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Daughter of the ancient Eve,
We know the gifts ye gave and give;
Who knows the gifts which *you* shall give,
Daughter of the Newer Eve?

Francis Thompson

Jubilate Deo

By P. C. Challoner

It is only fitting that this Jubilee number should open with, as it were, a bidding prayer for all those who have, under Providence, made the Golden Jubilee possible. And first let us remember Gabrielle Jeffery, without whose inspiration there would have been no Catholic Women's Suffrage Society and, therefore, no *Catholic Citizen*; and Beatrice Gadsby, happily still with us, who found the paper its first editor, Leonora de Alberti (the story is given in Miss Parnell's "Venture in Faith").

The name de Alberti reminds us of the Christian Renaissance and it was that spirit transferred to the great movement of the twentieth century that inspired *The Catholic Citizen*—feminist and Catholic—"feminist because Catholic" as Gabrielle Jeffery insisted. The moral power and mental energy that radiated from every article written by Leonora de Alberti in her nineteen years as editor must surely set a record of achievement. Her genius it was that has always informed the paper and set a standard which has never been lost; succeeding editors have sustained this and each has brought her own particular contribution.

Christine Spender, who succeeded her, had writing in her blood and she brought a youthful vigour in support of the principles she believed in; a graceful style that commended them, and an exact editorial skill that served the paper well. Helen Douglas-Irvine—as Miss Barclay Carter said in a tribute to her on her death—brought the "depth and surety and beauty that were her peculiar secret" as a writer, to the service of official documents; "her distinguished writing endowed the most aridly factual theme with a shimmer of grace." The paper has been extraordinarily fortunate in this succession of editors and, in Mrs. Cummins, who came fresh to the work in 1961,

it found a skilled writer and a natural exponent of the aims of the Alliance. She carried on as editor until a serious illness caused her collapse. She has only just left hospital.

Apart from the editors, the paper has had many distinguished contributors—Alice Meynell who, in an introductory article, speeded *The Catholic Suffragist* (the original name of *The Catholic Citizen*) on its way; Father Vincent McNabb, O.P., Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, Miss Christopher St. John, Mrs. V. M. Crawford, Lord Pethick Lawrence (champion of women's rights to the end of his long life) and Vera Laughton, who, as a girl, sold *The Catholic Suffragist* "in the gutter" and later, as Dame Vera Laughton Mathews, in article after article so often crystallised the instant need.

The paper has never set out to be popular; it is a faithful record of events affecting the position of women, and a means of propaganda to raise their status. In it can be traced the history of a period; in it can be found records of work with the League of Nations and the United Nations. It has been able to enlist the aid of experts whose articles have been a special feature. These include Marie Lenoël who also founded *La Revue de l'Alliance Jeanne d'Arc* in France, Archbishop Leroy formerly Vicar-Apostolic of Gabon, Archbishop Hughes Apostolic Nuncio to Egypt, Soeur Marie-André du Sacré-Coeur of the White Sisters, to all of whom the women of Africa owe so much.

Other special features of *The Catholic Citizen* have been book reviews and international notes and, in later years, "The Month in Parliament".

From the first, *The Catholic Citizen* has campaigned in co-operation with other feminist organisations for all the reforms that step by step have advanced the great movement for the emancipation

of women: Votes for Women, the Sex Disqualification Removal Act, the Nationality of Married Women, the Equal Moral Standard, Equal Pay, the Raising of the Marriage Age, the Abolition of Customs that enslave Women, to mention only a few.

Reports of the Annual General Meetings and of the International Council Meetings of the Alliance remind readers of the hard-won achievements and of the work still to be done. Inspiration to continue this good work comes each year from the recorded addresses of Magdeleine Leroy-Boy, President of St. Joan's International Alliance.

What then of the future? The wrongs that still exist must be righted—"It is enough for evil to triumph," said Edmund Burke, "that good men should do nothing." *The Catholic Citizen* has published with pride the encouraging words of Pope John and the great declarations of the Vatican Council, and now that women are admitted and welcomed there, the editorial board looks forward with confidence to recording the full realisation of the hopes that inspired the founders of the Alliance. Meantime, we thank God for the past and commend to Him the future.

BEATIFICATIONS ET CANONISATIONS

La congrégation des Rites a publié en 1962 le catalogue des causes pendantes devant elles, c'est à dire le nom des personnes que la communauté Catholique a perçues à des degrés divers comme Saintes et qu'elle propose au jugement de Rome. Cette perception de la sainteté est, comme toute perception sociale, fonction de la structure du groupe. C'est ainsi que la prédominance des hommes sur les femmes, révèle à sa manière la structure masculine prédominante de l'Eglise Catholique. Parmi les 1,208 personnes citées, 826 sont des hommes et 382 des femmes, soit 63% d'hommes contre 31% de femmes. C'est un progrès, au début du siècle on comptait 80% d'hommes pour 20% de femmes. La prépondérance masculine paraît désormais mitigée. Le changement récent est à rapprocher de la promotion contemporaine de la femme dans la vie profane de la société occidentale où elle accède à l'instruction, au droit de vote, à une certaine autonomie patrimoniale, etc. La presque totalité des femmes citées par le répertoire ont vécu loin de toute émancipation. La majorité (335) des candidates à la sainteté sont des religieuses. Parmi les laïques on en compte 7 seulement dont on sait qu'elles furent mariées et 8 veuves. L'état de mariage reste donc en dehors de la zone où la communauté Catholique perçoit la vertu héroïque.

Extraits d'un article de Pierre Delvoz dans le *Revue Nouvelle* de Décembre, 1964.

REVIEW

Storm Na De Stilte (Storm After Quiet). The Position of Women in the Church. By Dr. Govaart-Halkes (Amboboeken, Utrecht).

An entire revision of the old conception of the role of woman and her true vocation in the world today is badly needed, and this is what Dr. Govaart-Halkes offers us in her book, a comprehensive study based on philosophical and religious principle.

The first chapter of this book deals with the attitude of the Church towards women based on the historical background of the Jewish and Graeco-Latin civilisations. God's order to Adam and Eve to multiply and fill the earth has been, till recently, regarded as limiting the function of women to procreation—in other words a secondary role has been allotted to her. Yet early Christian society was well aware that in Christ "there is neither male nor female" and that woman also is made in the image of God called to be a living member of the Body of Christ.

The part which the Orders of Widows and Deaconesses played in the early Church is evidence of a new Christian attitude towards women, yet it was not, and still is not, universally adopted. There is ambiguity in the role assigned by St. Paul to married women, but principles are clear: "... neither is the man without the woman, nor the woman without the man, in the Lord." (I Cor. XI). In daily life however, in keeping with the custom of the times the wife continued to have a subordinate role in marriage.

The Encyclical, *Casti Connubii* (1930) placed man as head of the family. The latest theological developments and exegesis have not yet been expressed, but Pope John in *Pacem in Terris* (1963) declared that "women are becoming ever more conscious of their human dignity, they will not tolerate being treated as mere material instruments, but demand rights befitting a human person both in domestic and public life. . . . Thus in very many human beings the inferiority complex which endured for hundreds and thousands of years is disappearing, while in others there is an attenuation and gradual fading of the corresponding superiority complex which had its roots in social-economic privileges, sex or political understanding."

This is part of the great social revolution of our time. The wife is no longer limited to the narrow circle of husband and children; both spouses must turn to the wider world around them and creativity is given a wider interpretation. Dr. Govaarts points out that the absence of conjugal and maternal ties give the unmarried woman greater opportunities for external contacts, often for more financial possibilities.

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Notes and Comments

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Alice Meynell in "*The Catholic Suffragist*"
January 15th, 1915

The production in war time of a new paper dedicated to the cause of Votes for Women should remind us that though thousands are suffering acutely, splendidly, and conspicuously, millions are suffering chronically, inconspicuously, and with little hope, evils against which the whole Suffrage movement has set its face.

In the large question—the question whether women should not urge their help, their ability, their wisdom, and their compassion upon the acceptance of man in the making and the execution of the laws under which men and women live—in this question who can be so vitally and mortally and immortally interested as Catholic women? Great work, great devotion, great power, great ability are spent by those reforming women who have temporal evils to correct and temporal good to try for. Is it not then a wonder that all Christian women and therefore all Catholic women are not in the forefront of such a movement? For their aim, their pain, their compassion, their hope, are for things material and temporal, but also for things spiritual and eternal.—*The Catholic Suffragist*.

Congratulations to the four new women life peeresses—Dame Barbara Brooke, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, the Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Emmet and Mrs. Norah Phillips, widow of the late Mr. Morgan Phillips. Baroness Phillips is the first Catholic woman to be a life-peeress.

It is announced that women are now eligible for the Order of St. Michael and St. George and the first woman to be so awarded is Miss Nancy Broadfield Parkinson, Controller, Home Division of the British Council.

During the Committee stage of the Administration of Justice Bill on December 4th, the House of Lords discussed the High Courts control over awards made to widows under the Fatal Accidents Act.

Lord Silkin, who regarded control over widows' damages as a piece of out of date discrimination, humiliating to women, proposed an amendment that the Court should control only infants' money. This was unfortunately lost by thirty-four votes to eleven. In the debate Lady Gaitskell said that a widow should be given the compensation to which she was entitled and Lady Summerskill pointed out that women handled all the finances of the home and they did not lose their shrewdness when widowed.

We ask our readers to pray for the repose of the soul of Miss Jeanne Way—a devoted member of the Victoria Section of the Alliance, who died in November. R.I.P.

The Fawcett Society Library brought out from its unique store of memorials of the Women's Movement a collection of documents, photographs and books to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Dr. Elsie Inglis on August 16th, 1864. She was the founder of the Scottish Women's Suffrage Society and of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, which did such noble work in Serbia during the First World War.

The exhibition, opened by Miss Violet Inglis (niece of Dr. Inglis) on November 18th and closed on December 12th, included the despatches sent home by Dr. Inglis to the London Committee of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies which sponsored the work of the Scottish Women's Hospitals in Serbia, when her offer to the British Government was brusquely turned down. Also in the exhibition is her last letter, dictated on the day of her death, asking the London Committee to make sure that the Serbs had their hospitals and transport "for they do need them." Her name is still revered and loved in Jugoslavia.

The exhibition also commemorated the women who carried on her work and those who did such signal service during the First World War which began fifty years ago last August.

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It is gratifying to know that the T.U.C. is asking the Minister of Labour what steps the Government proposes to take to implement the principle of equal pay for women which was included as a "right" in the Labour Party's election manifesto.

The fact that the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers has already submitted a motion on the matter for the National Labour Women's Conference to be held in March is an indication that strong pressure will be brought to bear.

GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

A Jubilee Fund for *The Catholic Citizen* has been sent off to a good start by a handsome gift of fifty pounds from the Suffragette Fellowship and the promise of a generous donation from a friend in the U.S.A. Money is needed if the paper is to carry on and not founder under the increased costs of production. We are also anxious to bring the indexing and binding up to date. The last bound number is that of the year 1950.

We appeal to each member to send a jubilee gift and to obtain at least one new subscriber. A last suggestion is to send an extra ten shillings to cover the subscription of the paper for one year to be sent to a library, a Bishop or a friend.

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CONCILIAR HARVEST

It is too early to forecast what is to be our share in the Church's great harvest of *aggiornamento*. We expect great things from the fourth session of the Vatican Council, and our early gleanings encourages us.

There has been a spectacular improvement in the climate of opinion on the standing of woman in the Church, a more general awareness of her social emancipation and of her achievements in many fields including that of the Church. This improvement as far as the Church is concerned, is a change of opinion rather than of practical considerations with the notable exception of the admission of women as *auditores*, a revolutionary change which the Pope himself has called symbolic.

We are deeply grateful to those Council Fathers who have given us their support, and who, in forthright noble speeches, have insisted that women should no longer be treated as minors, that the Church should give explicit recognition to the dignity of woman and to her new standing in the world and should be the first to do this and not by lip-service only. These interventions received more support than could have been forecast and were proof of the very great change of opinion which has taken place, almost unnoticed. Looking back, it is incredible that only two years have passed since a dignitary of the Church tried to comfort women for their exclusion from the Church's Councils by reminding them that they were present in prayer, and "in the sainted women of the marble statues of St Peter's." This cold comfort has proved naïve in the light of history. The momentum of Pope John's inspired *aggiornamento* is daily more evident.

In this Jubilee number *The Catholic Citizen* records our gratitude to the Council Fathers for proclaiming anew the dignity of woman in the Christian dispensation.

Here are some of the salient points of their Lordship's interventions at the Second Vatican Council:

Second Session 1963. *Schema de Ecclesia*.

Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, when speaking of *Schema de Ecclesia* declared "A notre époque où la femme va presque à la lune (il est indispensable de lui faire jouer dans l'église un rôle plus important." The Cardinal proposed to the Council that women should be admitted as observers on the same terms as men.

Melkite Archbishop Hakim of Galilee, speaking on the same subject said that it (the *Schema*) was so silent on the place of women in the Church as to give the impression that women did not exist. No one could deny the immense advantage which would accrue to the Church from the dedicated service of women.

Third Session, October 1964. *Schema 13—The Church in the Modern World*.

Bishop Gerard-Marie Coderre, St. Jean, Quebec, speaking on *Schema 13* said God gave woman her own personality, she has therefore a specific and necessary rôle in the community as well as in the Church which she has not hitherto been able to fulfil.

We are living in a time of universal evolution and women have gradually realised their own dignity and their God-given state, which is not one of inferiority. The Church must accept this new situation and promote it.

Archbishop Malula of Leopoldville: Speaking on the Church in the world today said that progress was evident in the abolition of slavery and the achievement of woman's emancipation; that in Africa much will have to be changed before women are granted the same dignity as is accorded to men. The Church should call on all men to aid the completion of the great work of civilisation "la promotion de la femme à une pleine dignité humaine et à une entière responsabilité."

The Church herself should give an example by abandoning her distrust of women and according them a larger share in the common task.

Bishop Joseph N'Kongolo, Bakwanga-Congo. The difficulties of African marriage customs should be specifically mentioned in the *Schema*, the absence of free consent and indissolubility of marriage. In Africa thousands of women were forced into polygamous relations without consent.

Bishop Bernard Yago, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, asked the Council to insist on recognition of the dignity of the African woman; polygamy, forced marriage and the abuse of the dowry system should be condemned.

Archbishop Hurley O.M.I., Durban, greeted the appearance of Mademoiselle Monnet the first woman *auditrice* with the words, "Flowers at long last have appeared in our land."

Bishop Baurlein, Djakovo, Yugoslavia: All men should be treated alike without regard to race, sex or social status. It is not enough for this equality to be recognised theoretically, it must be translated into action.

Bishop Santo Quadri, Pinerolo, said that the social doctrine of the Church worked on a higher plane in the light of supernatural significance. The Church's stand on the place of women in the world should be such as to obviate the danger of its being labelled either feminist or anti-feminist.

Bishop Augustus Frotz, Cologne: The *Schema* mentioned the dignity of women but it did so in a very unsatisfactory way as the whole problem of woman's changed status must receive comprehensive consideration. Modern women expect to be accepted as equal partners with men in intellectual and cultural life. The Church must promote the spiritual and religious interests of woman so that she may have the opportunity of applying her special gifts to the Church. Women should be accepted as grown-up daughters not just as children.

These few quotations from long and dignified speeches may suffice to show the extent and range of the support given in open Council of the Church by the Bishops of many nations to principles which are the very reason for the existence of St. Joan's Alliance. It is a wonderful pointer to the future fulfilment of the ideals of the Alliance.

F. Mackenzie Shattock

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Nominations for Committee and resolutions for the Agenda must reach the Secretary no later than February 10th.

We remind members that nominations must be duly proposed and seconded and the consent of the candidate obtained.

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The unfortunate tendency amongst the hierarchy to refer to laity *and* women should cease. Laity refers to men *and* women. This distinction of laity and women was emphasised at a discussion on the suggested formation of an advisory commission of the laity, a "commission to which one or more women should be invited to express the typical feminine aspects of many problems." (Boegaert).

The role of women in religion is more difficult to define. The vows of poverty, chastity and obedience encourage intimate contact with spiritual values, but even in contemplative orders these vows should not build a barrier between them and the world.

In the past there has been a tendency to glorify virginity, as such, and detachment from the world; but virginity has value only for the greater possibility it offers for service to God and man. It is impossible to be truly attached to Christ without feeling deeply united with humanity—even behind the walls of a contemplative convent.

The paternal attitude which many priests adopt towards nuns might lead to the opinion that nuns are not adult and decisions are often taken regarding them without their being present or consulted.

Dr. Govaart examines the question of the admission of women to the priesthood, after reviewing the situation in other Christian churches. She finds that the main arguments put forward inside the Catholic Church for their exclusion from the priesthood do not stand up to critical examination, either because the argument is faulty (a dogmatic statement), or irrelevant, because social conditions have changed (e.g. Christ chose only male apostles), unconvincing (woman is unfit by her nature, or, tradition is unanimously against this).

But the Church is dynamic—a living body perpetually developing; many changes have been made and many more are yet to come. Another objection which has been raised stems from the misinterpretation of symbolism (i.e. "The symbolic relationship of Christ towards the Church, as that of bridegroom towards the bride, has been taken to imply that only man, not woman, can fulfil the sacerdotal functions which represent Christ in face of his Church.").

An increasing number of theologians are concerned about the weakness of these arguments and some foresee the day when it will be possible and necessary to review the whole question. This will not be brought about by recriminations and pressures, but will only arise through the "storm of the spirit" in the hearts of mankind.

We hope that before long this challenging book will be translated into English.

A. Pelzer

Some Tributes to the Catholic Citizen

Peru

Apostolic Nuncio to Peru

Very cordially I congratulate *The Catholic Citizen* on its fifty years of active and fruitful existence for the edification of its readers. I am convinced that *The Catholic Citizen* has greatly contributed to know and appreciate better the natural and supernatural gifts, the responsibility, the dignity and the leadership that God and the Church of his Son have given to women as well as their place and decisive influence, not only on the shrine of the home but also in the national and international societies and relations.

✠ ROMOLO CARBONI
Titular Archbishop of Siclou

A Quiet Triumph—Rt. Rev. Monsignor Charles L. H. Duchemin, *Rector, The Pontifical Beda College, Rome, 1928-1961*

On the 15th January, 1915, a new voice was heard among Catholic journals. Its purpose was to set before the public a true picture of Catholic womanhood, and to defend her rights. It was a bold venture, and it called for no little courage and perseverance on the part of the Editors. Thanks to them and to a determined band of supporters *The Catholic Citizen* was published and is still faithful to its original purpose.

All its friends will congratulate St. Joan's Alliance for this remarkable record of Catholic Action. Its influence is more than ever needed today when the right relationship between women and the modern world is so important.

Ireland—Rev. Patrick Joy, S.J.

I send you my heartiest congratulations on the Golden Jubilee of *The Catholic Citizen*. "A Venture in Faith" was the title chosen by Nancy Stewart Parnell for her history of St. Joan's Alliance. How better can one describe the courage needed to start *The Catholic Citizen* in January, 1915, just when we were all beginning to worry about rising costs, short supplies, currency inflation, the daily uncertainty as to who must drop out of all civilian activity to fill the needs of war work? They have been rewarded by the consciousness that they played a part, in the name of the Catholic body, in that "Advancement of Women" which so marked those fifty years. If, as we hope, the fourth session of the Second Vatican Council sees a much fuller representation of women, and they are able to help the Fathers plan the expansion of the lay apostolate, so as to make the fullest use of all the gifts and zeal of Catholic women, *The Catholic Citizen* may well be on the eve of opportunities hitherto unheard of for the realisation of all hopes which inspired its founders.

France—Soeur Marie-André du Sacré Coeur, S.B., LL.D.

Depuis de longues années je lis très régulièrement, et avec beaucoup d'intérêt, *The Catholic Citizen*, bulletin vraiment international et si précieux par les renseignements qu'il donne.

Aussi est-ce avec joie que j'ai appris son prochain Jubilé d'Or. Depuis cinquante ans, que de bien il a fait! Que de luttes il a soutenues, que de contradictions et de difficultés il a rencontrées. Mais il les a toutes surmontées, continuant toujours le bon combat. Que Dieu soit loué et remercié d'avoir donné tant de persévérante énergie aux femmes courageuses qui ont commencé sa publication. Il s'agit maintenant, comme le dit notre chère Présidente, de continuer le travail, pour intensifier tout à la fois le rayonnement de St. Joan's Alliance et celui de son dynamique Bulletin.

Cenacle Convent, Grayshott—Rev. Mother F. Gadsby, Provincial

I am happy to unite in offering congratulations to *The Catholic Citizen* on its Golden Jubilee. Through it I would add my gratitude to the small band of "Daughters of the Newer Eve" who founded the C.W.S.S. and have steered its course so successfully through these fifty years; keeping always in view their loyalty to the Church and the cause of womanhood. Rarely has such good work been done and maintained by so few and with such limited material resources.

May *The Catholic Citizen* continue to flourish and keep its readers in touch, as it has done, with all that is of interest to Catholic women—including nuns!

United Nations

The Secretariat of the United Nations has been pleased through the years to receive issues of *The Catholic Citizen* from St. Joan's International Alliance. The various articles contained in this publication relating to the United Nations programmes in the field of Human Rights, the Status of Women and others falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council have been read with great interest and have regularly been referred to the United Nations officials concerned.

We are happy to take this opportunity to congratulate your editors on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee issue of *The Catholic Citizen* and to express the wish that this publication will continue its forceful coverage for many years.

CHARLES A. HOGAN
Chief, Non-Governmental Organisations Section
Economic and Social Council Secretariat

International Labour Organisation

May I present you my heartfelt congratulations for the Golden Jubilee of *The Catholic Citizen*, and express to you the hope that you will continue to issue it as regularly as you have done in the past.

Your paper was one of the first to dedicate itself to the raising of the status of women

R. P. JOBLIN, S.J.

International Alliance of Women

The International Alliance of Women sends its warm congratulations and best wishes to *The Catholic Citizen* on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. May it have such success in its campaign for equality between men and women that there will be no need for a centenary celebration, for long before then Catholic men and women will go forward as equal partners in the fight for peace and against injustice and poverty.

M. I. CORBETT ASHBY
President of Honour

International Council of Women

The International Council of Women sends its warmest congratulations to *The Catholic Citizen* upon the accomplishment of fifty years of faithful and distinguished service. Council women in many countries have read *The Catholic Citizen* during this half century and have drawn strength for their work from its informed reporting and from its confidence in the victory of the human spirit.

Like the National Councils, the national members of St. Joan's Alliance have lived through dark days and gay. We very much value our friendship and co-operation in the service dear to all women and responsible citizens, and look forward to working together during the next fifty years.

MARY CRAIG SCHULLER
President

Open Door International

L'Alliance Ste. Jeanne d'Arc et son Bulletin, *The Catholic Citizen*, qui paraît fidèlement depuis un demi siècle, occupent une place éminente dans le mouvement pour le droit des femmes.

The Catholic Citizen apporte à toutes les femmes, catholiques ou non, et à tous les hommes qui luttent avec elles pour leur émancipation, une riche moisson de renseignements précieux sur l'évolution de la condition des femmes dans tous les pays et ce bulletin constitue, en outre, un recueil inégalé d'éléments doctrinaux qui sont indispensables à tous ceux et à toutes celles qui, sans distinction d'opinion philosophique ou religieuse, militent pour l'égalité de droits, de chances, de traitement, de devoirs et de responsabilités des hommes et des femmes.

Bulletin des pionniers et des pionnières autrefois, documentation indispensable aux militants et aux militantes d'aujourd'hui, *The Catholic Citizen* sera aussi un témoin de notre temps aux yeux de ceux qui, dans un avenir que nous espérons proche, pourront se contenter d'écrire l'histoire du mouvement féministe et n'auront plus à le bâtir, parce que notre cause commune aura triomphé.

Il nous plaît de rendre hommage à tous ceux et à toutes celles qui, à travers les années, ont fait sa valeur et nous souhaitons au Bulletin de l'Alliance Ste. Jeanne d'Arc un avenir brillant, digne de son passé et de son présent.

ADELE HAUWEL
Hon. Secretary

Conseil National des Femmes Françaises

C'est de tout coeur que le Conseil National des Femmes Françaises adresse ses vœux à l'Alliance Ste. Jeanne d'Arc à l'occasion du cinquantième de la publication du *Catholic Citizen*.

Sans jamais transiger avec les principes spirituels qui sont la base de son action, l'Alliance Jeanne d'Arc s'est associée avec les autres groupements pour tenter d'améliorer la condition des femmes de tous les pays et de toutes les races.

C'est un honneur pour le Conseil National Français d'avoir compté à maintes reprises dans son Comité directeur des membres de l'Alliance Jeanne d'Arc. Notre Bulletin a souvent reproduit des informations publiées par le *Catholic Citizen* et qu'on ne trouvait pas ailleurs.

Qu'il nous soit permis de rappeler les amitiés que notre regrettée présidente: Mme. Marie-Hélène Lefauchaux comptait à l'Alliance Jeanne d'Arc et l'appui que celle-ci lui a toujours apporté à la Commission du Statut de la Femme et à celle de la Défense des Minorités.

En vous adressant nos félicitations nous vous souhaitons de continuer dans le même esprit et avec la même audience une publication aussi intéressante pour le bon combat que nous menons toutes du même coeur.

Pour la Présidente MME. E. CHEVALLEY
la Secrétaire Générale S. J. MAJORELLE

The National Council of Women

Warmest congratulations from the National Council of Women of Great Britain to *The Catholic Citizen* on its fiftieth anniversary.

The N.C.W. and St. Joan's Alliance have many objects in common and the wide range of information contained in *The Catholic Citizen* is of the greatest value to the N.C.W. Long may *The Catholic Citizen* continue its splendid work.

D. M. RETCHFORD

The Fawcett Society

Our heartiest congratulations on the attainment of the fiftieth anniversary of *The Catholic Citizen*. You must be deservedly proud of this achievement. All who work for improving the status of women owe St. Joan's Alliance a deep debt of gratitude for maintaining the publication of this excellent journal. We wish you very many happy returns.

THELMA CAZALET-KEIR
Chairman of Executive

Suffragette Fellowship

Will you please accept the enclosed cheque for £50 from the Suffragette Fellowship, towards the *Citizen's* Fiftieth Anniversary Appeal. It comes as a grateful and affectionate tribute to the Alliance for so many years of generous and unstinting work for others.

ENID GOULDEN BACH
Chairman of Executive

Commonwealth Countries' League

The Commonwealth Countries' League (formerly British Commonwealth League) has had the privilege of St. Joan's Alliance affiliation from its early days, and all of us gain enormously in knowledge and encouragement from reading *The Catholic Citizen*. It is gratifying to know that the Roman Catholic Church fosters such an enlightened and courageous group of feminists as the members of St. Joan's, and I honour them deeply. *The Catholic Citizen* is one of the wisest and most gratifying of all the papers I read. The Jubilee number is a landmark in a record of constancy and never-faltering quality. May the *Citizen* never cease to carry high its shining banner for the equal status of women both within and without the Church.

ALICE HEMMING
President

Australia—Mrs. Jean Daly

My warmest congratulations to you all for January 15th, 1965! How I wish I could celebrate this grand occasion with all my friends of the Alliance! But I have a pleasant feeling all the same although I am so far away, for we were able to set up a complete set of volumes of *The Catholic Citizen* in the Australian National Library at Canberra, where it will always be available for reference and a most illuminating story of the happenings in this very important half-century of the emerging of women in the western world.

Belgium—Mlle. Baetens

Le Catholic Citizen a 50 ans et voici 35 ans que je le lis! Je souhaite que mon esprit n'ait pas plus vieilli que celui de ce journal remarquable toujours bien informé, toujours dynamique et à l'avant garde du progrès. J'aime sa devise "Féministe parce que Catholique" pour tout le respect qu'elle révèle de la personne humaine. En cette année jubilaire je forme des vœux pour qu'il nous apporte longtemps encore les "dons des filles de l'Eve nouvelle".

Canada—Senator Josie D. Quart

I have just learned that *The Catholic Citizen*—the excellent and interesting publication of St. Joan's Alliance—is celebrating its 50th year.

As I understand that it has never missed an issue despite two world wars, a general strike and the high cost of publication, may I join the many readers of *The Catholic Citizen* in wishing you continued success and to enjoy the same prestige until you celebrate your 100th anniversary.

Germany—Dr. Maria Schlüter Hermkes

Seit mehr als vierzig Jahre lese ich mit Interesse und Freude *The Catholic Citizen*. Die vornehme, mutige und universale Art, mit der in jeder Ausgabe für die freie Entfaltung aller Kräfte der Frau eingetreten wird, wie für ihre verantwortliche Mitwirkung im ganzen Bereich der Kultur und der Politik gekämpft wird, wie über die Leistungen der Frau im öffentlichen und zeitigen Leben berichtet wird, hat mich immer wieder ermutigt zur Arbeit für die Frauenbewegung. *The Catholic Citizen* hat unter umstürzenden Wandlungen auf unserer Erde und unter vielen Schwierigkeiten fünfzig Jahre lang durchgehalten. Dafür sind die katholischen Frauen vieler Länder und eine grosse Zahl der anderer Frauen den Herausgeberinnen zu grossen Dank verpflichtet. Zum fünfzigsten Geburtstag wünsche ich dem *Catholic Citizen* für die nächsten fünfzig Jahre und mehr, dass er eine ebenso erfolgreiche Wirkung wie bisher entfalten möge.

Holland—Dr. Marga Klompé, Formerly Minister of Social Welfare

In this world of ours in which mankind struggles with deep-growing structural changes, in which humanity is trying to give an answer to the most important question, how peoples of all creeds and all races can live together in harmony and peace, the role of the woman in society and her contribution in the process of adaptation is a most important one and cannot be missed.

During fifty years St. Joan's and *The Catholic Citizen* have contributed most effectively to the education of the woman in showing the responsibilities she has to shoulder, and in fighting for the opportunities to be given to the woman in our society.

With feelings of gratitude I therefore at this Golden Jubilee extend my best wishes for the future of *The Catholic Citizen*.

Hong Kong—Mrs. Elaine Chan

Congratulations and every success to *The Catholic Citizen* on its Golden Jubilee. May it provide guidance and light throughout the coming years. Like a banner held aloft it will hearten those dedicated to the cause of womanhood in the world.

Switzerland—Mlle. Archinard

Créé pour lutter dans un pays, dans une situation particulière le *Catholic Citizen* avait une ligne de conduite suffisamment universelle—fidélité à l'Eglise Catholique, souci de la dignité humaine—pour pouvoir naturellement élargir son domaine à tous les pays et à toutes les circonstances des temps nouveaux. Les rédactrices peuvent considérer avec reconnaissance le travail que Dieu a permis le journal d'accomplir dans le passé et envisager avec confiance la tâche, plus grande et plus urgente que jamais, que présente l'avenir.

U.S.A.—Dr. Janet Robb

As a novice "NGO" grappling with unfamiliar issues before the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with what profound joy and relief I fell upon *The Catholic Citizen*. In its pages I found just the meaty, thorough and objective material I needed. Over succeeding years the sum total of your parts, also constantly charms me. Truly you are a Journal for all seasons. And long may you wave.

St. Joan's International

Y a-t-il beaucoup d'organisations bénévoles qui puissent se vanter d'avoir célébré en moins de quatre ans le jubilé de l'association, de sa secrétaire générale et enfin de sa revue périodique? Parcourir la collection de *The Catholic Citizen* est riche d'enseignements, et l'on ne sait qu'admirer le plus: le régularité de sa publication—il a même traversé deux guerres sans désespérer!—ou sa fidélité à lui-même qui en fait à la fois un visiteur toujours attendu, une mine d'inspiration et un précieux organe d'information.

Il est aussi émouvant de feuilleter ces pages qui évoquent le souvenir d'amis disparus, ou encore celui des difficultés et des succès qui ont jalonné

cinquante ans d'existence. Les bénédictions apostoliques, les messages ou les articles de hautes personnalités qui émaillent la collection prouvent à suffisance l'estime générale dans laquelle l'Alliance est tenue.

Un hommage spécial est dû au Comité de Rédaction de ce vaillant petit messenger qui diffuse bien loin dans le monde le haut idéal de féminisme chrétien qui inspire l'Alliance.

MAGDELEINE LEROY-BOY
President

Miss Beatrice Gadsby, Founder Member of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society

Many congratulations to *The Catholic Citizen* which carried on the work of *The Catholic Suffragist* in which I had a maternal interest and for which I chose the first editor, the talented and devoted Leonora de Alberti. Ad multos annos.

France—l'Alliance Ste. Jeanne d'Arc

Assiduous readers of *The Catholic Citizen* since its beginning, the members of l'Alliance in France join with their many colleagues and friends in England and throughout the world, in celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. They wish to express their gratitude to all those who have been responsible for the concise and precious information so useful for the common work, circulating throughout the world its valuable messages and reports of civic and christian activity.

VIOLA PESSON-DEPRET
Vice-president

St. Joan's, Victoria

Congratulations on the Golden Jubilee of *The Catholic Citizen*. To have compiled and published a journal continuously for half a century is no mean achievement and when one considers some of the handicaps, such as the lack of finance, the strength of opposition and prejudice, the disruption and suffering engendered by two world wars, no praise is too great for the devotedness and dedication, the courage and intelligence of the women responsible for *The Catholic Citizen*. For thirty years the *Citizen* has arrived regularly in Victoria. It is deeply appreciated for its accurate up-to-date information, clarity of expression and high literary quality. It has a wider circulation than is generally realised, being used as a reference by many organisations concerned with women's affairs. Undoubtedly the *Citizen* forms a unifying link between the many far-flung branches of St. Joan's Alliance. Best wishes for its permanence and continued success.

INEZ SEXTON

St. Joan's, Germany

Der *Catholic Citizen* hat als Stimme von St. Joan's International Alliance 50 Jahre lang an den Kämpfen und Erfolgen der internationalen Frauenbewegung teilgenommen. Das ist ein ehrwürdiges Alter für eine Zeitschrift. Aber die Stimme ist heute noch so jugendlich wie die Alliance selbst. Wie könnte eine Zeitschrift altern, die uns jeden Monat das vermittelt, was die Alliance so lebendig und aktuell macht: den wachen Blick für die Frauenprobleme in der Welt, den Mut, neue Probleme anzugreifen, die Überzeugungstreue und die freundschaftliche Verbundenheit der Mitglieder untereinander.

Der Deutsche Zweig dankt allen, die am *Catholic Citizen* und für ihn gearbeitet haben und wünscht ihm eine erfolgreiche Zukunft.

L. BARDENHEWER
President

St. Joan's, New South Wales

The President and Executive Committee send heartiest congratulations to all those who have participated in the success of the first Golden Years of *The Catholic Citizen*. Since its first introduction to Sydney members have always been amazed at the wealth of information it has circulated from all parts of the world. It is truly an international journal. May its good work continue.

We feel proud that through the marathon work of our founder and first president, Mrs. Jean Daly, copies of this little paper for the years 1950-1960 have been indexed and filed in our National Library at Canberra.

B. KINSELLA
President

St. Joan's, South Australia

Just as Jeanne d'Arc's deeds and accomplishments were the practical expression of her spirit, so is *The Catholic Citizen* the embodiment of the work of St. Joan's Alliance throughout the free world.

It is read and re-read: no words are wasted. Like the dress of Jeanne d'Arc, it is practical. It is small, compact and functional. A snippet of world news tomorrow can be found in one of its back numbers. The *Citizen* is the very spirit of Jeanne d'Arc in the world today. It is a reflection of the work and ideals of the Alliance—the bone and marrow of its existence.

It is significant that the eve of the Golden Jubilee of *The Catholic Citizen* coincides with the privilege that women would attend the Third Session of the Vatican Council as "auditores".

The Catholic Citizen is of great value—the work must go on and as our president says *avec audace mais prudence*.

E. O'LOGHLIN
Vice-president

St. Joan's, Western Australia

Congratulations to *The Catholic Citizen* on its Golden Jubilee. What a wonderful record it has had. We in West Australia have studied it for over fifteen years and at most of our meetings we have a discussion on one or two of its excellent articles. Long may it flourish.

HESTER HOAD
President

St. Joan's, Queensland

The Catholic Citizen, 1915-1965, now a golden link between friends at home and abroad. Congratulations on a splendid record, and our sincere appreciation to all those who have worked to make this Golden Jubilee possible.

J. FULLAGAR
Hon. Secretary

**Centro Femenino de Cultura Civica—Argentina
(Affiliated to St. Joan's International)**

Each time I receive *The Catholic Citizen* I read it with great interest. In the simple form it is presented it brings so much and such good information that I am always eager to know what news it brings from all over the world.

Congratulations on having been able to continue publication even during two world wars and *malgré* the economic difficulties. It is really amazing that you never failed to publish it and I heartily congratulate the British Section in carrying on the work with such success. My best greetings to the Golden Jubilee of *The Catholic Citizen*.

CELINE A. H. DE MARTINEZ
Public Relations Officer

St. Joan's, Transvaal

My congratulations to all concerned in the publication of *The Catholic Citizen* and good wishes and prayers that it may continue for many years to come.

I always look forward to receiving it. It has always been enthralling reading not provided by any other publication and I am grateful for what I have learned from it and for what it has done to further the women's cause.

MARION HOPE-JONES

St. Joan's, U.S.A.

I continue to look forward to the coming of *The Catholic Citizen* and have read every issue with eagerness, interest and sustained appreciation. It is a unique publication, rich in well-written and thought-provoking articles, challenging Christians when confronted by questions involving the human dignity and civil rights of women in the modern world. I am confident that its influence will continue to be felt in ecclesiastical circles, to the moral and intellectual benefit of all who heed its message.

GEORGIANA MCENTEE
Vice-president

THE NEW PARLIAMENT**The Single Woman**

Dame Edith Pitt, during the second reading of the National Insurance Bill, objected that the abolition of the earnings rule for widows put them in a preferential position as opposed to single women. She complained that many single women are required by employers to retire at sixty on the assumption that they are not strong enough to go on working as men do till sixty-five, which is contradicted by the fact that they live longer. (November 25th)

Mr. Prior asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consider reductions in Income Tax, or a special pension, in the case of single women who have devoted many years to the care of an invalid or elderly parent. Mr. Diamond, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, replied that the suggestions had been noted.

Matters Under Review

Mr. Ray Gunter, Minister of Labour, stated: "The social and economic issues of implementing the right to equal pay for equal work are being examined." (December 10th)

Mr. Houghton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the debate on the Queen's speech, speaking of the Government's intention to undertake a major review of social security, and to modernise and develop the health and welfare services, said: "What a hotch-potch we have of social security and taxation! We give family allowances and tax them; we give education grants and do not tax them; and at the same time to the same family we give reliefs for children." In spite of the present financial situation he pledged the Government to make a complete overhaul. "The Christian spirit," he declared, "must and will prevail." (November 10th)

Mr. Houghton, replying to a question from Mr. Curran, said that either he or the appropriate Minister will accept written or oral evidence from persons or organisations who wish to be heard when he makes his review of the social services. (December 10th)

Modernising Industry

Mrs. Shirley Williams, in her maiden speech, welcomed Mr. Houghton's words about the social services and stressed the necessity for revolutionising the status of the industrial worker. She also commended to the Ministers for Technology and Aviation what is being done in America: firms in the aviation and electronic industries, faced with substantial cuts in military expenditure, are there being advised, with government support and encouragement, to develop new types of work in good time so that the necessary reorganisation and retraining will be undertaken with the minimum upset to workers. She spoke also of the need to offer

retraining to the men and women on the professional and technical side so as to prevent their skills from becoming obsolete. (November 10th)

Married Doctors and Teachers

Mr. Robinson, the Minister of Health, having explained that delays in providing facilities for the early detection of cervical cancer were due to the shortage of pathologists and laboratory technicians trained in cytology, agreed to give urgent attention to a suggestion made by Dr. Shirley Summerskill to consider the part-time employment of married women doctors in the centres where women who so desire may be screened. (November 23rd)

Mr. Michael Stewart, Minister of Education, said that he intended to renew and extend last year's publicity campaign, and also to increase the opportunities for part-time service in the schools, as a means of attracting more married women back to the teaching profession. (December 10th)

National Insurance

Miss Herbison, Minister of Pensions, felt that she had to deal with the delay in the paying of the increases in retirement pensions, in view of the many questions asked from both sides of the House. The extra work involved in dealing with about six million pension books, requiring the over-stamping of 200 million drafts, and the working out of 200 different rates of retirement pension (according to whether there is a wife's pension, in creases for children, deferment increments, earnings deductions etc.) has to be carried out by the Ministry staff in addition to its normal load. She blamed the last Government for omitting the institution of speedier methods of payment. She said that the Government had inherited both a serious economic situation and an out-dated system of payment: the Tories had installed one computer, and that was to implement "their shoddy, disreputable, graded pensions schemes—a method whereby they could take money from the workers."

Mr. Higgins brought up the question of those whom he called, "The Old-Age Non-Pensioners." These are men and women mostly over seventy-five who were left out of the scheme when it was introduced by Labour in 1948.

Mr. Houghton replied to critics of the Bill, "Those who would have done nothing are not entitled to press questions upon those who are doing things." He enumerated the nine measures of reform that had been initiated in fifteen parliamentary days: the largest improvement in National Insurance benefits since 1946, the largest ever improvement in Industrial Injuries benefits, improved maternity benefit, payment to 10s. widow trebled, abolition of earnings rule for widows, abolition of prescription charges on medicines,

improvement in National Assistance scales, improvement in war pensions, and an eviction Bill to give people security in their homes. (November 25th)

Mrs. Thatcher spoke in support of an unsuccessful Opposition amendment proposing a slight increase in the increments allowed on postponed retirement pensions. (December 3rd)

Pornography Through the Post

Mrs. Anne Kerr expressed a hope that the Postmaster-General could suggest a way of stopping the dissemination of vicious literature through the post. She referred in particular to magazine promotion material containing what she described as "perverted, blasphemous and filthy muck."

The Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Slater, reminded the House of the limitations placed on the Post Office in detecting such material but stated; "Anyone who receives indecent or obscene material in this way can certainly rely on the Post Office to take suitable action"; he meant, of course, to put the matter in the hands of the police. (December 18th)

C. M. Cheke

DAME RACHEL CROWDY

A memorial service for Dame Rachel Crowdy was held in Chelsea Old Church on December 15th. Representatives of several societies which had collaborated with Dame Rachel were present, including St. Joan's Alliance. The Princess Royal was represented by Dame Beryl Oliver.

Dame Rachel had a most distinguished and courageous life. As Principal Commandant of the V.A.D.s in France and Belgium during the First World War she was mentioned in despatches and received numerous decorations.

The national press has paid tribute to the magnificent work which Dame Rachel did in many spheres. She sat on several Royal Commissions. She did outstanding work as head of the Social Questions and Opium Traffic Section of the League of Nations from 1919 to 1931. As Miss Peto writes in *The Shield*: "her great memorial is, and will remain, her Report of the Special Body of Experts on Traffic in Women and Children, published in 1927. Based on investigations in, and reports from, twenty-eight countries, it presents a factual picture of the direct or indirect procurement and transportation for gain to a foreign country of women and girls for the sexual gratification of one or more persons, and the activities of those who traffic in it.

As I turn its well-thumbed pages, I believe that in all the varied fields in which her powers of mind and spirit were sought during a long career, this, the first fruit of her appointment to the League of Nations must have remained closest to her heart."

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