

Share your perspective!



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Diakonos of the church

"There's a glove somewhere that's been thrown down. The women have put up a sign and said, 'Please listen to us. May we be heard'...

I pick up that gauntlet."

Pope Francis, 2019

Join the conversation about women's leadership in the Catholic Church:

Wednesday, Jan 25 | 12:30 - 2:00pm in Unity Hall

Sunday, Jan 29 | 6:00 - 7:30pm in Unity Hall

Thursday, Feb 2 | 8:00 - 9:00pm on Zoom

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. **Female leadership in the Church and the restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme and call throughout the global conversations.**

A team of SFX parishioners, with the support of parish staff, are working with an organization called *Discerning Deacons* to bring this transformative conversation to our parish and local community.

Let your voice be heard. All are welcome!

Register at the following link: <https://signup.com/go/jyCOpBR>

Contact Maggie McMahon at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions.

For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

"Honestly, I was skeptical when I first learned of this conversation. But after participating in the *Discerning Deacons* prayer services and seeking to understand their response to Pope Francis' synodal invitation, it's so clear to me that the Holy Spirit is present here, asking us to pray and listen well. It's not about activism, it's about opening our hearts and imaginations to God's will. Letting the Spirit lead the Church beyond what we can imagine for ourselves."

- Maggie McMahon, MDiv (Pastoral Associate, St. Francis Xavier)