



AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, MAY 7

11:00 a.m. **Opening Keynote Address**

"Leaping Over Walls": Reflections on Histories of "The Nun in the World"
Anne O'Brien, Associate Professor in the School of Humanities and Languages, and the Global Irish Studies Centre at the University of New South Wales

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Session 1**

Panel #1 *Transnational Temptations: Entering and Leaving Religious Life in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*
Deirdre Raftery, University College Dublin

Before the Council
Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck College, University of London

Social Change and Renewal of the Church in Italy Towards the Second Vatican Council: The Role of Religious Congregations
Giovanni Gregorini, Catholic University of Milan

Panel #2 *RCC as a Transnational Actor of Leiturgia in Global History Through the Mission of Women Religious of C.M.C.*

Maryann Madhavathu, C.M.C., Katholiek Universiteit Leuven

Gaudium et spes and Catholic Sisters' Activism in Apartheid South Africa, 1976-1985

Catherine Higgs, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

"Radicalized Women Religious" or Women Accompanying the Poor?: Nuns' Challenge to Ronald Reagan's Central America Policy

Theresa Keeley, Georgetown University

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. **Session 2**

Panel #3 *Prospects and Challenges of Revised Missionary Activity for African Women Religious*

Caroline Mbonu, H.H.C.J., University of Port Harcourt

International Sisters in the U.S.: Building on History

Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN., Trinity Washington University

Panel #4 *Identity and Memory*

M. Finbarr Coffey, C.S.C., St. John's Seminary

Claiming Our Prophetic Voice As Women

Ryan Murphy, Temple University

From the Local to the Transnational: Religious Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Strasbourg after the Second Vatican Council

Catherine Maurer, University of Strasbourg

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Stand Up Reception**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Sisters of the Third Sector: Working Identities, Constructs and Relationships in the 20th Century: A Case Study from Britain

Susan O'Brien, Senior Member of St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge

FRIDAY, MAY 8

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Session 3

- Panel #5** *The Road to Justice Runs Through Selma: American Catholic Sisters, Vatican II, and Transnational Activism*
Carol Coburn, Avila University
- American Religious of the Sacred Heart in an International Context: The Vatican II Years*
Patricia Byrne, C.S.J., Trinity College
- My Way to God and the New Catechetics: Australian Teaching Sisters Embrace the World*
Katharine Massam, University of Divinity
- Panel #6** *Prophets on the Bus? Women Religious in a Post-Vatican II Church*
Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D., University of Scranton
- Resident Aliens in Which 'Holy Nation'? Differential Responses to the LCWR's Model of Critically-Engaged Belonging in the Church and the U.S. Nation*
Joel Schmidt, Salve Regina University
- Aggiornamento and the Liturgy of the Hours: Implications for Two Australian Monastic Communities*
Peter Lynch, University of Tasmania

11:00 a.m. Session 4

- Panel #7** *Class and the "Bond of Love": Stratification and Resistance in Women's Religious Congregations*
Margaret Susan Thompson, Syracuse University
- Liberation is Our First Priority: Black Nuns, Soul Politics, and the Formation of the National Black Sisters' Conference*
Shannen Dee Williams, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Reverse Education: The Role of Local Experience in the Development of a Congregation's Communitarian Ecclesiology*
Christine Baudin Hernandez, St. Louis University
- Panel #8** *Breaking Boundaries: Nuns, Archives, and the Digital Humanities*
Mary Ellen Lennon, Marian University
- Radical Sister: Lucy Freibert as Feminist Nun, Activist, and Educator*
Jessica Whitish, University of Louisville

Hearing the Call in Popular Film

Maureen Sabine, University of Hong Kong

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Nuns and the Significance of the "In-out Marginal"

Linda Woodhead M.B.E., Professor in the Sociology of Religion in the
Department of Politics, Philosophy & Religion at Lancaster University

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Session 5**

Panel #9

*Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) in Peru from the Late 1960s:
Repositioning the Understanding of Mission and Constructing
Identities Within a New Set of Historical Conditions and Configurations*
Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Queens' University

*"I Never Intended to Leave": How One Woman Religious Left Her
Congregation but Continued Her Mission*

Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge

*Loret(t)o Education and Identity in North America: Transatlantic
Pushes and Pulls, 1847-2003*

Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto

Panel #10

New Generations of Catholic Sisters

Mary Johnson, S.N.D.deN., Trinity Washington University

Patricia Wittberg, S.C., Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Mary L. Gautier, Georgetown University

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **Session 6**

Panel #11 *Vatican II and Medical Missions in a Transnational Context*
Barbra Mann Wall, University of Pennsylvania

Rethinking Mission in the Post-Conciliar Age: Society of the Holy Child Jesus in the Global South
Jillian Plummer, University of Notre Dame

Panel #12 *Françoise Vandermeersch's Commitment: From Intimate Issues to International Issues, 1966-1978*
Sabine Rousseau, University of Clermont-Ferrand

The Evolution of the Affirmation of the Person as the Responsible Subject in the Little Sisters of the Assumption During the Chapter of Aggiornamento in 1968-1969
Marie-Thérèse Desouche, xavière, Catholic Institute of Toulouse

Navigating Transnational Change in the Wake of a Conciliar Church in the Process of Renewal: Lessons on Mission, Formation, and Leadership from Mother Sabine de Valon and the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus between 1958 and 1967
Maria Cimperman, R.S.C.J., Catholic Theological Union

The Religious Life Vitality Project: Final Presentation

Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham University
Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge
Religious Life Institute, Heythrop College, London

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11:00 a.m. **Keynote Address**

Where Do We Go from Here? Signs of Vitality in a Much-Changed World
Gemma Simmonds, C.J., Religious Life Institute, Heythrop College, University of London

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m.

Plenary Discussion

The Story, Aims, and Approach of the Religious Life Vitality Project

Paul D. Murray, Dean and Director of the Centre for Catholic Studies,
Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University

Rosemarie Nassif, S.S.N.D., Director of the Catholic Sisters Initiative,
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Los Angeles

Catherine Sexton, Margaret Beaufort Institute for Theology, Cambridge

1:45 p.m.

Introduction to Group Discussions

The Big Themes Emerging from the Data and Their Significance

Catherine Sexton, Margaret Beaufort Institute for Theology, Cambridge

Further Thoughts

Gemma Simmonds, C.J., Religious Life Institute, Heythrop College,
University of London

Initial Questions & Comments

2:30 p.m.

Group Discussions (tea and coffee served in groups)

3:15 p.m.

Plenary Discussion

Gemma Simmonds, C.J. (Chair/Facilitator)

Catherine Sexton (co-respondent)

Paul D. Murray (scribe and co-respondent)

4:00 p.m.

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