



BREAKING BREAD AT THE TABLE OF JUSTICE:
A CELEBRATION OF

prophetic persistence

WOMEN'S ORDINATION CONFERENCE, SINCE 1975

45TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

NOVEMBER 27-30, 2020

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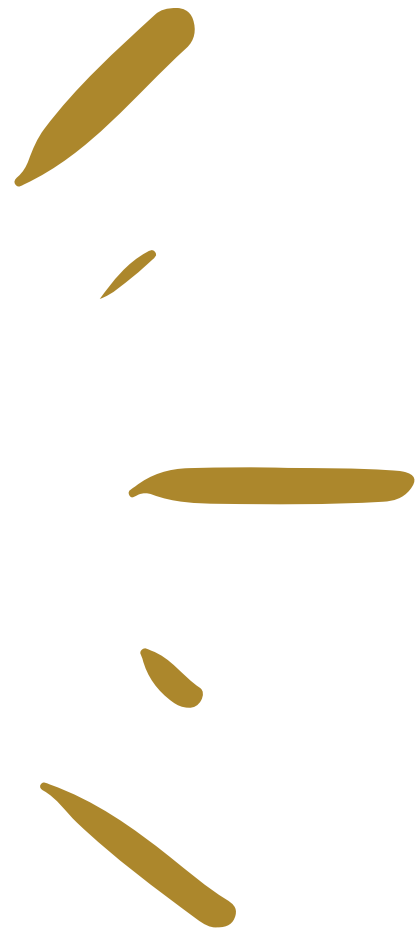
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John Finnegan was president of the Canon Law Society of American and wrote to our founder, Mary B. Lynch in January 1975 to say, "My very best wishes to you, Mary. I feel that God is blessing your work and approach and will perhaps do significant things through your ministry."



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Roberto! A Roman civil servant was so supportive of our cause and even attended our Jubilee for Women Priests events later in the week. He said, when there are women priests, he would have his whole family re-baptized!



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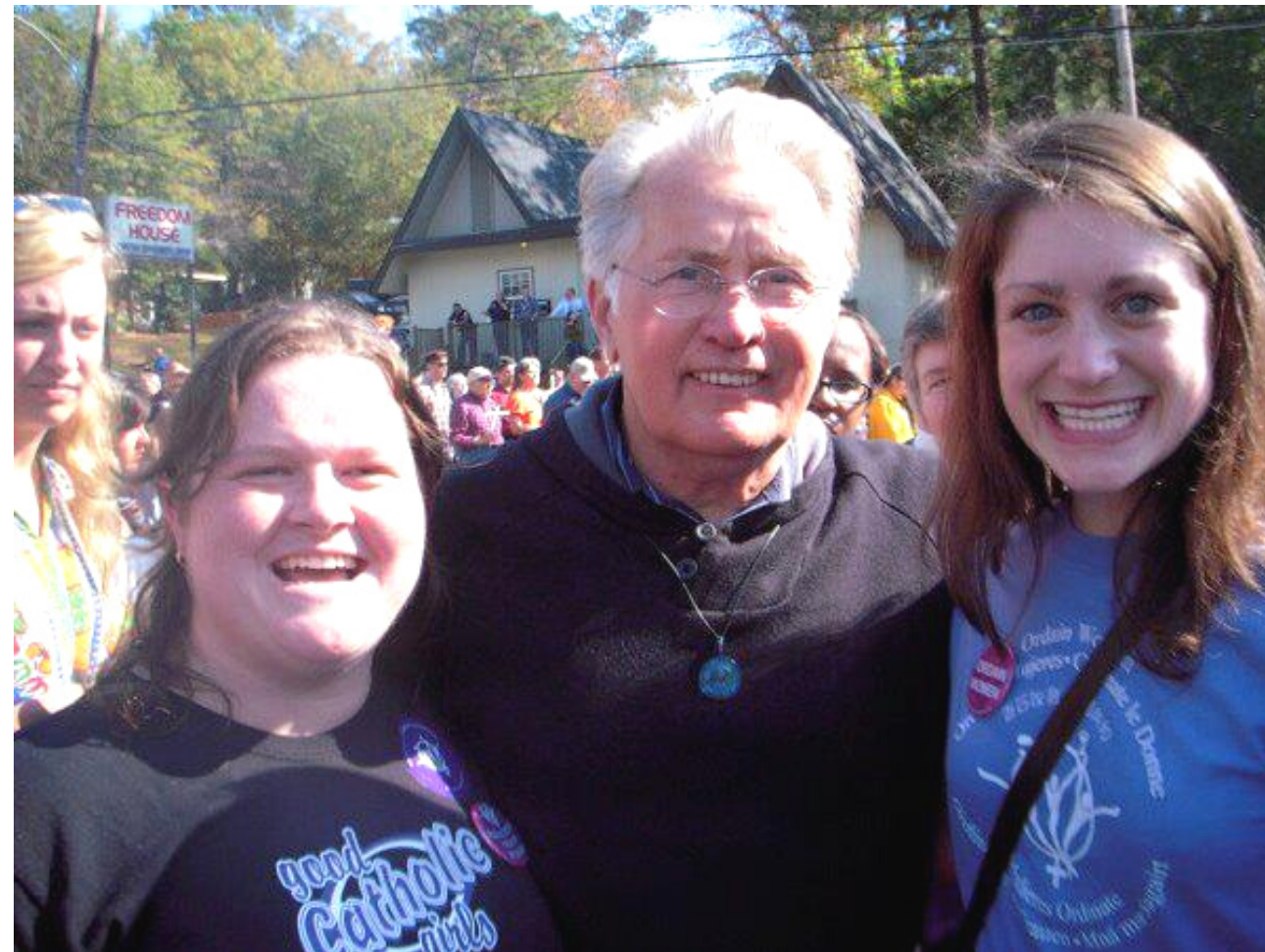
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When that question concerns the quality of the discipleship of half the Catholics in the world, it cries out for attention. And will continue to cry out until the church itself attends to it. Why? Because the model of Jesus with women demands it.

The Women's Ordination Conference honors this question for all our sakes.

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