

Conference on the History of Women Religious



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**The College of St. Catherine
St. Paul, Minnesota
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SUNDAY, JUNE 25

REGISTRATION

11:00—1:00 St. Joseph Hall Lobby

LUNCH

11:30—12:30 Cafeteria, St. Joseph Hall Lower Level

OPENING SESSION

1:00—2:30 St. Joseph Hall Marian Lounge

Presiding: Karen Kennelly, CSJ

History of Women Religious Network Coordinator

Welcome: Anita Pampusch

President, College of St. Catherine

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Christine Athans, BVM

St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the College of St. Thomas

Keynote Address: *"Spirit and Structure: Historical Factors Affecting the Expression of Charism in an American Religious Congregation"*

Mary Ann Donovan, S.C.

Graduate Theological Union and Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Response: Rosemary Rader, O.S.B., St. Paul Priory

LIFE, STRUCTURES, AND CANON LAW

3:00—4:30 Marian Lounge

Chair: Mary Ewens, O.P.

Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame

"The Development of Legal Structures for Women Religious 1500 to 1900: A Study of Selected Institutes of Religious"

Lynn Jarrell, O.S.U.

Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis

"Uncloistered Apostolic Life for Women: Marguerite Bourgeoys' Experiment in Ville-Marie (Montreal)"

Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D.

Yale University

Comment: Ellen O'Hara, C.S.J., Tribunal, Diocese of Boise

Mary Ewens, O.P.

DINNER

5:00—5:30 Cafeteria

THE AMERICANIZATION PROCESS: CAUSES AND EFFECTS

4:00—5:30 Chair: Christine Athans, B.V.M.

School of Divinity of the College of St. Thomas

"The Americanization of Religious Life: Women Religious 1872-1922"

Angelyn Dries, O.S.F.

Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

"Turning Points in the Spirituality of an American Congregation: the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary"

Mary DeCock, B.V.M.

Mundelein College, Chicago

"The School Sisters of Notre Dame in Nineteenth-Century United States"

Barbara Brumleve, S.S.N.D.

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Commentator: Ephrem Hollerman, O.S.B.

College of St. Benedict, Minnesota

DINNER

5:30—6:00 Cafeteria

MAGNET GROUPS

7:00—8:00 See end of program for topic and place

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

BREAKFAST

8:00—8:30 Cafeteria or 7:45-9:15 Breakfast Cart, triangle between Derham, Whitby, and Caecilian Halls

7:45 Breakfast business meeting, HWR Network Ad hoc committee, Cafeteria

TELLING THE STORY THROUGH BIOGRAPHY

9:00—10:15 Marian Lounge

Chair: Kaye Ashe, O.P.

Sinsinawa Dominicans

"Writing the Life of a Future Saint: Elizabeth Ann Seton, History or Hagiography?"

Annabelle Melville

Author, *Elizabeth Bayley Seton, 1774-1821*, and other biographies

"Writing the Community's History: Charism, Spirituality, and Ministry"

Christopher J. Kauffman

Author, *Tradition and Transformation in Catholic Culture: The Priests of Saint Sulpice in the United States from 1791 to the Present*, and other community histories

Speaker interaction and audience comment

CURRENT RESEARCH: BIOGRAPHY AND INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

10:45—12:00 Marian Lounge

Chair: Janet Griffin, S.D.P.

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio

"Women of the Visitation: Image and Reality"

Paula Wilson

University of Minnesota

"Collective Biography: Founding Women of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People"

Patricia Lynch, S.B.S.

St. Elizabeth Convent, Bensalem, Pennsylvania

"Lay-Religious Collaborators: Charles Carroll's Granddaughters and American Vowed Religious"

Grace Donovan, S.U.S.C.

Stonehill College, North Easton, Massachusetts

"The Founding Years of Trinity College, Washington, D.C. A Case Study in Christian Feminism"

Mary Hayes, S.N.D. deN.

Trinity College, Washington, D.C.

Audience comment

LUNCH

12:00—12:30 Cafeteria

MAGNET GROUPS

12:45—1:45 See end of program for topic

CURRENT RESEARCH: MINISTRIES OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS IN THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURIES

2:00—3:30 Music Building Recital Hall

Chair: Mary J. Oates, C.S.J.

Regis College, Weston, Massachusetts

"Caring for Single Women and Children in Nineteenth-Century New York City"

Maureen Fitzgerald

University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Sister Joanna Bruner, Catalyst of Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Care Ministry"

Mary Carol Conroy, S.C.L.

Spalding University, Louisville

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE

7:00 Music Building Recital Hall

"Ashes Could Not Stop Her"

The life of Mother St. Pierre (Jeanne Pierette Cinquin), 1845-1891

Martha Ann Kirk, C.C.V.I.

Incarnate Word College, San Antonio

RECEPTION

Following dramatic monologue, St. Joseph Hall Lobby

The reception is hosted by the HWR Network; the Vicar for Religious of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Doris Rauenhorst, O.P.; and the Presidents of Minnesota's Catholic Women's Colleges.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

BREAKFAST

8:00—8:30 Cafeteria or 7:45-9:15 Breakfast Cart, triangle between Derham, Whitby, and Caecilian Halls

AUDIO-VISUAL SOURCES

8:00—6:00 Library, Audio Visual Room

PRESENTATION AND USE OF RESEARCH MATERIALS

9:00—10:15 Marian Lounge

Chair: Margaret Susan Thompson

Syracuse University

"Published Guide to the Archives of Congregations of Women Religious"

Evangeline Thomas, C.S.J.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas

"Research Resources for the History of Women Religious"

Elizabeth Yakel

Religious Archives Technical Assistance Project, New York City

"Creating a Computerized Data Base"

Barbara Misner, S.C.S

School Sisters of St. Francis Archives, Milwaukee

Audience comment

USING HISTORICAL SOURCES

10:45-12:00 Marian Lounge

Chair: M. Adele Francis Gorman, O.S.F.

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

"The Personal is Historical: Using Letters, Diaries, Reminiscences"

Elizabeth Hampsten

University of North Dakota

"Do's and Don'ts for the Oral Historian"

Jane Mowrer, O.P.

Sinsinawa, Wisconsin Dominican Oral History

"Using Historical Resources: Bibliography and Sources for Research"

Elizabeth Kolmer, A.S.C.

St. Louis University

"Exhibit Planning and Execution"

Suzanne Noffke, O.P.

University of Chicago

Audience comment

LUNCH

12:00—12:30 Cafeteria

MAGNET GROUPS

12:45—1:45 See end of program for topic and place

CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

2:00—3:30 Marian Lounge

Chair: Sharon Howell, C.S.J.,

College of St. Thomas

"Mainstreaming the History of Ethnic Religious Communities"

Dolores Liptak, R.S.M.

Catholic Archival and Historical Services, Silver Spring, Maryland

"Women's Religious Communities in Cross-Cultural Perspective"

Patricia Byrne, C.S.J.

Trinity College, Hartford

Amelia Vasquez, R.S.C.J.

Maryhill School of Theology, Manila

"Russian Orthodox Convents Face the Revolution"

Mary Grace Swift, O.S.U.

Loyola University, New Orleans

Audience Comment

"The Contributions of Religious Women to the Growth and Expansion of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schooling in the United States"

Patricia A. Bauch, O.P.

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

"United States Women Religious in World Mission"

Karen M. Kennelly, C.S.J.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Audience comment

CURRENT RESEARCH: WOMEN RELIGIOUS FROM 1951 TO THE YEAR 2000

4:00—5:30 Recital Hall

Chair: Mary L. Schneider, O.S.F.

Michigan State University, Lansing

"The Evolution and Impact of the Sister Formation Conference 1954 to 1975"

M. Patrice Noterman, S.C.C.

Mallinckrodt College of the North Shore, Wilmette, Illinois

"Women Religious Twenty-three Years after Vatican II: A Survey"

Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D.deN.

Emmanuel College, Boston

"Reasons for Staying in a Religious Community: The Views of Women Entrants, 1945 to 1975"

Kathleen Cooney, O.S.U.

Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, Ohio

"One View of Renewal: The Experience of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious"

Mary Daniel Turner, S.N.D.deN.

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Audience comment

BANQUET

7:00 Marian Lounge

Introduction and Presentation of Distinguished Historian Award: Mary Ewens
O.P., HWR Network

Address: *"Feminism and the History of Women Religious"*

Barbara Welter

Hunter College, New York City

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

BREAKFAST

8:00—8:30 Cafeteria or 7:45-9:15 Breakfast Cart, triangle between Derham, Whitby, and Caecilian Halls

AN AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

9:00—9:30 Marian Lounge

"Potential Directions and Strategies"

Kaye Ashe, O.P.

Sinsinawa Dominicans

Rosemary Rader, O.S.B.

St. Paul Priory

Mary Ewens, O.P.

Cushwa Center

9:30—10:15 Open microphone time for audience interaction

CLOSING RITUAL

10:30—11:00 Marian Lounge

"Celebrating Our History, the Makers and the Writers"

Christine Athans, O.P. and Martha Ann Kirk, C.C.V.I.

MAGNET GROUPS

"Intercommunity Collaboration on Historical Research, I"

Monday, 12:45—1:45 p.m. Marian Lounge

Convenor: Mary Francis McDonald, O.P., Dominican Research Project

"The Shared Story Project: Sisters Who Taught in Minnesota Parochial Schools"

Monday, 12:45—1:45 p.m.

Marian Lounge

Convenors: Sisters Annabelle Raiche, C.S.J.; Ann Marie Biermaier, O.S.B.; and Linda Kulzer, O.S.B.; St. Benedict and St. Catherine Colleges

"Monastic Women"

Monday, 12:45—1:45 p.m.

Marian Lounge

Convenor: Judith Sutera, O.S.B., Mount Saint Scholastica, Atchison

"Joys and Woes of 'Doing History'"

Monday, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Marian Lounge

Convenor: Barbaralie Stiefermann, S.S.S.F., School Sisters of St. Francis
Motherhouse, Milwaukee

"Work of Sisters on Indian Reservations"

Monday, 7:00—8:00

Marian Lounge

Convenor: Mary Ewens, O.P., Cushwa Center

"Irish Catholic Sisterhoods, Impact, Growth, Development"

Monday, 7:00—8:00

Marian Lounge

Convenor: Mary L. Peckham, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Intercommunity Collaboration on Historical Research, II"

Monday, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Hall, Room 329

Convenor: Karen M. Kennelly, C.S.J.,

Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph Research Committee

"Role of Nuns in Health Care"

Tuesday, 12:45—1:45

Snack Bar

Convenor: Bernadette McCauley, Columbia University

"Collaboration in Getting on the Program and Securing a Publisher"

Tuesday, 12:45—1:45

Snack Bar

Convenor: Rosemary Rader, O.S.B., St. Paul Priory

"Feminism of Religious Women in the Old South"

Tuesday, 12:45—1:45

St. Joseph Hall Room 329

Convenor: Janet Griffin, S.D.P., Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio

AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

The following videocassettes and films are available for viewing in the Audio-Visual Room of the Library 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday:

Sisters of St. Joseph, 5 sets of videocassettes taped at their 1986 Sesquicentennial Event. Contemporary as well as historical aspects of the 24 congregations of CSJs composing the U.S. Federation 1836-1986.

Franciscans, videocassette, *Franciscans Since 1849: Missionaries for the 21st Century*, produced jointly in 1988 by the Sisters of St. Frances of Assisi (Milwaukee), and the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (La Crosse) to mark the 140th anniversary of their common foundings.

Ursuline Sisters (Louisville), videocassette, *A Change in Order*, taped from 1988 ABC network television documentary

Sisters of Providence (Seattle) 16mm black and white film (17 minutes), *Mother Joseph, A Sister of Providence*, based on excerpts from Esther Pariseau's letters along with photographs and artifacts.

Sisters of Charity (Dubuque), videocassette tape of slide show (17 minutes) produced to mark their sesquicentennial 1833-1983.

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Local Arrangements

Mary Kraft, C.S.J.

The History of Women Religious Network is dedicated to the promotion of research and publication on the subject of the history of women religious worldwide, with particular emphasis on the United States. It began with a meeting of interested individuals at the University of Notre Dame Cushwa Center seminar in 1987. It publishes a newsletter three times a year to facilitate networking among the membership, which is open to all interested persons through subscription to the HWR News and Notes at \$5.00.

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