

ECCLESIA FOR EQUALITY: WALKING WITH WOMEN ON THE SYNODAL PATH



PREPARING ROME 2023

We are excited to share the beginnings of our plans for the synod in October and invite you to consider how you and your network might add your voice, witness, or support to what we are calling the Ecclesia for Equality.

We believe the Catholic Women's Council can play a unique role in the synod. We are a diverse global network for women committed to ensuring the dignity and equality of women. We celebrate the plurality of our voices, our different languages, symbols, and strategies, and walk together on this journey toward justice



The **Ecclesia for Equality** is an extension of the synodal tent: a space - virtual, physical, spiritual where we can model synodality authentically, where we can amplify the voices most silenced by the institutional church, and where we can cultivate strength in our interconnection and collaboration.

Through the **Ecclesia for Equality** we will create a list of events, prayers, and demonstrations in Rome and around the world where women are contributing to the global discernment of the synodal process. We will ensure the themes below will be addressed.

- **Sacramental Life**
- **The Role of Women in the Church**
- **Abuse and Violence against Women**
- **Human Rights**
- **Power, Participation and Representation**
- **Women in Theology**



WE NEED YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VISION!

We encourage every continent to plan at least one action. Please consider how your organization may want to participate by hosting an event or joining another group from your region on one or more of these themes either regionally, virtually, or in Rome. Perhaps you are already planning an event or looking for cooperation with other women's organizations sharing the same ideas or vision around your continent or globally? We can add that to our living list of gatherings to amplify your efforts and try to find women's organizations who want to join in a combined action. We hope that as CWC we can host at least one event in Rome during the first two weeks of the synod - more details to follow.

- ✿ **Let us know** if you or a representative of your organization will be in Rome for the synod, and what days.
- ✿ **Share** any details of events you are already planning during the October synod, either regionally or virtually.
- ✿ **Let us know** if your organization would like to address one of the CWC themes and host, co-host, or support an event.



SAVE THE DATES!

➤➤➤ **OCTOBER 6, 2023** (*ROME AND VIRTUAL*)

Women's march, organized by the **Women's Ordination Conference**. A procession through Rome to the Synod Hall will encourage the church to “walk with women” as part of what we are calling a Women’s March.

➤➤➤ **OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 2023** (*LIVE AND ON LINE FROM ROME AND BRISTOL*)

Spirit Unbounded is hosting a series of events called “**Discipleship of Equals**” bringing theologians, activists, and advocates together to highlight the urgency of reforme.

**WE ARE WAITING TO
MEET YOU IN ROME!**

