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Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America Reveals Untold Stories

Opening at Maltz Museum Mother's Day, May 9, 2010

Cleveland, Ohio – March 3, 2010 – A stunning chronicle of the brave and innovative women who played a significant role in shaping our nation, *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* reveals the remarkable story of pioneering women who established schools, hospitals and other enduring institutions and continue to work for peace and social justice. A limited engagement at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage directly follows a successful appearance at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

First arriving on America's shores almost 300 years ago, Catholic sisters built and led schools, hospitals, orphanages, colleges, and other social institutions at a time when women had few professional opportunities. This fascinating compilation of first-person accounts, rare artifacts, compelling films and important photographs reveals a new perspective on American history, and includes stories with special significance in this region.

Women & Spirit is a project of The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in association with Cincinnati Museum Center. It comes to Cleveland through the generosity of lead sponsors Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, Notre Dame College, PNC and Ursuline College/Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, with support from The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Cleveland Foundation, Marymount Hospital/Cleveland Clinic, the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, The John P. Murphy Foundation, the Samuel H. and Maria Miller Foundation, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, and The Thomas and Sandra Sullivan Family.

“This intriguing look at how Catholic women contributed to our country and culture fits perfectly with the Museum’s focus on diversity and tolerance and our key themes,” notes Judi Feniger, Maltz Museum Executive Director. “There are many parallels to the role of Jewish women in shaping our society, here and nationally, and shared experiences – the challenges and rewards of immigration to America, how our nation’s cities and bedrock institutions were built, the lingering effects of prejudice and discrimination, the importance of collaboration, and how one person or group can change the world”.



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In Cleveland, *Women & Spirit* will include locally-created material that tells the story of Women Religious in Northeast Ohio. With more than a dozen congregations headquartered in the region, and numerous sister-sponsored hospitals, colleges, schools, and outreach organizations, this uplifting perspective on our civic life is sponsored by a regional collaborative organization of religious orders.

The national exhibition includes stories of two area sisters. Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA worked with Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Dr. Bob Smith to open the nation's first hospital-based program for alcoholics at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio. She later opened a similar program in Cleveland: Rosary Hall at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, born in Cleveland to Lithuanian-American parents, taught here before joining the Diocese of Cleveland and going to El Salvador, providing relief services, education and work with refugees before her murder (along with three Maryknoll sisters) by members of the El Salvadoran National Guard. For the first time in Salvadoran history, members of the military were found guilty of assassination and sentenced to prison.

A season-long offering of provocative programs, performances and lectures at the Museum and around town, and a film by Steven Hacker, *Women with Spirit*, created exclusively for the Maltz Museum, add an interreligious approach, highlighting the role of spirituality in the lives and work of area women of various faiths.

Docent-led tours are available daily for adult and student groups of ten or more, with discounts for groups of 15+. Reservations are required for group tours. The Museum Store, open whenever the Museum is, will carry *Women & Spirit* note cards and bookmarks, related merchandise, and offers free gift wrapping. Parking adjacent to the Museum is free, and includes close-in handicapped spaces. Wheelchairs are available by advance reservation. The Museum is available for a range of private events with exclusive viewing of the exhibition, details and pricing on request.

Learn more about the exhibition or the Maltz Museum, www.maltzmuseum.org or 216-593-0575.

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About the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: An American Story

Opened in 2005, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage introduces visitors to the beauty and diversity of that heritage in the context of the American experience, promotes an understanding of Jewish history, religion and culture and builds bridges of tolerance and understanding with people of all religions, races, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. It includes *An American Story*, tracing Ohio's immigrant history and heritage, and The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery, an internationally-recognized collection of Judaica. One admission fee includes unlimited access, and all levels of membership include unlimited admission. The Museum was created as a partnership of The Maltz Family Foundation, the Jewish Community Federation's Centennial Initiative and The Temple-Tifereth Israel, with research support from the Western Reserve Historical Society.



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Admission & Tours

ADMISSION

Includes access to entire museum, including special exhibitions

- Maltz Museum members and children under 5 years: FREE
- Adults: \$12
- Seniors and Students ages 12+: \$10
- Children ages 5-11: \$5

TOURS

Group Tours are available by advance reservation daily, including Mondays. Admission includes a guided tour of the permanent or special exhibition led by knowledgeable docents, seamless, no-wait access to the exhibitions and a 10% discount to the Museum Store.

- Advance reservation required for groups of 10 or more.
- Special discounted rates for groups of 15 or more...Adults: \$8; Seniors/Students: \$6 (Groups of 14 or less charged regular admission)
- Additional discounts available for groups 35 and above. Call for details.
- School groups are \$3/student (1 teacher/chaperone per ten students admitted free).

Contact groupsales@mmjh.org or call 216.593.0575 to schedule a tour or for more information.

Drop-In Tours

Starting **May 9**, Drop-In Tours will be available for *Women & Spirit* **every Saturday & Sunday at 2 p.m.**; also Wednesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. for *An American Story*. Groups of 10 or more should secure an advance reservation.

Museum Hours

Open for reserved group tours and private events beginning at 9 a.m.

Open to the public Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Monday: Closed (open by reservation for tours and events)

HOLIDAY HOURS: Shavuot- Wednesday, May 19 (CLOSED)

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31 (CLOSED)

Independence Day - Sunday, July 4 (CLOSED)

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Programs

Accompanying *Women & Spirit*, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage will present a series of lectures, films and conversations about equality, faith and American history.

All events are at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and free with museum admission unless otherwise indicated. Reservations are suggested. For more information or to purchase tickets call 216.593.0575 or email info@mmjh.org.

Backstage Pass: *Women & Spirit*
Thursday, June 3...3pm Guided Tour/4pm Talk

Free with Museum admission - Attendance is limited; reservations required

Enjoy a guided tour of the Maltz Museum special exhibition *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* where you'll learn the inspiring stories of pioneering women who established schools, hospitals and other institutions and who continue to work for peace and social justice. Your tour is followed by a special "insider's look" at the exhibition with Maltz executive director **Judi Feniger** and registrar **Amber Anderson**.

Praying in Her Own Voice
Wednesday, June 9...7pm
\$10/\$8 members

This powerful film documents the courageous struggle of the "Women at the Wall" movement. For the past decade they have challenged the government of Israel and the entire Jewish world by focusing on the Wailing Wall—the holiest site for Jews where women are not allowed to gather and pray. The film raises many provocative questions about the battle of the sexes within the religious Jewish world. **Shulamit Magnus**, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Oberlin College leads a post-viewing discussion.

A Question of Habit: The Curious Image of Nuns in Popular Culture
Wednesday, June 23...7pm
\$\$15/\$12 members

Dr. Bren Ortega Murphy, Associate Professor of Communications at Loyola University, Chicago, examines the wide variety of visual images of Catholic nuns and sisters used in contemporary U.S. popular culture. Dr. Murphy, who has been frequently interviewed on National Public Radio about topics of gender and women's studies, contrasts these images with the real lives of historical and contemporary religious women.

Co-sponsored by Notre Dame College.

Women with Spirit: Cleveland's Women Leaders
Wednesday, July 7...7pm
\$10/\$8

Cleveland is home to many exceptional women with leadership roles in social service, health care, education and business. Join us for a lively discussion with **Susan Bichsel**, President/CEO Jewish Family Services Association, **Heather Roulston Ettinger**, partner and Director of Fairport Asset Management, **Jan Murphy**, President of Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals, and immigration attorney, **Margaret Wong**. Moderated by **Eliza Wing**, former President and CEO cleveland.com.

There Are No Strangers at the Feast: Catholicism and Community in Northeast Ohio
Wednesday, July 14...7pm
\$10/\$8 members

Urban historian **John J. Grabowski** presents a cultural history of Cleveland's Catholic community and the role it played, along with other religious and ethnic groups, in the transformation of Greater Cleveland and northeast Ohio. This lively illustrated lecture depicts how Catholics, as outsiders, became an integral part of the community and in doing so foreshadowed the path that others, including Jews and more recent immigrants of diverse religious backgrounds, would follow.

Volunteer Opportunities Fair
Sunday, July 18...1-4pm
Free with Museum admission

Looking for impactful ways to live your faith? Meet representatives from local organizations who are working for change in our community and learn how you can become involved. Groups represented include: **Catholic Community Connection**, **Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland** and **InterAct Cleveland**.

Co-sponsored by the Abrahamic Center of Notre Dame College.

Roses in December: The Jean Donovan Story
Wednesday, July 21...7pm
\$10/\$8 members

In 1980 lay missionary Jean Donovan and three American nuns were brutally murdered by members of El Salvador's security force. This dramatic film chronicles Jean's life, from her affluent childhood, to her decision to volunteer with the Maryknolls, to her tragic death. An eloquent memorial to the commitment of this courageous young woman, as powerful today as it was when first released in 1982. Co-sponsored by the **Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America--Brian Stefan-Szittai**, IRTF Program Coordinator, leads a post-viewing discussion.

They Killed Sister Dorothy
Wednesday, August 18...7pm
\$10/\$8 members

How could a struggle over land lead to the brutal murder of an American nun? This affecting documentary focuses on Sister Dorothy Stang, a Catholic nun from Dayton, Ohio, who in 2005 was killed on a muddy road in the Brazilian Amazon she worked tirelessly to save. But it's also the story of peasant farmers hoping to preserve their way of life in the face of powerful industry interests. **Sr. Carol Brandt** and **Sr. Carol Ziegler**, Notre Dame College, lead a post-viewing discussion.

Other Maltz Museum May – August Public Programs

V-E Day – a play reading

Wednesday, May 5...7pm

Free with Museum admission - Seating is limited; reservations required

In honor of **Jewish American Heritage Month** and the 65th anniversary of Victory in Europe, join us for a reading of Faye Sholiton's *V-E Day*, an award-winning play about love, loss, choices and consequences set against the backdrop of War II. A widow in Cleveland Heights receives a visitor who brings a box of newsletters that once circulated to local troops. And her grown daughter sees her mother young again, for one day. Don't miss this humorous, dramatic, and poignant evening.

Reclaiming Holocaust Art: Past, Present and Future

Tuesday, May 11...7pm

\$10/\$8 members

A fascinating and informative look at an important story that continues to unfold—securing the return of works of art looted by the Nazis from Jewish families. Join a panel of distinguished experts: Professor **Patty Gerstenblith**, Distinguished Research Professor of Law at DePaul University (Chicago); **Steven Litt**, Art and Architecture Critic for *The Plain Dealer*; and **Howard Spiegler, Esq.**, plaintiffs' counsel in some of the most high-profile restitution cases worldwide. Moderated by Professor **Brian Glassman**, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Sponsored in part by Weston Hurd LLP.

Verb Ballets Tribute to Jewish Choreographers – a lecture & demonstration

Wednesday, August 4...7pm

\$10/\$8 members

Dr. Margaret Carlson, Executive/Artistic Director of **Verb Ballets** introduces the work of two outstanding Jewish choreographers—Sophie Maslow, one of America's modern dance pioneers who often turned to her Jewish heritage for inspiration; and Danial Shapiro an inventive choreographer who built dances with clear emotional text. Dancers will perform excerpts from Maslow's *The Village I Knew* inspired by the stories of Sholem Aleichem and Shapiro's *To Have and To Hold*.

Members: show your membership card when purchasing tickets to the Verb Ballet concert at Cain Park and receive \$2 off.

Dog Day Afternoon: Police Dog Demonstration

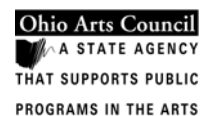
Sunday, August 8...1pm

Free in the Museum parking lot

Join the excitement with this awe-inspiring demonstration of police K-9 dogs by B.A.R.K (Buckeye Area Regional K-9 and see exactly how these amazing animals keep our community safe.



The Museum is generously funded by the Citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture



The Ohio Arts Council helps fund the Maltz Museum with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

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AROUND TOWN

The themes of *Women & Spirit* are universal and deeply relevant to today's world. While it is being shown at The Maltz Museum, in addition to more than a dozen public programs, films and lectures at the Museum, other Cleveland organizations are presenting their own material with complementary subject matter.

Heights Library/Lee Road Branch - 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights

Works of Mercy: Women, Religious Benevolence and Healthcare in Cleveland

Monday, June 14...7pm

Free

Religious women have long been instrumental in providing health care. Locally, the Little Sisters of the Poor have been involved in caring for the elderly immigrant population in Cleveland since their arrival in 1870. **Dr. Judith Cetina**, Manager and Archivist with the Cuyahoga County Archives and past president of the Academy of Certified Archivists, will discuss the Little Sisters and others which have been influential in health care in Cleveland.

Ursuline College – 2550 Lander Rd., Pepper Pike

Weekend Workshop: Women and Spirit: American Catholic Sisters (1 credit)

Friday, June 18 6-9pm and Saturday, June 19 8:30am—5:30pm

For more information or to register call 440-646-8309

Sr. Dorothy Ann Blatnica and **Dr. Nancy Weaver** lead a workshop that focuses on the accomplishments of American Catholic Sisters and their contribution to American life. Readings, discussions, guest speakers and a visit the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage exhibition *Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* are included in the program.

Beachwood Library – 25501 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Monday, June 21...10:30am—noon

Free; call 216.831.6868 for more information

Participate in a discussion of what Carolyn See, reviewer for the Washington Post called “one of the most important books I have ever reviewed”. Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn chronicle the struggles faced by women across the African and Asian continents. From Cambodia to Ethiopia, women are faced with a harrowing array of struggles, yet some have persevered in the face of adversity and have become advocates for women worldwide. **Maria Shine Stewart**, adjunct faculty in English at Notre Dame College leads the discussion.

The Everett Jewish Life Center – 36 Massey Avenue, Chautauqua, New York
(on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution)

Special Guest Lecture: Maltz Museum Executive Director Judi Feniger

Thursday, July 22...3:30 – 5:00pm

Free; call 716.357.2077 for more information

If you're in Chautauqua this summer, stop by and hear Judi Feniger, Executive Director of the Maltz Museum, give a behind the scenes look at *Women & Spirit*. An abridged photo montage of the exhibition will be on display July 20-31. For more information on The Everett Jewish Life Center visit www.jewishcenterchautauqua.org.

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

Glickman-Miller Hall: Roberta Steinbacher Atrium - 1717 Euclid Ave.

Women Religious - Leaders in Community

Thursday, July 22, 2010

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Join us to hear first hand from some of Cleveland's own remarkable women whose spirituality led them to play significant roles in some of the most important social issues of our time: environmental protection, community development, affordable housing, women's re-entry and a wide range of public policy issues related to peace and social justice. Panelists include Donna Hawk, CSJ, Beverly LoGrasso, OSU, Women's Re-Entry Resource Network and Joan Gallagher, CSA; moderated by Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ, St. Joseph Center; Welcome and Introduction by Roberta Steinbacher, Professor of Urban Studies.

Registration requested at Forum or call 216.523.7330

Location to be determined

A Taste of the Divine: Spiritual Dimensions of Food

Tuesday, July 27...7pm

Free

InterAct Cleveland presents a multi-faith panel discussing spiritual dimensions of food, followed by a sampling of vegetarian foods from different faith communities. For additional details, contact InterAct at 216-241-0230.

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Women with Spirit
A film by Steven Hacker

How do faith and spirituality guide modern-day women? This short film, shot and produced by Steven Hacker exclusively for the Maltz Museum, explores how today's women integrate their beliefs into their lives and work. The women were interviewed in March and April, 2010, at various locations in Northeast Ohio.

Interviews include:

Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, an ordained minister of both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the American Baptist Church, has long-standing involvement in social justice. Rev. Campbell was a wife, mother & community volunteer and, at age 50, when ordained, was already a leader in the ecumenical interfaith movement for more than 30 years. Today she serves as Director of Religion at the historic Chautauqua Institution – the first woman to hold that position.

Rina Frankel was 14 when her family immigrated to Israel after the Holocaust. Moving to Cleveland as a young wife, she earned Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Siegal College, and has devoted much of her life to pursuing and sharing her love of Jewish studies.

Representative Marcia L. Fudge, Congresswoman for Ohio's 11th district, is a committed public servant who brings a hard-working, problem-solving spirit of determination to Congress and to the task of creating jobs, attacking predatory lending, and improving health care, small business, and education. These characteristics were honed as Warrensville Heights' first African American female Mayor. As the city's top executive, Representative Fudge led Warrensville Heights in building 200 new homes and shoring up a sagging retail base.

Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, is a member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. As President and CEO of the Sisters of Charity Health System, headquartered in Cleveland, serving Northeast Ohio and South Carolina, she oversees the sponsored ministries of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Sr. Judith Ann began her health care career in 1962 and has served as pharmacy technician, pharmacist and health care administrator. Formerly, she served as Major Superior of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. *Photographed at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center*

Rabbi Sharon Marcus has been the Assistant and then Associate Rabbi at Park Synagogue for eleven years. Prior to that, Rabbi Marcus served as Rabbi at Fairmount Temple for five years. Her work focuses on the Religious School, Youth Programs, and women's studies. Rabbi Marcus grew up in Philadelphia where she was very involved in Jewish Youth Group and camping. She is a graduate of Brandeis University and was ordained at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City in 1995. Next June she will become the next president of the Greater Cleveland Board of Rabbis. *Photographed at The Park Synagogue East*



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Janice G. Murphy, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE, is president of Fairview and Lakewood Hospitals, both Cleveland Clinic hospitals. She is a registered nurse whose passion for patients has guided her successful healthcare career. Ms. Murphy is a dynamic leader, highly regarded by physicians, employees and in the community in which she serves. She is actively involved in various community organizations, such as serving on the boards for the North Coast Health Ministry and Ursuline Community Nursing. *Photographed at Lakewood Hospital*

Mary Doria Russell has been called one of the most versatile writers in contemporary American literature. Her novels are critically acclaimed, commercial successes, have won regional, national and international awards, and have been optioned for Hollywood movies and inspired a rock opera and a full-scale bel canto opera. *A Thread of Grace* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Raised a Roman Catholic, Russell made a formal conversion to Judaism in 1991 after eight years of independent and rabbinical-guided study.

Connie Schultz is a nationally syndicated columnist for *The Plain Dealer* and Creators Syndicate. She won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and the Scripps Howard National Journalism Award for Commentary and the National Headliner Award for Commentary. In 2004, Schultz won the Batten Medal, which honors "a body of journalistic work that reflects compassion, courage, humanity and a deep concern for the underdog." In 2005, she was elected to the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame.

Zarina Siddiqi is a community volunteer and advocate for women, and a founder of Salaam Cleveland, an organization promoting interfaith harmony through small acts of charity. The organization has about 60 women volunteers and provides meals in shelters, is a sponsor of the Walk for Hunger and helps welcome refugees to the Cleveland scene. Zarina has received recognition from CAIR-Ohio for her efforts to help the community. She emigrated from India in 1970 and has resided since in the greater Cleveland area. She works as a Cardiovascular Technician at the MetroHealth facilities.

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Facts

Women & Spirit is a national exhibition traveling the U.S. that recognizes contributions of Catholic sisters to U.S. history.

- It was most recently at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.
- Future appearances include:
 - Sept 24, 2010-Jan 22, 2011** Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Liberty Island, NY
 - Feb 2011 - Apr 2011** Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque, IA
 - Sept 2, 2011-Dec 31, 2011** Center for History in association with the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
- Two Cleveland-area sisters are profiled in the exhibit: **Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA** who worked closely with the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, and **Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU**, who was murdered (along with three Maryknoll sisters) by the El Salvadoran National Guard while serving in El Salvador.
- Catholic sisters representing more than 20 different religious communities are currently in active ministry across northern Ohio.
- Catholic sisters established the nation's largest private school system, educating millions of young Americans.
- More than 110 U.S. colleges & universities were founded by Catholic sisters.
- During the civil War, 600 sisters from 21 different religious communities nursed Union & Confederate soldiers.



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Glossary

APOSTOLIC COMMUNITIES: groups of religious engaged in activities, called ministries, which answer a need in society

CHARISM: spirit of the community resulting from the founder's experience of God

CLOISTER: enclosed building, set of buildings or part of a building into which only members of a contemplative religious community may enter

CONSTITUTION: document, approved by the Vatican, establishing the legal existence of a community

CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITIES: those communities whose primary work is prayer

CONVENT: shared residence for a religious community

FOUNDRESS: a woman who establishes a religious order or congregation

HABIT: distinctive clothing worn by members of some religious communities

MINISTRY: public service rendered by members of the church

MOTHER: title of respect given in some religious communities to sisters elected or appointed to leadership

MOTHERHOUSE: administrative headquarters of a religious community

NOVICE: a person preparing to profess vows in a religious community

NUN: a member of a religious community whose primary focus is prayer in an enclosed cloistered setting; sometimes the terms *sister* and *nun* are used interchangeably

POSTULANT: a person at the first step toward full membership in a religious community

RELIGIOUS: a person, either male or female, who pledges to live in accordance with a community's vows, most often poverty, chastity, and obedience

RULE: guidelines for sisters' lives specific to each community; sometimes the terms constitution and rule are used interchangeably

SISTER: a woman who is a professed member of a religious congregation; sometimes the terms sister and nun are used interchangeably

SUPERIORS: elected or appointed women who are responsible for the governance of a congregation

VOCATION: an inclination or calling toward a particular state of life

VOW: a solemn promise made directly to God

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Story Ideas

Catholic Sisters

- Historical role of sisters in education and healthcare
- The Catholic Sister in today's world
- Interviews with representatives of local orders (Notre Dame College, Ursuline, Sisters of Charity, Carmelite Sisters of Cleveland Heights, others)
- What did the sisters teach us? - interviews with parochial school students and alums
- Family stories - my aunt (cousin, sister) is a Sister
- Beyond the Vow - women who have given up the Sisterhood, and why
- What is the profile of the Sister today? How do they differ from the last 50 years?

Women With Spirit

- Interviews with women featured in film (Rev. Dr. Joan Campbell, Rina Frankel, Representative Marcia L. Fudge, Sr. Judith Ann Karam, Rabbi Sharon Marcus, Janice Murphy, Maria Doria Russell, Connie Schultz, Zarina Siddiqi)
- Do spirit and faith differ from organized religion? How?
- Organizations run by women today in Northeast Ohio - Federal Reserve (President & CEO Sandra Pianalto), Cuyahoga County Public Library (Executive Director Sari Feldman), Thompson Hine LLP (Managing Partner April Miller-Boise), many non-profits

Building on Exhibition Themes

- Healthcare - Sisters' roles in founding of Mayo Clinic, Alcoholics Anonymous, infant incubator; sisters currently in Healthcare (Marymount)
- Education - founding of schools, colleges, nuns currently teaching (Notre Dame, Ursuline)
- Women made saints - Mother Seaton, Cabrini, Geurin, Drexel
- The Habit of Habits - changes in habit styles, and current trends (away from, then back to)
- Rose in December - the murders in El Salvador

Women & Spirit in Northeast Ohio - an Interreligious Initiative

- Strong Catholic education leads to dozens of Northeast Ohio business leaders (Clarks, Kahl, Malley, Voinovich, politicians)
- Catholic nuns today - how do they follow their vocations in Northeast Ohio?
- The tradition of healthcare conversion foundations - why is it so strong in Northeast Ohio (St. Ann's was first in nation, now part of SOC; Mt. Sinai; St. Lukes)
- Why is an exhibition about Catholic sisters at a Jewish Heritage Museum?



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Women & Spirit in Northeast Ohio - an Interreligious Initiative *more*

- The parallel role of Jewish and Catholic women in Northeast Ohio in building institutions – Mt. Sinai, Bellefaire
- The shared Abrahamic tradition of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths
- Shared story lines between Women & Story and An American Story
- How do Jewish and Christian congregations work together today in Northeast Ohio?
- Women in leadership roles within Protestant denominations (Fairmount Presbyterian, Trinity Cathedral, some United Church of Christ congregations, etc.)

Experience Women & Spirit with the community

- Tag along on a student or adult tour
- Attend a public program (pre or post-interview)
- Around Town programs (Weekend Workshop @Ursuline College, 6/18-19); Half the Sky book talk @Beachwood Library, 6/21)



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Museum Store

During *Women & Spirit*, the Museum Store will feature an assortment of jewelry, note cards, decorative accessories and mementos to enhance your visit. Maltz Museum members receive a 10% discount on all Museum Store purchases.

Featured Items

Note cards created exclusively for the exhibition featuring “Sisters and Saints” and “Then and Now” (packs of ten); **bookmarks** also available with the same themes.

Inspirational **sterling silver jewelry** - glass beaded necklaces and bracelets, each with a charm celebrating a faith.

Don Drumm Studios exclusive, signed, limited edition pewter angel design - measuring approximately two inches, this beautiful, primitive piece may be purchased as a pin, a pendant, or an ornament.

Create your own thoughtful home setting with **stained glass** and ceramic doves, angels, and other symbols of faith, love and fidelity.

A selection of **books** covering the topics of women, spirit and faith including:

- John J. Fialka’s Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America
- John J. Grabowski’s There are No Strangers at the Feast
- David Snowdon’s Aging with Grace: What the Nun Study Teaches Us About Leading Longer, Healthier and More Meaningful Lives

Exquisitely framed pewter pieces by **Cynthia Webb Designs** - 8 and 9 inch square double matted doves, fish and other symbols of love, faith, and fidelity.

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THE NAZI OLYMPICS BERLIN 1936
From the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

In August 1936, Adolf Hitler's Nazi dictatorship scored a huge propaganda success as host of the Summer Olympics in Berlin. The Games were a brief, two-week interlude in Germany's escalating campaign against its Jewish population and the country's march toward war. The exhibition explores the issues surrounding the 1936 Olympic Games--the Nazis' use of propaganda, the intense boycott debate, the history of the torch run, the historic performance of Clevelander Jesse Owens, and more.

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