

Registration Form Women in Ministry

Sunday November 18 @ 3:30 p.m. to
Monday November 19, 2007, @ 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____

Occupation: _____

Special needs or diet: _____

Cost: Live-in: \$110
 Commute: \$90.00 (includes meals)

Pre-registration is a must at least two weeks in advance in order to ensure that the program has adequate attendance to proceed.

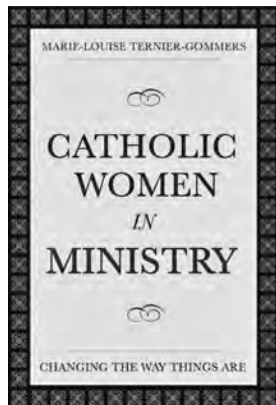
A **\$30.00 deposit** is required with registration. Payment in full is requested upon arrival. Cheques can be made payable to *Queen's House of Retreats*.

Bursaries are available upon request. Contact Queen's House for application form.

Send Deposit with completed registration form to:

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre
601 Taylor Street West
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Others are saying:

"This book is the story of *Everywoman* who has engaged in full-time ministry in the Church in the last forty years. Told through the passionate voices of those who know the 'joys and hopes, the grief and anguish' of this call to serve their sisters and brothers, it offers a powerful, insightful window on this experience of ministry."

"While reading it, I had the feel of sitting in a sunny kitchen, visiting with others who know intimately, and from experience, my own journey. Even though I know these were composites and that my own voice played only a part of the whole, I sincerely felt like I was reading my own autobiography."

"Much of the book confronts us with the question of "why God calls (women to ministry) while the church refuses to mandate her calling in any formal way." This is the question the author and the 26 women she interviewed struggle with, in terms of being mandated and blessed by the bishop; being able to administer some sacraments especially reconciliation and the sacrament of the sick; lack of support from congregations and clergy; lack of resources regarding vocational discernment and financial outlay for training; and lack of employment security because of the insecurity, unwillingness or inability of some clergy to work with women."

"All of these women feel a strong call to serve God through pastoral ministry, yet each of them expresses similar feelings of frustration and rejection at not being able to exercise their gifts fully and at the absence of the church's formal recognition and validation of their positions."

"I lent my copy to my parish priest and haven't seen it since; he's circulating it among his fellow priests, highly recommending that they read this book."

Women in Ministry: Naming, Claiming and Celebrating



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Saskatoon, SK*

Why this gathering?

Women who serve professionally in ecclesial ministry have much to offer the Church and have much to share with one another.

Catholic women are increasingly providing pastoral and liturgical ministry in leadership roles. Catholic women are employed as chaplains in hospitals, schools and prisons. They can be found in charge of a parish and as part of parish pastoral staff. Catholic women engage in ministry with First Nations people, in lay formation, and youth/campus ministry. Because leadership ministry exercised by Catholic women does not enjoy formal ecclesial status, it is easy not to notice and appreciate this amazing development.

Women in many Christian traditions enjoy the formal mandate of ordination, yet often still face unique challenges because of being female. Many women share a common story of call and a journey into their ministerial vocation that was not without difficulty. Serving in an ordained capacity brings both affirmation and rejection, freedom and constraint. Ordained and lay women in pastoral/ecclesial ministry in all Christian traditions share joy and hope, grief and anguish as they serve the people of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of bringing together ordained and lay women employed in ecclesial ministry of all Christian traditions is to share and celebrate our journeys of faith and of call, to learn from and to support each other. Ministry commitments and responsibilities can have a way of insulating us from one another if we are not intentional about making connections and encounters happen.

Marie-Louise's book, a first in giving voice to Canadian Catholic women's experiences in ministry, provides the framework for our gathering. Though not mandatory, we recommend that those who plan to attend read the book before coming.

We, the team of facilitators, have been growing in our appreciation of one another's gifts and stories. We hope and pray that our gathering will encourage all who participate to grow together in similar ways.

Marie-Louise, Heather, Mona and Amanda

Facilitators



Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers, M.T.S. lives in Humboldt, SK. She is an accomplished author and editor, preacher and retreat facilitator who has been active in ministry in various Christian denominations. She currently works as *Publications Editor* for a religious order and as *Adult Faith Education Coordinator* at St. Augustine's RC Parish in Humboldt, SK.



Reverend **Heather Kleiner, B. Th.**, is a recently retired Lutheran pastor residing in Saskatoon, SK. She was privileged to serve as a chaplain in a number of seniors residences and in an acute care hospital. These settings provided her with many opportunities to work in various ecumenical partnerships.



Mona Goodman, B. Ed., M.Div., and Q.B.S. (Quantum Biofeedback Specialist) resides in Saskatoon. She is a holistic educator who has worked in both education and ministry. Mona has a heart for journeying with women in ecclesial ministry. Besides a private practice in *Bio-feedback*, she is currently employed as *Pastoral Associate* at Holy Family RC Parish in Saskatoon, SK.

Originally from Ottawa, Reverend **Amanda Currie** serves St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Saskatoon, SK. Amanda enjoys an Interchurch marriage to Nicholas Jesson who is a Roman Catholic theologian. Amanda enjoys singing, leading worship and preaching.



Women In Ministry

A creative blend of Input - Sharing - Prayer - Play

Taken from the themes in the book
Catholic Women in Ministry:

- * Who are we
and where did we come from?*
- * How do we nourish our Spirit?
What gives us life, sustains us?*
- * Where and how do we ground
our ministerial authority,
and how do we relate
to ecclesial authority?*
- * What is our relationship
to Sacraments & Sacramentality,
and how does this affect
our ministry?*
- * How do we relate to our male
(ordained) colleagues in ministry?*
- * What are the sources of pain
in our ministry?*
- * Who are our role models,
our cheerleaders,
our cloud of witnesses?*