

Dear Member of AMRI,

Perhaps you've heard of Communicators for Women Religious (CWR), but aren't quite sure about our mission, focus or benefits. CWR is an international network of more than 200 professional communicators, and the only organization of its kind serving communicators for women religious. CWR members are in the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, and Ireland. Our members represent more than 140 religious women congregations throughout the world.

CWR's presence in Ireland focuses on providing professional networking and education to members who communicate and advance the mission and ministries of women religious. Our mission is to be a network of professional support and education for members who promote understanding of women religious, enhance their image and advance their mission.

The materials below provide additional insight into CWR Ireland; you may also want to reserve **Saturday, April 30, 2022**, for our one-day conference

“Communicating Today – Telling the Good News.”

Plan to join us for a day of learning, networking and sharing as we convene at The Ashling Hotel, Dublin. More information and registration details will be shared early in the New Year.



COMMUNICATORS FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS
Advancing the Mission of Catholic Sisters

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Membership Benefits:

- Access to all CWR International has to offer, including training modules, education, conferences and webinars
- Access to all CWR Ireland conferences and workshops
- Networking & support with other communicators in Ireland and throughout the world

CWR Provides Opportunities:

- To meet and explore ways of having the voice of religious women in Ireland heard with justice
- To be pro-active in digital spaces promoting the good news of the gospel
- To share stories through social media channels and websites
- To encourage and support women religious to be resilient in speaking and sharing their values
- To use language that is relevant and understood today

Who We Are:

CWR Ireland's first meeting took place in January 2016 in response to invitations sent to congregational leadership teams to consider sending communications personnel. In all 16 attended the first meeting.



A series of further meetings followed over a period of two years, culminating in a conference that also included a session for leadership teams. So, on the evening of the 23rd of October 2018 at the Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge, a group of women religious leaders of Ireland came together at the invitation of CWR. The overarching account was one of collaboration, hospitality and welcome. Everyone agreed that they left group meetings feeling energized and empowered.

Toward the end of 2018, CWR Ireland was formally constituted as a region of CWR. The group is working hard to develop a strategic communications framework for religious in Ireland.

CWR Ireland Aims to be a Counter-Voice by:

- Being proactive in engaging in digital spaces promoting the good news of the gospel
- Telling our stories, through social media channels and our websites
- Highlighting and making explicit the charism and ethos of what we stand for
- Utilizing a language that is relevant and understood today

An International Presence:

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It's easy to join CWR Ireland - simply complete an online application, then submit it and the membership fee. For more information and the application please visit:
<https://c4wr.org/membership-levels>

CWR Ireland ***What do our Members say?***

“CWR is a wonderful experience of collaboration between the different congregations who meet together regularly. The generous sharing of experiences from the members helps us to have confidence to speak positively and passionately about the life of women religious today and their continuing relevance in the 21st century.”

Sr Patricia Lenehan RSC

"I find this Inter -Congregational group working very closely through sharing very significant expertise is very life giving in terms of offering tremendous Hope, Encouragement, and Resilience thus enabling us to speak and share our values in our ever changing world of today."

Sr Rowena Galvin SJC

"CWR has been a great resource and helped me become more efficient & effective in my ministry. In addition the friendship and support from the group has been invaluable to me."

Margaret Cartwright
Director, Vocations Ireland

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- helps me to value the variety of gifts among us as religious women
- gives me a concrete platform where we can support one another
- offers me friends and supports across a variety of religious charisms
- *Ni Neart go cur le chéile* - makes me realise there's strength in unity.
- helps us to find our voices as religious women.

Sr Una Agnew