

International Federation of Catholic Alumnae

1. What is the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae ?

A Federation consisting of Alumnae Associations of Catholic High Schools, Colleges and Universities, founded by the Alumnae of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, with the permission and blessing of James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, the approval of John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, and thirty-seven members of the American Hierarchy. It was organized in New York City, November 27th, 28th and 29th, 1914, when representatives of one hundred and two Alumnae, from all parts of the United States and Canada, met and solemnly undertook the work.

2. What is the purpose of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae ?

Its object is "to bring into communication the various distinct Catholic Alumnae Associations, for the purpose of upholding ideals of Catholic Womanhood and to formulate plans for the extension of Catholic education, Catholic literature, and Catholic social work."

3. By what method is the Federation co-ordinating the vast power of Catholic educated women ?

By the organization of State and Province Chapters, which in turn organize City Circles of Alumnae. A member of an Alumnae located in another state may become an associate member of the Chapter of the state in which she resides.

4. What are the Departments of the work of the Federation ?

1. Education.

- (a) Urging upon parents and guardians the necessity of giving children under their care a Catholic education from the Kindergarten through the University.
- (b) Waging a perpetual campaign for the dissemination of accurate knowledge concerning the present day achievements of Catholics in all fields—by means of the lecture platform, pamphlet literature and the columns of the secular and catholic press.
- (c) Assisting in giving instructions in parish halls, settlement houses, vacation schools, etc.
- (d) Compiling bibliographies on Catholic subjects for the use of teachers and students in Catholic schools and the Catholic view of subjects for the benefit of Catholic teachers and students in secular Universities.

- (e) Assisting Catholic schools in need of lay teachers and teachers desiring appointments to Catholic schools by means of a bureau where all applications with recommendations will be filed.
- (f) Urging the proper care of all Catholic records.
- (g) Watching legislation.
- (h) Running a series of articles in the "BULLETIN" covering fields open to women workers for the benefit of the girls in the graduating classes of the high schools, etc.
- (i) Forwarding the work of the Catholic Sisters College, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.
- (j) Showing above all in thought, word, and deed that the system of education of the Catholic Schools, which undertakes the training of mind, heart, and soul, is the only true system of education.

2. Literature.

- (a) Placing Catholic books on the shelves of the Public Libraries.
- (b) Helping the Catholic Press by: Writing.
Increasing sale of papers.
- (c) Boycotting: Bad Literature.
Bad Moving Pictures.
Bad Plays.
- (d) Developing Catholic talent.
- (e) Collecting autographed copies of Catholic Books.
- (f) Supplying needy missions with reading matter.
- (g) Demanding literature thoroughly moral and christian, and of high artistic skill.

3. Social Work.

- (a) Saving the children for Christ by: Baptism.
Improving home surroundings.
Catholic Education.
- (b) Upholding the sanctity of the home and the holy privilege of parenthood.
- (c) Making the world better by preaching as the panacea of all ills the HOLY EUCHARIST.
- (d) Following in all social work the program prepared by the Vicar of Christ.
- (e) Assisting in all parish work.
- (f) Securing the permission of proper authorities before instituting new work.
- (g) Preparing ourselves for the work by study, prayer, retreats, etc.

The success of the Federation depends upon the way in which the individual member applies to her own life Catholic principles and the manner in which she seeks to apply them to the sores of the world.

5. How is the Federation Supported ?

The officers serve without compensation. The current expenses, like printing, postage, etc., are paid from the yearly dues of the affiliated Alumnae Associations. Affiliated Associations are taxed as follows:

Entrance Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5.00
Annual Dues (Associations of 100 members or less)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
" " (" " " 100-300 members)	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
" " (" " " 300 members or more)	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00

6. When does the Federation meet ?

It has Biennial Conventions. The next one will be held in ST. LOUIS, Missouri, October 16th-20th, 1918. Every affiliated Association is entitled to a delegate and alternate. The meetings are open to visitors.

7. What is the official organ of the Federation ?

"The Quarterly Bulletin of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae." Price, fifty cents a year. Editor, Clare I. Cogan, 6703 Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

8. Who compose the Executive Board of the Federation ?

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