



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**  
**Council for Australian Catholic Women**



PWI:DJ:lt/9311

13 February 2014

My Brother Bishops and Diocesan Administrators

I draw to your attention the annual International Women's Day to be held this year on Saturday 8 March.

I would be grateful if you would please circulate details of this to the parishes in your Diocese so that we as a Church may be prayerfully and practically associated with this International Women's Day.

To help in this, I enclose a suggested Parish Bulletin notice and some General Intercessions for use by parishes, schools and diocesan agencies.

More information about the work of the Council for Australian Catholic Women can be found at [www.opw.catholic.org.au](http://www.opw.catholic.org.au) or contact our Executive Officer, Donella Johnston, at [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au)

With warm fraternal greetings

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD  
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

**CACW Bishop Delegate**

Enc



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## Council for Australian Catholic Women



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 March 2014

#### PARISH BULLETIN NOTICE International Women's Day - 8 March 2014

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee has chosen for International Women's Day on 8 March 2014 is *Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment*.

Seventy percent of the global poor are women. Although women perform two-thirds of the world's work, they earn less than 10% of the world's wages. Women are far more likely than men to live in poverty because of discrimination and lack of access to education, employment and financial services.

For more information and resources please visit: <https://unwomen.org.au/iwd/theme-and-resources>.

#### SUGGESTED PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL International Women's Day - 8 March 2014

- ❖ We pray for men and women who hold positions of leadership and power within the Church; that their work will help empower all those influenced by their ministry to know their full dignity and value. Lord, hear us.
- ❖ We pray for liberation for women who live with violence and exploitation in all countries of our world. Lord, hear us.
- ❖ We pray for all women and men in our Church, that we may find new ways to complement each other to reflect our common dignity as children of God. Lord, hear us.