

Vocation Awareness Week 2013

It is my prayer that **Vocation Awareness Week** this year generates a LOT of awareness.

- The awareness that there is no dearth of vocations but only a dearth of females celebrating priesthood with the blessing of the Sacrament of Orders.
- The awareness that good priests, male and female, are excommunicated for opposing the abusive bias against women in the church but bad priests, who physically abuse our young people, are not.
- The awareness that the “new” missal is a misogynous weapon designed to turn all priests into clones and priestly communities into puppets.

It is a fact, well-documented and well-known in the academic world of theology, that women served as deacons, priests and bishops throughout the first 1,200 years of Christianity. It is a fact that Jesus never excluded women. And it is a fact that Jesus never ordained anybody.

It is true, as has been stated by such preeminent theologians as Hans Kung, Matthew Fox and Patricia Fresen, that the ruling hierarchs of the Roman Catholic church are the folks who are REALLY in schism.

It is time for the abuses of power that have come to define our church to be challenged. SILENCE is complicity. ACCOMMODATION and EXCUSES are complicity. And LEAVING Roman Catholicism is complicity.

It is time for all self-respecting Roman Catholics everywhere to stand together in faith and speak truth. Then seek out the nearest Roman Catholic INCLUSIVE community, where truth is spoken freely and ALL are truly welcome, and LIVE the renewal and reform that Jesus lived.