Envisioning the Church Women Want

4/05/04-- Boston College Law School, in partnership with the Women’s Resource Center and the Church in the 21st Century, is pleased to announce a two-day conference entitled Envisioning the Church Women Want from April 16th to April 17th on the Newton Campus. This conference will celebrate the past and future of women in the Catholic Church.

"We’re very pleased to be able to host this conference," said BC Law Dean John H. Garvey. "The Church in the 21st Century project has brought enlightenment and understanding to its audience, and has been an important vehicle for change at a difficult time. This conference will continue that effort as it takes a very serious look at the role of women in the Church."

The conference promises to bring together Catholic women and men of diverse experiences, interests, and ages. The guest speakers include Dr. Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Professor of Ethics and Theology, Drew University; Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, Professor of Theology, Fordham University; and Miriam Therese Winter, Director of Women’s Leadership Institute, Center for Faith and Practice, Hartford Seminary. Participants will register for morning and afternoon workshops, such as "Women Leaders Creating Church," "When Bishops Listened to Women: The 'Women's Pastoral' 12 Years Later," "Catholics on Campus: Young Adult Perspectives on Church," and "Spirituality and Justice: The Demands of a Lived Faith."

The cost of the conference is $40, $15 for students (scholarships are available—call 617-552-0470). The registration cost includes the reception, breakfast, and lunch. Participants should register early due to limited spacing. For more information and registration forms, please visit: /church21/programs/womensconference/.

Conference Schedule

Friday evening, April 16th
6:30 On-site registration
7:00 Opening Prayer, KEYNOTE ADDRESS- Dr. Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Professor of Ethics and Theology, Drew University
Question and answer session
Reception

Saturday, April 17th
8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:30 Morning Opening Prayer
8:45- 10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS- Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, Professor of Theology, Fordham University
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 Morning Workshops (see below for choices)
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Afternoon Workshops (see below for choices)
3:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS- Miriam Therese Winter, Director of Women's Leadership Institute, Center for Faith and Practice, Hartford Seminary
4:15 Closing Prayer