

The Eighth Triennial Conference on the
History of Women Religious

*Confronting Challenges:
Women Religious Respond to Change*

June 27-30, 2010

University of Scranton
Scranton, Pennsylvania

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

2:30–9 p.m. | 1st floor, The DeNaples Center

- REGISTRATION

5 p.m. | 1st floor, The DeNaples Center

- BUFFET SUPPER

7:30 p.m. | The DeNaples Center 401

Film: *Interrupted Lives: Catholic Sisters under European Communism*

Discussion with filmmakers,
Mary Savoie, C.S.J., and Margaret Nacke, C.S.J.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

8:30–10 a.m.

SESSION I

- CHANGE AND ADAPTATION

THE DENAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: REGINA BECHTLE, S.C., SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NEW YORK

“‘Only a Click Away’: Reflections on the Transformational Power of Technology for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill

CATHY LOOKER, S.S.J., CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE

“The Interplay of Vision and Necessity in the Mission of Religious Congregations as presented in the monograph *Education of the SSNDs of the St. Louis Province, 1900–2000*”

THERESE MARY REBSTOCK, SSND, ST. LOUIS PROVINCE,
SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

“Lay-Religious Affiliation in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto”

GRACE SAUVÉ, C.S.J., CONGREGATIONAL ARCHIVES, SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF TORONTO

- VATICAN II AND BEYOND

THE DENAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: ELIZABETH MCGAHAN, UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, SAINT JOHN

“The Welcoming of the Second Vatican Council by Women Religious Orders: Some Considerations from a Quebec Perspective”

DOMINIQUE LAPERLE, UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL

“Women Religious in Norway under Double Fire: Between Conciliar Renewal and Welfare State Building”

ELSE-BRITT NILSEN, THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

“Role of the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes in the Renewal of Women’s Religious Life post Vatican II: A Case Study of the Union of Presentation Sisters”

LOUISE O’REILLY, NUI MAYNOOTH, COUNTY KILDARE

10:30 a.m.–noon

SESSION II

- **STRUGGLE AND RENEWAL**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 407A

CHAIR: KATE KUENSTLER, PHJC, CANON LAW PROFESSIONALS

“Nobility in the Struggle: Non-Violent Witness of the Minority at the Carmel of Morristown, New Jersey, in 1988”

ELOISE ROSENBLATT, R.S.M., LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE, CALIF.

“Forming a Local Church: The Maryknoll Sisters and Lay Agency in Nicaragua, 1965–75”

CHRISTINE BAUDIN HERNANDEZ, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

- **ART, MISSION, AND MEMORY**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

Chair: Judith Metz, S.C., ARCHIVES, SISTERS OF CHARITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO

“Mission and Meaning in a Baroque Painting: Portrait of Mother Jerónima de la Fuente by Diego Velázquez”

ELIZABETH PERRY, FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE

“Preserving the Legacy of American Women Religious Through the Memoir Art Form”

DAN VAILLANCOURT AND KATHY VAILLANCOURT, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

- **MINISTRIES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: MARGARET M. MCGUINNESS, LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

“Charism, Cultures, Networks, or Call?: Catholic Women’s Congregations Ministries to Migrant Women and Children”

MEG WILKES KARRAKER, UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

“Teaching ‘Social Consciousness and Social Conscience’: Catholic Sisters and Social Justice in the 1950s”

DARRA MULDERY, PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

“‘Nothing Is Too Good For the Youth of Our Race’: Black Nuns and the Struggle for Catholic Education in the Jim Crow South”

SHANNEN DEE WILLIAMS, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Noon–1:30 p.m. | 3rd floor, The DeNaples Center

LUNCH

1:30–3 p.m.

SESSION III

- **WOMEN AND SPIRIT: CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

A Discussion of the Exhibit Currently Touring the United States

CHAIR: KAREN M. KENNELLY, C.S.J., EDITOR/COORDINATOR,

HISTORY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

“Video Tour of the Exhibit”

ANNMARIE SANDERS, I.H.M., DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS,
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

“Artistic Considerations”

BARBARA CERVENKA, O.P., ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS, SIENA
HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

“Identifying and Collecting Artifacts”

CAROL SHINNICK, SSND, CONSULTANT

“Development of Storyline, Marketing, and Fundraising”

HELEN GARVEY, B.V.M., SISTERS OF CHARITY B.V.M., HISTORY
COMMITTEE, LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

• WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND WAR

THE DENAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: MARGARET SUSAN THOMPSON, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

“There and Back: The Impact of their Crimean Service on Women Religious”

MOIRA EGAN, BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

“‘A certain latitude be conceded’:

English Dominican Sisters in the Great War”

ANSELM NYE, QUEEN MARY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

“Trust, Repentance, and Apocalyptic Zionism: Basilea Schlink and the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary Respond to War”

GEORGE FAITHFUL, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

3:30 p.m.

The DeNaples Center 401

Film: *A Question of Habit:*

The Image of Women Religious in U.S. Popular Culture

BREN ORTEGA MURPHY, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

5 p.m.

3rd floor, The DeNaples Center

• DINNER

6 p.m.

• BUSES BEGIN LEAVING FOR MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

7 p.m.

Swartz Center, Marywood University

• INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF SISTER COR IMMACULATUM, I.H.M.

• RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

HOSTED BY SISTER ANNE MUNLEY, I.H.M.,

PRESIDENT, MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

8:30–10 a.m.

SESSION I

- **RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT AND REFORM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: THREE CASE STUDIES**
THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: DOLORES LIPTAK, R.S.M.

HOLY APOSTLES COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, CROMWELL, CONN.

"The Challenge of Canon Law (1917–18): The Response of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary"

ANN HARRINGTON, B.V.M.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

"Leaven or Whirlwind?

Change in the Society of the Sacred Heart, 1960–1970"

PATRICIA BYRNE, C.S.J., TRINITY COLLEGE

"'Change is Blowing Hard': The Sisters of Mercy and Renewal of Religious Government, 1960s–1970s"

MARY BETH FRASER CONNOLLY, PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL

COMMENTATOR: ELIZABETH M. SMYTH, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- **WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND HEALTH CARE**
THE DeNAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: MARY ELLEN GLEASON, S.C., COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH

"Irish Catholic Women Religious and Foreign Medical Missions, 1901–1936"

CARMEN MANGION, BIRBECK COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

"The Changing Identity of Catholic Hospitals, 1925–2000"

BARBRA MANN WALL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"Enlightened Charity: Reforming the Care of the Insane in 19th-Century Maryland"

MARTHA LIBSTER, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING

10:30 a.m.–noon

SESSION II

- **TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND CHANGE**
THE DeNAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: REGINA SIEGFRIED, A.S.C., AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY, ST. LOUIS

"Beyond Adaptation: Call of a Renewing Church"

MARIE BRINKMAN, S.C., UNIVERSITY OF ST. MARY, LEAVENWORTH

The Shaping of Tanzanian Women's Religious Life
MARGARET GANNON, I.H.M., MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY

"Internationalization of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of
Chambéry: The O'Connor Sisters in France, USA, and
Denmark"

SUSANNE MALCHAU DIETZ, UNIVERSITY OF AARHUS

- **TEACHING SISTERS**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: KATHLEEN SPROWS CUMMINGS, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE
DAME

"Bishops' Girls: High Expectations and Professional
Aspirations for Young Catholic Women in the Diocese of
Brooklyn"

JAMES T. CARROLL, IONA COLLEGE

"The Loretto Sisters in North America: Perspectives on
Curriculum and Teaching within The Institute of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (IBVM) in Canada and the United States"

ELIZABETH SMYTH, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

"Teaching Sisters, Professional Women: Loretto Normal
School, 1897-1934"

ANNIE STEVENS, S.L., WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

- **WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND FOREIGN POLICY: THE IMPACT
OF WORLD WAR II ON THE EDUCATIONAL RESPONSE OF
THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME IN GERMANY AND
JAPAN**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 407A

CHAIR: JUDITH BEST, SSND, SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE
DAME

"Cold War Nationalism and Foreign Mission of Women
Religious"

MIDORI TERANISHI, KYOTO NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, NANZAN
UNIVERSITY

"'Everything Passes, God Remains the Same': The Poor School
Sisters of Notre Dame at War in Hitler's Germany, 1938 to
1945"

MARTINA CUCCHIARA, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Noon-1:30 p.m.

3rd floor, The DeNaples Center

- **LUNCH**

1:30-3 p.m.

SESSION III

- **RE-DEFINING THE MISSION AFTER VATICAN II**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: MARY HAYES, SNDdEN, TRINITY UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON, DC

"The Power of One Plus"

CHRISTINE MORKOVSKY, C.D.P., MEXICAN AMERICAN
CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

"The Sisters of the Holy Family in Belize in the Post Vatican II Period: Reading the Signs of the Times"

EDWARD BRETT, LA ROCHE COLLEGE

"Two Congregations in Search of Charism"

SALLY WITT, C.S.J., ARCHIVIST, SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH, BADEN, PA

- **WOMEN AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS WEBSITE**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: JUDITH SUTERA, O.S.B.

MT. ST. SCHOLASTICA MONASTERY, ATCHINSON, KAN.

"Teaching with Online Documents about the History of Catholic Women in the United States: Document Projects on the Women and Social Movements website"

KATHRYN KISH SKLAR, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BINGHAMTON

"Creating a Document Archive for the Women and Social Movements Website: Catholic Sisters and Civil Rights, 1946-2000"

CAROL COBURN, AVILA UNIVERSITY

3:30 p.m.

The DeNaples Center 401

- **BUSINESS MEETING**

5:30 p.m.

- **RECEPTION**

6:30 p.m.

The DeNaples Center 407

- **AWARDS BANQUET**

HOSTED BY FATHER SCOTT PILARZ, S.J.
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

- **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

"WHOSE STORY IS THE NUN'S STORY?"

DEBRA CAMPBELL, COLBY COLLEGE

- **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

- **DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD**

- **DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN AWARD**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

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8:45-10:15 a.m.

SESSION I

- **DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS**

THE DeNAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: CAROL K. COBURN, AVILA UNIVERSITY

"In Praise of the Active Life: Confronting the Challenge of 17th-Century Women's Ministry"

MARY ANNE FOLEY, C.N.D., UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

"Relational and Resourceful Mother Maddalena Bentivoglio: Challenging the Perception that the Poor Clare life was not compatible with American lifestyle in 1876"

EILEEN FLANAGAN, NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

"Success of a Failure: Sisters of the Holy Ghost"

DAVID A. VANDERAH, ROBERTA KUHN CENTER, DUBUQUE,
IOWA

- **RESEARCH AND HISTORIOGRAPHY**

THE DENAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: PRUDENCE MOYLAN, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

"Who Were the Nuns?" Project"

CAROLINE BOWDEN, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

"Investigating Change through the Catholic Research Resources Alliance"

WILLIAM KEVIN CAWLEY, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

"Global Church and Global Challenge': Current
Historiography and the Gender Gap"

CHRISTINA STERN, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ROCKLAND

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

SESSION II

- **COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATIONS**

THE DENAPLES CENTER 401

CHAIR: MARY J. OATES, C.S.J., REGIS COLLEGE

"From Scarcity to Creativity: The Vitality of One Religious
Congregation with Limited Resources"

KATHLEEN KEATING, S.S.J., SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF
SPRINGFIELD

"Many Congregations, But One Community': Regina Health
Center: A Model of Intercongregational Collaboration in
Meeting New Needs"

MARY DENIS MAHER, C.S.A., ARCHIVES, SISTERS OF CHARITY OF
ST. AUGUSTINE

"A New Itinerary: The Dissolution of Traditional Mother
Houses"

CECILIA MURRAY, O.P., DOMINICAN SISTERS OF HOPE

- **WOMEN RELIGIOUS IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

THE DENAPLES CENTER 405

CHAIR: ANNE M. BUTLER, EMERITA, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

"The 'Escaped Nun' Phenomenon in Antebellum America: The
Case of Olivia Neale"

JOSEPH G. MANNARD, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"A Missionary on the Prairie': Mother Raphael McCarthy
Leads Her Convent Through the Great Depression and World
War II"

MARGARET PRESTON, AUGUSTANA COLLEGE