

Australian Church Women Special Projects

- * **Fellowship of the Least Coin:** support of women-oriented projects around the world.
- * **Winifred Kiek Scholarship:** enables a Christian woman in the Asia/Pacific area to undertake study for up to ten months as an addition to basic training in her chosen Christian service.

The Papal Award presented to Margaret McEntee OAM at this service is known as the Order of St Gregory the Great. It is one of the five honorary Orders of Knighthood of the Holy See. It bestows the title of Knight/Dame. The honour is bestowed upon Roman Catholic men and women in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Roman Catholic Church, through their unusual labours, their support of the Holy See, and their excellent examples set forth in their communities and their countries.

(Source: Wikipedia)

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Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham,
Father Ron Peters, Father Patrick Vaughan,
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the staff of Lumen Christi Catholic Parishes,
President and Members of Catholic Women's League
Diocese of Wollongong
and all who assisted and participated in this service.*



Australian Church Women NSW State Unit Inc



Annual Service of Dedication

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT

Margaret McEntee OAM

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING PRESIDENT

Pamela Freeman

In the presence of
Most Reverend Brian G Mascord DD
Bishop of Wollongong

Most Reverend Peter Ingham DD
Bishop Emeritus of Wollongong

Father Ron Peters
Dean of Cathedral
Father Patrick Vaughan

Chaplain Catholic Women's League Diocese of Wollongong

Thursday 31 May 2018 | 11.00 am
St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

Incoming President's Theme: ***Bearers of Christ's Love***

Order of Service

Music Prelude

A Time of Reflection and Preparation for Worship

Entrance Hymn

Lord of Creation, to You be all Praise

Lord of all creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
And yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
In rich joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
And, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
Rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find;
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
Is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;
But, led in your service, your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

(Jack Copley Winslow.

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Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Call to Worship

Father Ron Peters

Scripture Reading

Major Lyn Middleton

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17
Over all these to keep them together and complete them, put on love.

Ritual of Water Recognising Baptism

Bishop Brian Mascord

Dedication of Council

Statement of Faith of Australian Church Women - NSW State Unit Inc
(Members of ACW to read)

We believe that there is one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Three in One. We believe that Scripture teaches that salvation is only through faith in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Australian Church Women Theme Chorus (sung)

In Christ We Are One

We being many are one in the Lord.
Each one is different but we're trusting in His Word.
For we are part of God's family thru' Jesus Christ His Son.
Tho' we are many yet in Christ we are one.
We being many, in Christ we are one.

Introduction of Incoming President

Bishop Brian Mascord

Retiring President's Charge

Pamela Freeman

Peg, as you take the office of President of New South Wales State Unit of Australian Church Women, we pray that God will give you the wisdom and strength that you will need to fulfil this task and that God's blessing will be upon you as you use the gifts He has given you for His honour and glory. Two years ago when I became President, I received this copy of God's Word which today I pass onto you. Australian Church Women believe that it is only as we centre our lives on the truth and teachings of the Word of God that we can fulfil our commitment to witness, to serve and to be one in Christ Jesus.

Peg, as you accept this Bible please be assured of our prayers for you. May God bless you and the work of Australian Church Women.

Incoming President's Response

Margaret (Peg) McEntee OAM

Thank you Pamela. As I accept the responsibility of being President of the New South Wales Unit, I gladly receive this Bible. I acknowledge my dependence on God and His word. I give to Him my promise to obey His leading in fulfilling His purposes through Australian Church Women.

Incoming President to light the *Bearers of Christ's Love* candle.

Badge Presentation to President

Introduction and Presentation of Executive

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Dedicatory Prayer

Bishop Brian Mascord

O Lord, consecrate to your service all members of the State Unit as they offer you their gifts of personality, character, talent and ability. May their lives so dedicated be used to fulfil Your will and bring blessings to Your Church.

ACW Members Response

God our Heavenly Father, by your Grace may we work together in harmony to bring glory to Your Name. Please give us wisdom to know Your will and the strength to do it. Amen

Recognition of outgoing President and Executive

Isabel Hewitt

Offering to ACW

Offering Prayer

Lieutenant Pat Cory

Scripture Reading:

Sr Elizabeth Delaney SGS

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Theme: No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Intercessions

Baptist, Anglican, Catholic and Lutheran

1. Loving God you called Australian Church Women to give life to the Church and to the world: may they continue to give powerful witness to Jesus, who is our Lord and Saviour. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

2. Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of leadership of Pamela Freeman: may the Australian Church Women be strengthened by her gifts and, may she be affirmed by the uniqueness of her time, talent and resources. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

3. Strengthening God, we ask for your blessings upon Peg McEntee as she embarks on the leadership of Australian Church Women: may she be firm in her resolve to be a 'bearer of Christ's love'. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

4. Provident God, you have created women in your image to bring all people to the knowledge and love of You: may women's creativity in ministry enliven the mission of the Church. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Hymn

Mary's Song

(to the tune of Amazing Grace)

My soul proclaims the Lord my God.
My spirit sings God's praise,
Who looks on me, and lifts me up.
That gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy;
For gifts God has outpoured.
This lowly one has been made great.
I magnify the Lord.

For those who fear the Holy One,
God's mercy will not die.
Whose strong right arm puts down the proud,
And lifts the lowly high.

God fills the hungry with good things,
And sends the rich away;
The promise made to Abraham
Is filled to endless day.

Then let all nations praise our God,
The Father and the Son,
The Spirit blest, who lives in us,
While endless ages run.

Anne Carter

Message

Peg McEntee OAM

The Lord's Prayer

(all stand)

Papal Award Presentation

Bishop Brian Mascord

Grace and Benediction

Bishop Brian Mascord

Recessional Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me

(to the tune of Morning Has Broken)

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

James Kilbane

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Aim to unite Christian women in their allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Create opportunities for effective mission in all Church women through fellowship, encouragement and co-operation.

Women worshipping and working together to stimulate Christian witness, action and unity.

Australian Church Women Special Celebration Days

- * **Fellowship Day:** last Friday in July
- * **World Community Day:** last Friday in October
- * **Spiritual Enrichment Day:** Retreat Day