



Voice of the Faithful 2021 Conference *Re—Membering the Church: Moving Forward*

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Featured Speaker

Sister Carol Zinn, S.S.J., Ph.D.

Executive Director, Leadership Conference of Women Religious

Sister Carol Zinn, a Sister of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, who entered religious life in 1968, just as the renewal and upheaval of Vatican II was being felt, became Leadership Conference of Women Religious executive director in 2018.

A member of the conference from 2009 to 2014, she served as chairperson of Region 3 (2010-2012) and shepherded LCWR through three years of Vatican oversight following a doctrinal assessment that began in 2009. She was LCWR president from 2012 to 2015. In addition to leading the LCWR, she is presently a consultant with the Saint John Vianney Center, providing workshops for Women Religious on topics of community health and transition.



Previously, she was a senior vice-president for mission integration at Plante Moran Cresa Company, a public accounting and business advisory firm, where her responsibilities included working with leaders and members of religious congregations as they discerned and planned for their mission into the future.

Prior to being elected to leadership in her community, she was the representative of the Congregations of Saint Joseph, an NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations from 2001-2009. In this capacity, she participated in UN meetings on topics of human rights, eradication of poverty, the environment, peace and disarmament, education, sustainable development, women, children, and healthcare. She was also associated with other grassroots-based international movements as a consultant and facilitator, in particular, the United Religions Initiative and the Earth Charter.

She was the education program director for Global Education Associates from 1996-2001 and also has served as a teacher on the elementary, secondary, college, and post-graduate levels, in educational leadership in elementary and secondary schools, and in religious education and music ministry in various parish and diocesan venues.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Chestnut Hill College, a master of arts degree in theology from Saint Bonaventure University, and a doctorate in education foundations and curriculum development from the University of North Carolina. In 1993, she was a research fellow at Harvard University.