theological and feminist education.
- Continue promoting feminist theology both in in both personal and public spheres.
- Proactively enhance our presence and assume leadership roles within all levels of the Church, including liturgical responsibilities at the altar, organizational involvement, representational duties, and public articulation of our faith.
- Support the pastoral care of sexual diversity in all ecclesial spheres.
- Demand the establishment of robust diocesan structures to address the abuse of minors and adults within the Church, where victims can be listened to, and supported.
- Celebrate life and faith through a distinctly women's lens by reclaiming inclusive and liberating imagery, symbolism, and language.
- Develop liturgical and pastoral resources that incorporate gender diversity.
- Promote a spirituality anchored in life and in the commitment to a world in which women's lives matter.
- Renew our commitment to and with impoverished women and all those on the social and existential peripheries.
- Maintain our participation and dialogue with civil feminist movements.
- Strengthen our collaboration with international Catholic feminist networks, with a special focus on the Global South.

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