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(Address of the Holy Father to WUCWO women, Vatican, 13 May 2023)







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OUR MISSION |

Promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, so that they can fulfil their mission of evangelisation and work for integral human development.

ABOUT US AND WHERE WE ARE

1910 WUCWO is founded

2006 | WUCWO is erected by the Holy See as a Public International Association of the Faithful



100 ORGANISATIONS

RESOLUTIONS 2023 - 2027 |

Consolidate and expand our **World Women's Observatory**, to listen and give visibility to vulnerable women, in order to help transform their lives by inspiring change among social actors.

Defend **religious freedom**: a fundamental right for the path of fraternity and peace (cf. FT 279).

Work to redress the **current global food crisis** and restore equality in distribution by encouraging responsible consumption and reducing food loss and waste. Promote **ecological conversion**, including recycling.

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Caring for **families** by promoting programmes that support the development of young people to help them discover the vocation and joy of **marriage**, **motherhood** and **fatherhood** as a lifelong commitment.

Encourage actions for the Church to: welcome, protect, accompany, promote and integrate **migrants and refugees**, promote volunteering for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants and eradicate human trafficking.

Promote the **formation of women** so that, through conversion, listening, discernment, dialogue and action, they may assume their rightful **role** in **building a synodal Church**.

| INTERNATIONAL |

WUCWO gives voice to Catholic organisations worldwide, represented by women, at international level:

CONSULTATIVE STATUS

- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York
- Human Rights Council in Geneva
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in Rome

PARTICIPATORY STATUS

• Council of Europe in Strasbourg

OFFICIAL PARTNER

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris



A project by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations

The World Women's Observatory (WWO) aims to give visibility to women, especially the most vulnerable ones, who seem "invisible", both in terms of their suffering and their potential, in order to inspire and generate:

- pastoral strategies by the Church,
- synergies by civil society NGOs,
- public policies by States,
- contributions to the international agenda

that favour the integral human development of women and that of their families, communities and peoples.