

Women and the Word

A Preaching Initiative Dedicated to the Memory of Carmelite Sister Mary Lavin

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of Women and the Word is ***to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for the preaching of the Sunday Lectionary from a woman's perspective.*** This initiative is dedicated to the memory of Carmelite Sister Mary Lavin under the sponsorship of Sabbath Retreats.

A series of three or four weekly Liturgies of the Word based on the readings for the following Sunday will be preached by women of faith. The celebration of the Word will conclude with a guided reflection and faith sharing.

The celebrations will take place mid-week at churches and chapels around the diocese. Dates and locations for current series will be posted on the Sabbath Retreats website: www.sabbathretreats.org . Arrangements for scheduling a series can also be made through the website or by calling 216-408-0708.

WHAT WOMEN OF THE WORD IS:

- ❖ An opportunity to be exposed to the perspective of a woman's experience for interpreting the Word of God.
- ❖ A preparation of mind and heart for the proclamation of the Word at the following Sunday's Eucharist.

WHAT WOMEN AND THE WORD IS NOT:

- ❖ A substitute for the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.
- ❖ A statement about any current ecclesial discipline.

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Sister Mary Lavin (1929-2016) was an inspiration to her Carmelite community and to all who knew her and treasured both her contemplative spirit rooted in the Sacred Scriptures as well as her powerful witness of the challenges of the Second Vatican Council in the life of the Church. Her life was a homily.