

## **Promoting the Participation of Women in Decision-making, Leadership and Ministry in the Catholic Church in Australia**

National Office for the Participation of Women (OPW)

<http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/>

### **The role of the OPW is:**

- To act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and the integration of ideas about the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia
- To assist in the implementation of the decisions and proposals as contained in the Social Justice Sunday Statement issued by the ACBC September 2000.

*All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:28

### **Key Resources**

Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus Report on the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia (1999)

Social Justice Sunday Statement 2000 *Woman and Man: The Bishops Respond*

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/pdf/SJS2000.PDF>

## **Think. Pair. Share.**

1. What are the ways in which women participate in decision-making, leadership and ministry in the Catholic Church in Australia?
2. What assistance and support are currently offered to women to participate in decision-making, leadership and ministry in the Church?
3. What are the barriers to women's participation in decision-making, leadership and ministry in the Church?
4. What are some ways in which women's participation in decision-making, leadership and ministry in the Church can be increased?

## **Prayer and Reflection**

We dream...

We will...

We pray...