

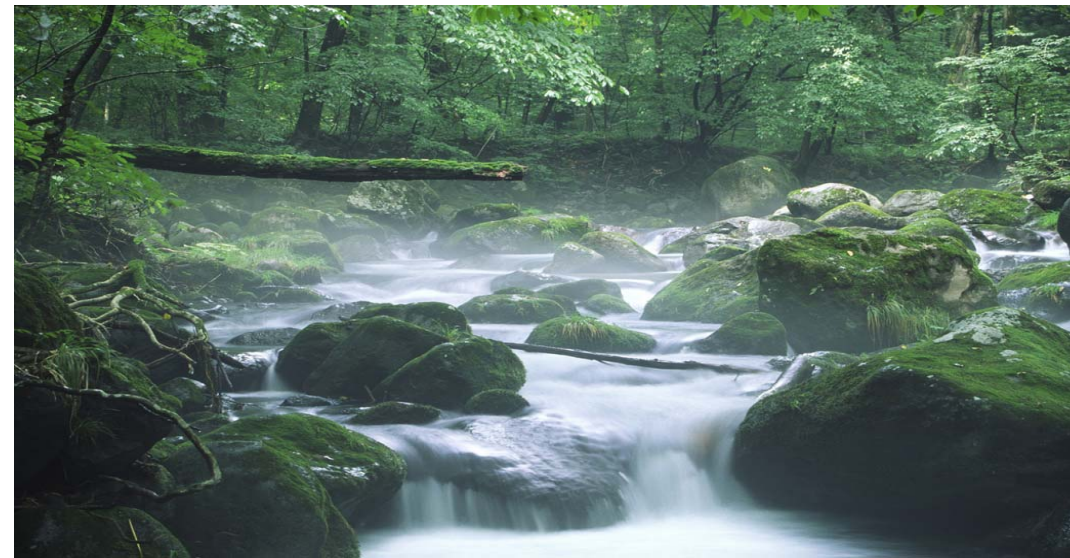
✦ The Commission for Women—Diocese of Allentown
"Day of Spirituality"

*Thirsting for Living Water:
On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*

with

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

best-selling author and international speaker



St. Mary's
Ave Maria Hall
Hamburg, PA

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

We unite our prayer intentions this day
with the prayer intention of Pope Benedict
XVI, "That the role of women may be
more
appreciated and used to good advantage
in every country of the world".



The Commission for Women Mission Statement

The Commission for Women shall serve as an advisory board
to the Bishop of Allentown offering the woman's perspective
on issues of concern to our Bishop and the Church.

It shall function as a liaison between laywomen in the
Diocese and the Bishop, raising and promoting awareness
of the evolving roles of women in the church and society.



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Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle is a best selling author and international speaker. She has been blessed with a long relationship with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. She was also chosen to be the North American delegate to the Vatican for the 20th anniversary of John Paul II's *Mulieris Dignitatem*, On the Dignity and Vocation of Women.

Donna-Marie has been a frequent guest on EWTN's "Faith and Culture" programs, which highlights women's issues and the Catholic response. Donna-Marie's ministry helps women to celebrate the gift of their vocation.

Meditation

"The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling."

Quote from *Mulieris Dignitatem*
(taken from the Second Vatican Council's *Message to Women* (1965))

Prayer for Women

O God, Creator of the heavens and earth,
help us to see one another through eyes
enlightened by understanding and compassion.

Help us listen to the voices of all our sisters
with respect and attention.

Open our ears to the cries of
women who have been the victims of violence,
women who have been denied dignity, education, food, health, even life
itself, because they are female.

Empower us to be instruments of justice for all,
for in the wholeness of Christ, we are all one. Amen.

Women's Day of Spirituality

Thirsting for the Living Water:

On the Dignity and Vocation of Women

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Ave Maria Hall**
Registration and refreshment
- 9:15 a.m. Church**
Welcome and Opening Prayer
Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz
Pastor-St. Mary
- Opening Comments**
Very Rev. E. Michael Camilli, M.S.C.
Secretary, Catholic Life and Evangelization
- Introduction**
Mrs. Jill Dennin
Commission for Women-Chair
- 9:30 a.m. Presentations**
Speaker: Mrs. Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle
Meeting Jesus at the Well
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Church**
*The Perfect Woman:
Dealing with Society's Demands*
- Noon Ave Maria Hall**
Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Church**
*Awareness of a Mission:
Our Call to Evangelization*
- 2:30 p.m. Meditation / Closing Prayer**
Mrs. Paula Olexa—Commission for Women—Past Chair
*Our prayer is offered in thanksgiving for the
inspiring gifts of faith and fellowship that we share
today and for a deeper spiritual understanding of the
dignity and vocation of women everywhere.*