

Other Education and Dialogue Packets Available!

*These tried and true resources address underlying issues related to governance and structural reform in the Church. All were developed by **FutureChurch** in partnership with **Call to Action**.*

Future of Priestly Ministry: Raises awareness about the worldwide consequences of doing nothing about the priest shortage. This project advocates opening ordination to all the baptized who are called to it by God and the people of God. It contains statistics about the priest shortage on a diocese by diocese basis and educational resources about the history of celibacy in the church, women's ordination, infallibility and information about how to begin a dialogue in your locale.



NEW! Parish Dialogue Supplement Resources for a parish educational program including new U.S. statistics from the U.S. Bishops, Catholic teaching on the Eucharist and Canon Law teaching about our rights and responsibilities as Catholics. **INCLUDES: Parish Celebration of Feast of Corpus Christi.**



Women in Church Leadership: Educates about the inclusive practice of the historic Jesus and advocates in behalf of lay ministers in the church, over 82% of whom are women. Inspired by the Benchmarks study from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, this project advocates for increased leadership roles for women in the Church right now.



Celebrating Women Witnesses: Contains essays written by experts about twelve historic women of faith who resisted patriarchal values in their day because of belief in Jesus. Contains new scholarship about Mary of Nazareth, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Dorothy Day, Angela Merici, Sor Juana, Claire of Assisi, the Beguines, Thea Bowman, Julian of Norwich and new testament married woman missionary, Prisca.

Includes a prayer service for each essay and our internationally successful July 22nd **St. Mary of Magdala** celebration and brochure about this woman who was not a prostitute but a primary witness to the Resurrection. Send for NEW Women Witnesses note cards!

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Women Witnesses Sequel

Back by popular demand, a sequel to the highly successful **Celebrating Women Witnesses** project is nearing completion. Set to launch in March for Women's "Herstory" Month, the new resource will contain essays and prayer services about seventeen additional "women witnesses" suggested by the women and men who loved the first packet. Subtitled "A Project to Rediscover Women Leaders in the Catholic Church" the essays provide a fresh look at women of faith both contemporary and ancient, including: **Phoebe, Brigid of Kildare, Henriette de Lille, Hildegard of Bingen, Joan of Arc, Mary Ward, Penny Lernoux, Perpetua and Felicity, Mary Ward, Edith Stein, Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the four North American churchwomen martyred in El Salvador and a new category "Anonymous Women."

Original art by Eileen Cantlin Verbus accompanies each essay and FutureChurch is pleased once again to partner the project with Call to Action and its 41 regional affiliates.

Some examples of these women who resisted patriarchal values because of belief in Jesus:

- **Phoebe** was identified as "a deacon (*diakonos*) of the church at Cenchræ." Author Claire Noonan writes that *diakonos* was a word St. Paul used to describe himself and indicates that Phoebe, like Paul, Timothy and Appolos was "a leader in the early Christian assembly." A timely topic given current discussions in the Church!

- In 1631 **Mary Ward** was called "a heretic, a schismatic, a rebel against holy Church," by the Vatican Inquisition which threw her into prison because she founded a community of women who governed themselves and worked outside the cloister. Robert McClory, the well known author of *Faithful Dissenters*, writes that 320 years later Pope Pius XII

would call her "that incomparable woman given...to the Church in one of the darkest, most blood-stained periods of history."

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe** "responds to the deepest instincts of the Mexican psyche" according to Dr. Jeannette Rodriguez. By identifying herself as "Mother of the true God through whom one lives" Guadalupe "affirms a need to experience the maternal face of God."



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

ORIGINAL WOMEN WITNESSES EFFORT THRIVING

In the meantime the original **Celebrating Women Witness** project continues to have a life of its own, with over 4000 enthusiastic participants hailing from as far away as Cook, Ireland and as nearby as Farmington Hills, Michigan. This project contains essays and prayer services about **Mary of Nazareth, Clare of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Dorothy Day, Prisca, the Beguines, Angela Merici, Julian of Norwich, Thea Bowman, Sor Juana, Mary of Magdala and Therese of Lisieux.**

Parishes, small faith communities, spirituality groups, Catholic teachers and retreat centers are sponsoring Women Witnesses prayer services, discussion groups, feminist liturgies and education days. Many publish essay excerpts each month in parish bulletins and newsletters. Others have used the resource for Black History Month, Women's History Month and Mary of Magdala celebrations. Teachers and parents find materials especially helpful in programs for girls and young women at school and diocesan education days. In Farmington Hills, Michigan one group made posters with reflections for each of the women as a "walk around" for a community meeting.

If you want to be notified when the new CWW sequel is available email cww@futurechurch.org or order directly from the website at www.futurechurch.org after March 15. The original packet can be ordered from the website now.

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