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The Philadelphia Eleven

1974

Feast Day: July 29

It was not that long ago when women were not permitted to be priests in the Episcopal Church. That all changed on July 29, 1974 when eleven women, Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig took their ordination vows together at the Church of The Advocate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. These women paved the way for the many women who are ordained priests today. While they received hateful messages and faced many roadblocks within the Church, they remained true to their calls to ministry and faith in God's love.

Learn more about The Philadelphia Eleven here:
https://www.philadelphiaelevenfilm.com/trailer.html
(Full Documentary available on PBS Passport)

A Prayer for The Philadelphia Eleven:
O God of Persistent Grace, you called the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and granted them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of your church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow your Holy Spirit wherever she may lead, that the gifts of all your people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. Amen.



