



Our Lady of Calvary

RETREAT CENTER

Basketball, Women, and the Church

April 22, 2017 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Joan Kennedy



Do we American women take for granted our cultural, social, and economic status in our moment in history? Do we look with satisfaction into the past and realize how far we have come? Or do we tend to focus more on how far we still need to go? That is, do we focus on the gap?

Women's basketball past and present gives us a concrete example for thinking about these questions. We will consider the evolution of women's basketball over the past century and ponder the historical, political, and cultural shifts that triggered that evolution.

From that discussion we will be "warmed up" to turn to the main theme of our conversation, women and the Church. The same questions apply as with other aspects of our cultural milieu. Do we take our current status in the Church for granted? Do we know how far we have come? Or do we tend to focus only on the gap between the status quo and possible future roles for women and the Church?

This program takes a long walk through the history of women and the Church, looking at the Church's thinking about women's nature, women's roles in society, and women's roles in the Church as an institution. We will look at actual quotes about women from saints, bishops, and popes. Would you like to see some candid apologies for the Church's past misunderstanding and mistreatment of women? You will! By the end of the evening you will be convinced that there have been huge gains for women in the Catholic tradition, and will depart renewed in thanksgiving and hope.

"Basketball, Women, and the Church" is a highly interactive program, involving small-group discussion, large group discussion, and some presentation.

Presenter: Joan Kennedy received her Master of Theological Studies (MTS) degree in 2011 from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. She develops her own programs and has delivered them in parishes, retreat centers, private homes, and as a component of diocesan offerings. She also facilitates on-line adult faith formation programs for STM Online: Crossroads, a program of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

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Saturday, April 22, 2017

Includes Lunch

REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

City..... State..... Zip

Phone..... Email

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PLEASE HELP US PLAN BY REGISTERING AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE PROGRAM.

My \$30 offering for the workshop is enclosed.

Mail reservation and offering to: **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

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