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*In the spirit of Vatican II and
rooted in a strong
Eucharistic commitment,
we believe that priesthood
should be open to all
whom God calls
regardless of gender,
marital status or
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Advent Blessings!

In December, 1974, several recently resigned “married priests” met at the Beefsteak Inn (Chicago). The occasion was sparked by a comment of Auxillary Bishop Thomas Grady issued stating that men who had “left” had no interest in the Church.

Incensed by the implication, they penned a letter to the Archdiocese stating that they would return to active canonical ministry immediately if their wives were accepted as equals and their marriages were celebrated as sacred.

The letter turned into a petition; the petition turned into a national consensus; that consensus birthed CORPUS.

Forty-eight years later, we continue to herald the value of women in the church as full and equal partners. We also lament for the enormous wound in our catholic community because of their continued exclusion.

CORPUS will not cease until our message is heard and our mission completed.

Blessings to you, your family and friends during this Christmas season!

The Executive Committee

Cover:

Top (L-R): Mother and God: Queen of China (Chu Kar Kai); North American Indigenous Mother and Child (Fr. John Giuliani) ; Vietnam Mother and Child (unknown)
Middle (L-R): Italian Madonna (Allesandra Cimatrrous); Sunshine Mother and Child (Shijun Munns)
Bottom (L-R): Modern Day Mother and Child (Jessica Russo Scheer); Navajo Mother and Child (Katherine Shange); Black Mother and Child (Unknown)