



What Sisters Mean to Me: Celebrating the Witness of Women Religious



Prayer Service

at

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

Church parking lot located around the corner on Edgewood Avenue

Friday, June 22, 2012 • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Questions? Email womenreligious@gmail.com

All are Welcome

Future of U.S. Leadership Conference of Women Religious

April 2012 Vatican Mandate to LCWR

Citing "serious doctrinal problems which affect many in the consecrated life", the Vatican announced a major reform of LCWR. The Vatican assigned Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle and two other bishops to provide "review, guidance and approval where necessary in the work of LCWR".

The mandate acknowledged how LCRW faithfully promotes social justice. It also stated:

- LCRW is silent on the right to life from conception to natural death
- The Church's biblical view of family life and human sexuality is not part of LCWR's agenda in a way that promotes the Church's position on moral and sexual issues
- Public statements by LCWR disagree with or challenge positions taken by the bishops, "who are the Church's authentic teachers of faith and morals"

Another Accusation in Mandate

LCWR's collaboration with the Catholic social justice lobby NETWORK was also criticized. LCWR is grateful to work alongside NETWORK, whose mission of lobbying, organizing and educating for social and economic justice is rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching.

What is LCWR? What is their Response to the Vatican Mandate?

The LCWR numbers 1,500 leaders of U.S. women's congregations, representing 80% of the country's 57,000 women religious. LCWR stated they were "stunned by the conclusions of the Vatican's doctrinal assessment". The LCWR follows canonically approved statutes and noted that "this is a moment of great import for religious life and the wider church".

Support and Prayers for Women Religious

Immediately, thousands of responses flooded the media:

"Catholic sisters are my heroes. They have been my teachers, spiritual directors, mentors, bosses and friends. I can barely begin to describe the admiration I have for these women, many of them now in their 70s and 80s, and for what they have done for God, for the church, for what Catholics call the "people of God," and for me." ~ James Martin, S.J., author of My Life with the Saints

"Religious Life has been called a prophetic lifeform both in official documents and in spiritual writings almost since its inception ... it is precisely because the prophet is addressing the actual situation, publicly lamenting current oppression as contrary to God's will, and energizing real people to imagine and begin to strive for an alternative future, that the prophet is often perceived as dangerous to the status quo." ~ Sandra Schneiders, I.H.M., from her book Prophets in Their Own Country: Women Religious Bearing Witness to the Gospel in a Troubled Church

Looking to the Future

LCWR continues to prayerfully consider appropriate responses while staying in active dialogue with the bishops. "We call on the Spirit of God to reveal the way forward that is faithful to God's dream for us and our lives together," says Sister Chris Koellhoffer, IHM.

Our Sisters ask for your prayers and participation as they continue their works of mercy, particularly for peace and justice for the poor.

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