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THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES
ENGLAND AND WALES



Members of the Association photographed in the Chapel at Coolock Convent, Newcastle under Lyme, October 27th 2012 after Midday Mass at the Annual General Meeting.

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

**OCTOBER
2012-2013
YEAR OF FAITH**

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD. HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY UNDER PONTIUS PILATE HE WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. **THIS IS OUR FAITH. THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH. WE ARE PROUD TO PROFESS IT IN CHRIST JESUS, OUR LORD. AMEN.**



Mass in celebration of Fr Michael's silver Jubilee St Osburg's Coventry Sep 2012 Silver Jubilee Mass

**FR MICHAEL STACK National
Ecclesiastical Adviser/Chaplain
CHRISTMAS
2012**



Pope Benedict XVI invites us to go on a Journey for the next year . What can we practically do? (October 2012-October 2013)

Well. Very simply we can pray each day for the many needs of Christ's Body .The Church we love.We can thank our parents for the faith we now have.

Likewise we also need to look at the many carers in our communities who are beacons of love because they give themselves daily to help others less able. The sick, the elderly , the lonely , the dying , the vulnerable . Here too ewe can bring our prayer into focus giving thanks for those who are daily witnesses by their actions.



Every day our Catholic Chaplains (ordained and lay) visit many who consider they have left the Church or feel they have been neglected . A daily prayer for these brothers and sisters can help. Everyone has a value in Christ's eyes.

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United Kingdom in 2010 his theme was 'Heart speaks unto Heart' .Copies of the painting by William Holman Hunt titled 'The Light of the World ' were distributed to all Catholic communities in the UK .

As you look at the image of Christ seen standing at a door inviting you forward in your faith , the light is soft and surrounded by darkness

Yes,the darkness of life is ever present , but the Light of the World , Jesus is here with us guiding us , giving us true light because Jesus is the Light of the World.

Prayer Lord , be our light and direction in all things . guide us through The Year of Faith . Increase our faith and help us tp pray for all of our brothers and sisters too.

*Christmas blessings to you and your dear families
from Fr Michael*



**ANNUAL REPORT FROM JANET MUCHENGWA
NATIONAL PRESIDENT CHRISTMAS 2012**

Greetings everyone, I am moved by your enthusiasm and the zeal of you members who are working so hard to keep the Association going and most of all keeping the faith of a catholic nurse in these changing times. This year has really gone very quick seeing me in two CICIAMS meetings in Rome and Zambia. In Rome I sat in the executive meeting as an observer and attended a three day conference on Pastoral care in Health at the service of in the light of the Magisterium of the blessed John Paul ii. The theme was on Suffering. The conference in Zambia was the 5th English Speaking African Regional Conference of CICIAMS with the theme of Nurses as Instruments of Healing. For each conference I managed to go with one member , Beverley Lindsay in Rome and Esther Mensah in Zambia. The enthusiasm of the Catholic nurses hosting and attending the conference was magnificent. They were vibrant and dedicated to their associations and the profession. I missed the retreat in Walsingham as I was away in Zambia. We have to pray that we continue our yearly retreats to Walsingham as this is the only time we have to move our away from our busy schedules in the city and reflect on our lives as nurses who are role models for Christ and the church as we work as instruments of healing.

Elections are due next year and I urge more members to join the executive and will eventually take up office and keep the future of the ACN going forward. I also take this opportunity to thank Christine Bentley who has resigned from the executive. She had served the Association as President and many different offices for many years and has seen the association shape to modern times and I believe it through her efforts that the association still legally exists today. Will miss her greatly.

I am glad to announce that we are fully paid up members of CICIAMS. Next payment due in June.

We also have the world congress in Croatia, 24th to 27th May, 2013. We hope to nominate some members to attend as funds allow. Registration fees will be announced in November.

Finally, like always thank you very much to my fellow officers Fr stack our ecclesiastical adviser, Gerry the vice president, Mary the secretary and Liz our treasurer for the hard work and support. To you all executive committee members, for you loyalty and commitment to the association and support and not forgetting the sisters at the convent who accommodate us and spoil us with delicious food. Lets also remember our sick members especially Beverley Lindsay who is at home recovering after a long hospital stay.

The Association of Catholic Nurses as an organization has serious concerns about the way the Liverpool Care Pathway, designed and developed to produce an easier death through removal of nutrition ,hydration and medication in the last hours of life in terminal palliative care, has been misapplied to other hospital and domiciliary care settings and medical conditions to accelerate the dying process in people presumed dying ,some of whom, when withdrawn from it, have gone on to make a full recovery .When misapplied this pathway significantly increases the suffering experienced by the patient.



THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES STATEMENT ON THE LIVERPOOL CARE PATHWAY 2012

In welcoming the Dept of Health support for an Inquiry into Liverpool Care Pathway practices the Association has produced its own following statement :

'The nurse should remember at all times that they are the patient's advocate
 The holistic care of the patient is paramount and each patient is entitled to individualised care
 Nurses at all times should be accountable for their care and provide evidence based research and act accordingly
 in line with individualised care patient's symptoms which should be the focus of effective care.
 Good communication is essential with the patient if possible and their relatives from the outset and should be regularly reviewed..
 Nurses should also be able to ask questions about decisions taken on patient care.'
 'The Association of Catholic Nurses are pleased that there is to be an enquiry now.
 If you need any further information contact the Association of Catholic Nurses who will advise you'

Association of Catholic Nurses 27/10/2012



CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANCES SPRINGFELLOW OF LIVERPOOL ON ACHIEVING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER 2012 .FRANCES RAISED FUNDS FOR THE CRUCIFIX AND CANDLESTICK IN THE LADY CHAPEL OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL PRESENTED TO THE CATHEDRAL AT THE CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THE CATHOLIC NURSES GUILD AGM 1969.A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE WAS LATER PLACED IN THE LADY CHAPEL



**Poem to
St
Veronica**

By Gwen
Whalley
presented to
members of
Association
of Catholic
Nurses at
Walsingham
2012



There you were in Jerusalem
On that fateful day
And then you saw Jesus
Pass on His way

What was all this noise about
You heard women cry
You heard men shout

This teacher, this prophet
This wonderful man
Something said to you
Help Him if you can

You looked with compassion
On His pitiful state
And dashed out of the crowd
At a tremendous rate

Tearing the veil from your head
You wiped away the rivers of red
The tears, the sweat
On His fevered brow
You had to help
And this was how

His eyes met yours
And looked into your soul
You felt His healing [power
Make you peaceful and whole

The words 'thank you'
Came into your mind
'For being so thoughtful, so caring, so kind'

And the He was roughly pushed ion his way
For a date with death
On that Good Friday day

You were left with the cloth
In your hand
And an imager of the face
Of this wonderful man

We too can hold on to this image
This moment in time
As we contemplate this heinous crime

Look for Jesus in those that we meet
In work, at play, at home, on the street.

Reach out with love
In whatever way you can
With a word, a gesture
For it's all in His plan

Be just like Veronica
So long ago
And don't be afraid to let
Your feelings show

Yes, we should all, care
One for another
Not just our family
But every sister and brother

So when you last come
To your journey's rest
Take comfort in knowing
That you've done your best



Association members at the Evening
Pilgrim Service -RC Pilgrim Centre Stations
of the Cross Walsingham June 2012



THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES AND CICIAMS (www.ciciams.org)

The Association of Catholic Nurses Formerly known as the Catholic Nurses Guild founded 1897 is open to nurses , midwives ,health visitors ,lecturers and healthcare assistants.The Association in addition to working with the Healthcare Reference Group of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales and is a member organization of CICIAMS the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medical-Social (Healthcare) .CICIAMS has been in existence since 1933, when ,after a meeting at Basel,Switzerland,1928 several Catholic Nurse Associations met again at Lourdes, France and members decided to create an international professional organisation for Catholic Nurses.

The name CICIAMS is an acronym formed of the initial letter of each word of the French description of the organization :Comite International Catholique des Infirmieres et Assistantes Medico-Sociales. Sr Marie d'Airoles, the founder of the French Catholic nurses organization was a prominent key worker in the setting up of the new CICIAMS international organization. The first presidency and secretariat of CICIAMS were established in France . As the organization soon began to flourish way beyond the original expectations of its founder members formal links were established with Rome.In 1947 CICIAMS became a member of ICO The International Catholic Organization Conference .Since 1947 CICIAMS has also become a member of , or had representation for, at least 9 other International Organisations such as WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO . CICIAMS holds an international conference every 4 years , hosted by a member country, to discuss Catholic/Christian and medical ethics and share ideas and experiences of Catholics nurses in a changing world. There are now more than 60 member countries divided into 5 Regional Secretariats:1.Africa - English speaking regions,2.Africa - French speaking regions,3.Asia ,4.North America ,5.Europe

YOUR CHRISTMAS 2012 ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES ENGLAND AND WALES NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR EXISTING MEMBERS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28TH 2013
ALREADY A PAID UP MEMBER ? –IF SO WHY NOT PASS THIS FORM ON TO A COLLEAGUE ?

**ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES (FORMERLY CATHOLIC
NURSES GUILD) ENGLAND AND WALES**
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please Complete in BLOCK Capitals

PERSONAL DETAILS

Mr /Mrs /Ms/Miss Sr/Fr/Br

Surname Date of Birth.....

First Name

Address

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Post Code..... Tel Nos

Email Address

Please Tick FULL MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATE MEMBER

STUDENT MEMBER RETIRED MEMBER

Professional Qualifications

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Brief details of Employment –(Position and Place of Work optional)

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Diocese to which you belong.....

Please tick whether you are joining as a Branch Member

or National Member (no local branch group)

Payment Option Cheque Bank Mandate Paypal

Please return form and subscription to Mary Farnan National Secretary 26 Charnwood Road , Great Barr,
Birmingham B42 1JR or log on to <http://www.catholicnurses.org.uk/membership.html> and complete your
membership form and pay your subscription on line through Paypal –



2013 DIARY DATES 2013

<p>COOLOCK CONVENT RETREAT HOUSE Newcastle under Lyme</p>   <p>NATIONAL RETREAT COOLOCK CONVENT FRIDAY JUNE 29th TO SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2013</p>	<p>NATIONAL AGM & STUDY DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH 2012 COOLOCK CONVENT STUBBS GATE NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME ST5 1LH TEL 01782 614169.</p>	 <p>Catholic Nurses Prayer Books size A5 and A6 (handbag size) £3 including postage from National Secretary</p>
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