

The Union of Catholic Mothers

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The Union of Catholic Mothers, whose aim is to follow the full Christian ideal of marriage and family life, was founded in 1913 to unite Catholic married women.

In 1913, Mrs Joseph Chichester was instrumental in starting the work of the UCM on her property, Calverleigh, near Tiverton, Devon. Ethelreda was the youngest daughter of a family of twelve, six boys and six girls. For many years there had been anxiety concerning the spiritual and moral conditions in rural districts.

It was this state of affairs which led to the inauguration of the Anglican Mothers' Union, which suggested the desirability of forming a similar society on Catholic lines, which might prove a real service to the Church. With the help of her sister Agnes, she drew up a scheme for a Union of Catholic Mothers.

Today membership is open to all Catholic women, married or single, to non-Catholic wives of Catholic husbands, and may be extended to women in sympathy with its aims and objectives.

Aims of UCM

To uphold the ideals of marriage and family life to the full, providing commitment, stability and security in the home, the church, the world.

To help the poor, the homeless, the marginalized, the refugee, the ill and the weary, and to support those in need.



We are witnesses to the Light of Christ.

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UCM at St Joseph's

St Joseph's Parish, Retford is establishing a Foundation with the Inauguration on Wednesday, 2nd May 2007. The Foundation currently has monthly meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please get in touch with Dorothy Anderson.



UCM Foundation Daily Prayer

O Jesus so near to me now,
be near to all for whom I should pray:
My family and my friends,
all those I love
all who love me;
all ill and suffering people,
all those who do not know or love You.
Bless us all and help us to know You
and to love You, all the days of our lives.

