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Cleveland Catholics Witness for Women’s Equality and Dignity on International Women’s Day on March 8, 2020

Catholics from the Cleveland diocese will gather on March 8, 2020 at 4:30pm in front of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist to witness for women’s equality and dignity within the Catholic Church. This witness coincides with similar events for women’s equality and dignity around the world (see other events at https://voicesoffaith.org/iwd2020).

Participants are asked to:
1. Wear white
2. Bring candles (real or artificial)
3. Bring signs promoting equality and dignity for all women in the Catholic Church.

“FutureChurch has been working for women’s full equality and participation in the Catholic Church for thirty years,” said Jocelyn Collen, President of the Board of Directors. “On March 8, Cleveland Catholics will join others around the world calling on our leaders to open the doors to women’s full participation in the Catholic Church.”

“A recent development in Church-speak, the notion of complementarity falsely heralds equality for women while keeping them separate and apart from decision-making and ordained ministry,” said Deborah Rose-Milavec, Co-Director of FutureChurch. “FutureChurch believes it is time to get closer to the experience of women in the Early Church, but to go even further and realize women’s full equality in governance, ministry, and in the life of the Catholic Church.”

“For most of its history, women have been seen as having a complementary role to that of men, not an equal one,” said Deborah Rose-Milavec, Co-Director of FutureChurch. “We believe it is time for full equality in governance and ministry in the Catholic Church.”

Date: March 8, 2020
Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (note: the time will change to daylight savings time)
Place: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Address: 1007 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

“We urge everyone concerned about women’s equality in the Catholic Church to join us and witness with us as a tribute to those important women who have gone before us and those who are carrying out the work of the Church today,” said FutureChurch Co-Director Russ Petrus. “FutureChurch stands in solidarity with Catholic women around the world on this important day.”

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