

## Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests (ARCWP)



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### Christina Moreira consecrated bishop of the Catholic Church

The International Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests (ARCWP), together with the Christian community Home Novo, consecrated the Roman Catholic priest Christina Moreira Vázquez as a bishop in Compostela (Spain) on June 24, 2025.

The ARCWP, to which Moreira already belonged as a priest, has already consecrated several women bishops in apostolic succession. These include the three women bishops who have now been consecrated: Bridget Mary Meehan (USA), Gisela Forster (Germany) and Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger (Austria).

Apostolic succession is the belief that bishops are successors of the apostles; it is passed on through episcopal consecration. Three bishops confer the apostolic ministry and the powers required to exercise it on a new bishop through the laying on of hands and prayer. This ensures the uninterrupted continuity of the Church's mission from the Apostles to the present day.

Ordination is one of the seven sacraments and, according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, confers an indelible mark on the ordained person. It is therefore effective and valid even if it is excluded under canon law (valide, sed illicite). In the Catholic Church, ordination is still excluded today if the ordained person is not of the male sex (CIC canon 1014).

The aim of this ordination is to pass on apostolic discipleship in the context of a circular and inclusive church in order to accompany and ordain women who are called to serve open communities where all people are welcome.

Dr. Bridget Mary Meehan, ARCWP

Dr. Gisela Forster, ARCWP

#### Pictures:

Pictures and Video at: <https://bridgetmarys.blogspot.com/2025/06/photos-of-ordination-of-bishop.html> .