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CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE

The Role of Women in the New Evangelization

Eleventh Annual National WFF Conference to meet in Arlington

IN THE WAKE OF THE CACOPHANY OF WOMEN'S VOICES heard during the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in September, many Catholic men and women will find welcome opportunities for exchange of *Catholic* ideas, fellowship and learning at the eleventh annual conference of Women for Faith and Family.

The title of the 1995 conference, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope: The Role of Women in the New Evangelization" is particularly timely, as the world continues to consider the issues confronting women and their families. The conference will be held November 3-5, 1995 in Arlington, Virginia, at Days Inn, Crystal City near National Airport.

Program highlights

Dr. Joyce A. Little, Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, will give the keynote address at the opening session Friday evening. Dr. Little, a popular lecturer with a growing and well-deserved reputation as one of the Church's best theologians, is the author of a new book, *The Church and the Culture War: Secular Anarchy or Sacred Order* (Ignatius Press).

Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal nuncio to the United States, will deliver greetings and the Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul II.

Bishop John R. Keating, Arlington, together with **Fr. John Rock, SJ**, will be featured on a panel, "Urgent Need of the Gospel — Catechism and Scripture". Fr. Rock, who now teaches theology at Wheeling Jesuit College, has just completed a term with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Sr. Mary Timothea Elliott, RSM, Scripture scholar and professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, New York, will address the conference on the role of New Testament women in evangelizing the world of their time.

Donna Steichen, author of *Ungodly Rage*, will address the banquet on Saturday evening. Other addresses will be given by **Helen Hull Hitchcock**, WFF Director and editor of *The Politics of Prayer*; **Gerri Laird**, Couple to Couple League's delegate to the NGO forum at the UN Conference on

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Preliminary Schedule

Friday, Nov. 3

- 5:00 P.M. Registration opens
- 7:30 P.M. Opening Session, *Keynote Address: Dr. Joyce A. Little*

Saturday, Nov. 4

- 7:30 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Arlington
- 8:30 A.M. Rosary
- 9-9:30 *Continental Breakfast available in conference room*
- 9:30-9:45 Welcome **Sherry Tyree**
- 9:45-10:45 **Session I** *Women at the Threshold*
Helen Hull Hitchcock
- 10:45-11:15 Recess
- 11:15-12:15 **Session II** *New Testament Women and Evangelization: Models for Today*
Sr. Mary Timothea Elliott, RSM
- 12:15 P.M. Angelus
- 12:30-1 Recess
- 1-1:45 Lunch
- 2-2:45 **Session III** WFF Report
- 2:45-3:00 Recess
- 3:00-4:30 **Session IV** *"Urgent Need for the Gospel" - Catechism and Scripture*
Most Rev. John R. Keating and Rev. John Rock, S.J.
 Panelists: Sr Timothea, Helen Hitchcock, Joyce Little; Open Mike
- 4:30 Vespers
- 5-5:30 Recess
- 5:30-6:30 Social Hour
- 6:30 **Banquet** —Address: **Donna Steichen**

Sunday, Nov. 5

- 8:30-8:45 Rosary
- 8:45-9:40 **Session V** *The Missionary Challenge to Catholic Women*
Gerri Laird
- 9:45 Board bus
- 10:30 Mass at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Alexandria (Brunch following)
- 12:30 Board bus
- 1:15-2:00 **Session VI** *Worship and the Evangelical Mission of the Church*
Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky
- 2:00-4:00 **Session VII** *"Entrusted to Women"* Ecumenical Women's Symposium featuring
Terry Schlossberg, Diane L. Knippers, Faye Short,
Bernadine J. Kreider and Helen Hull Hitchcock
- 4:00 Closing Prayers

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November 3, 4, 5, 1995
Arlington, VA — Days Inn Crystal City

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 Opening session, 7:30 p.m.
 Mass Nov 4, Our Lady of Lourdes
 Nov 5, St. Lawrence the Martyr (brunch following).

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PLUS "Sunday Specials":
Report from Beijing • Liturgy Update
Ecumenical Symposium

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Faye Short • Diane Knippers

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WFF Conference *(Continued from page one)*

Women in Beijing; and Father Jerry Pokorsky, of CREDO, an association of priests concerned with translation of liturgical texts.

Evangelization and Ecumenism

Taking a cue from the recent papal letter on ecumenism, *Ut Unum Sint*, a unique feature of this conference will be an ecumenical symposium, "A World 'Entrusted to Women' — What Must We Do?" The Sunday afternoon symposium will feature a panel and discussion.

Panelists for the symposium will be Diane L. Knippers, Institute on Religion and Democracy; Terry Schlossberg, Presbyterians Pro-Life; Faye Short, Renew Women's Network of the United Methodist Church; Bernadine J. Kreider, Baltimore Province Director of the National Council of Catholic Women; and Helen Hull Hitchcock of WFF.

Registration begins at 5:00 pm Friday, November 3, at the Days Inn. The conference opens at 7:30 pm Friday. Saturday's sessions begin with Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Arlington, at 7:30 am. A full day of conference sessions will conclude with the banquet at 5:30 pm.

Sunday will begin with Rosary at 8:15 and an address by Gerri Laird. A choral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Alexandria. Sunday afternoon sessions will begin at 1:15; and the conference will close following the ecumenical symposium with prayer at 4 pm.

Conference registration for all sessions, including continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday, is \$150. (Note: See registration forms inside. Registrations postmarked by Oct. 15 are \$125. Eight or more registrations in one envelope postmarked by Oct. 15 are \$100 each.) The Saturday banquet is \$30 (table of 8, \$240). Meal registrations to be mailed to WFF office before October 27.

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For further information, reservations, etc., call Sherry Tyree — 314 822-7740.

For hotel reservations contact Days Inn 1-800-DAYS INN (special WFF conference rate of \$89/night plus tax, up to 4 persons in one room). Room registrations must be made by Oct. 20, 1995. (Free parking and complimentary shuttle service to Days Inn from National Airport.)

"As the year 2000 approaches, our world feels an urgent need for the Gospel. Perhaps we feel this need precisely because the world seems to be distancing itself from the Gospel, or rather because the world has not yet drawn near to the Gospel.

New evangelization...is a response to the new challenges that the contemporary world creates for the mission of the Church.

The mission of evangelization is an essential part of the Church."

*— Pope John Paul II
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